

Center Street

PTO December Minutes

12/7/23

Principal's Report:

Our Veterans Tribute was very successful. First time coming back into the building post COVID. Over 50 participants came. Holly, our music teacher, did so great with the students. Kathy Wigsten, our former secretary at CS who lost her battle with cancer, co-chaired the event in the past with Patti. Many shared that Kathy would have been so proud of all the new things we added to our event.

A team from Corning came and led the posting of the colors for the first time. It was a beautiful addition. The PTO provided all the breakfast refreshments, and anything left was served at the faculty meeting at the end of the day. The coffee and creamers were used to offer our parents who came for their parent/teacher conferences. This year, Jamie Sullivan, from the office, helped to co- chair the event. Jamie is such a tremendous asset to our team Mrs. Sotero noted. Other events included:

Picture Make Up Day going well.

Our first Purple World Kindness Day on Monday, Nov. 13th was a big hit along acknowledging World Diabetes Day on Tuesday, Nov. 14th. A special thank you to Ms. Hamilton for leading our Variety show. We thank our PTO for providing snacks and drink after the event. For the first time, we had a preschooler participating. He danced and sang to a Michael Jackson song and was so cute. Theresa Butler made gift bags for anyone that participated in the mammogram mobile. We had more people participate than ever this year. We were able to donate 9 meals to families for Thanksgiving. The holiday shoppe went well, 13 children missed out due to illness but Friday or Monday they will be taken to shop with the principal out of the totes. We have

made changes to the items we get because we listened to feedback from parents in the past. We handed out the most scholarships than we ever had. We ended up having to use large clear bags for kids to carry their items!

Haircuts went well today, we had about 25 kids. For the new additional Halls Candy sale, we put labels on all of the packages with our student's name, grade and teacher. The company did a phenomenal job. and had the names grade and teacher on the bags that were put together for easy distribution. Almost all of the parents have picked up their orders. One parent did email, and say the taffy was difficult to eat. The company will be replacing the item. The company maintained great communication, was very organized and easy to work with.

Treasurer report:

Expenses this month:

Insurance \$62.50

Veterans Day \$362.15

Variety Show - \$77.51

Amy Klossner used \$555.10 for art supplies from the Square One Art fundraiser

We received - \$36.57 from Tops

Replaced a \$50 check to Jen Robinson from last year.

Holiday Shoppe spent in November close to \$3,235.84

March Madness - \$345.15

Thanksgiving baskets - \$304.67

12 more classroom Christmas trees - \$327.24

We have \$3202.22 in Savings and checking is at \$14,239.08

Around \$6000 will be going into the account from the proceeds from the Holiday Shoppe.

The Holiday Candy fundraiser sales were \$7,416 and our profit will be half of the total. We are going to send a thank you with a gift card to the top 3 kids, \$50 to the most, then \$25 for the each for 2nd and 3rd placed.

We try to always secure half of our next year's budget in our account to help avoid any undue pressure to raise monies for the events we plan.

New Business:

Coming up:

- Red and Green Day
- Santa's visit,
- Cookie Decorating with Buddies- Buddy Day cookies have been ordered and will be here by Monday the 18th
- Holiday Food Baskets - looking to do about 8. The social workers make the calls and put them together. We try to keep it under \$350.
- Book Exchange - coming up in January we will need volunteers for that.
- Field day T-shirts - We want to start this earlier this year. We are going to start in March.
- March Madness-We are still looking for fun and inexpensive items for March Madness Reading Challenges; we still need a coordinator for this event.
- For future volunteers and / or coordinators, we brainstormed creating a flyer and noting the responsibilities it would entail.
- Scholastic dollars have been used to buy a variety of March Madness prizes.
- Teacher Staff Appreciation Week – May 6 – 10, 2024.
- Fun Run - Pam Callahan will still do the Fun Run for diabetes.
- Spring Carnival is scheduled for Friday, June 7, 2024.

