Center Grove Elementary School PTO Minutes
September 10, 2024
6:30 pm

I. Attendees:

Lauren Borgman	Lauren Flory	Nichelle Johnson	Annette Ray	April Spanogle
Kaylyn Bower	Sarah Graham	Amy Lather	Casey Redwine	Kristi Watters
Brittnay Cecil	Lori Green	Allison Lipe	Holly Reinert	Reggie West
Amanda Clark	Rajesh Gunda	Lindsey Lux Kleman	Ashley Rodimel	Jenna Wright
Sharon Deitz	Nickie Hunt	Amanda Meyers	Emma Rossman	
Amy Dickinson	Chastity Jarrett	Adrienne Miller	Kate Sedam	
Lisa Dickinson	Alyse Johnson	Kelly Orders-Woempner	Sarah Schenk	

II. Call to Order: Meeting called to order by President Amanda Clark at 6:30pm

III. Reports of Officers

A. President's Report

- Amanda Clark announced that the PTO board has already approved $2,000 in grant money for CGES teachers.
- Mallory Hamacher has been named Social Media Chair.
- The CGES PTO website is up and running. It can be accessed at www.CGESPTO.org

B. Treasurer's Report

- Chastity Jarrett provided a brief overview of both income and expenses during the past month. $944 has been paid out in staff grants and $2,886 has been paid out in staff stipends.
- Detailed copies of the 2024-2025 budget can be viewed upon request.

IV. Principal's Report

A. Ms. Green emphasized her open-door policy for all parents.

B. Last year's 3rd graders at CGES achieved 97.5% efficiency on iREAD. Third-grade teacher Alee Rochner, along with Ms. Green, will represent CGES at the Indiana Statehouse ceremony.

C. Instructional assistants have been hired to help in 3rd grade due to larger class sizes.

V. Committee Reports

A. Fun Run: given by Lauren Flory

- Fun Run will take place this Thursday, September 12. Students will be running during their allotted Specials time.
- Sponsorships for Fun Run t-shirts totaled $11,750.
- A sign-up genius was sent out with volunteer opportunities

B. Dine to Donate: given by Jenna Wright

- Our first Dine to Donate will be held on Oct 6th from 11am-9pm at Tried & True. Both dine-in and carryout orders qualify. 50% of sales will be donated back to CGES PTO.

C. Spirit Wear: given by Nickie Hunt

- "In My Center Grove Era" spirit wear is available online through September 13th.

- The possibility of having holiday-themed shirts was discussed. Nickie will look into a few options for Halloween and Christmas.

D. Social Chair: given by Amanda Clark
- The pool party was a big success with approximately 550 attendees. Megan McKinney's class won a popsicle party for having the highest participation with 54.5%.
- The Halloween skate party will be held at Franklin Skate Club on October 24, from 5:30-8pm. Entry will be free of charge and food will be available for purchase.
- A family dance will be held at The Sycamore on February 20th.

E. Staff Appreciation: given by Amanda Clark
- The PTO will provide Don Cuervos on 10/9 for staff members participating in parent teacher conferences. Lesley will create a sign-up genius for drinks & deserts for both the 10/2 and 10/9 conference dates.

F. Donuts With Grownups: given by Adrienne Miller
- The first session of Donuts with Grownups will be held September 24th and is currently full. Families with a last name beginning with N-Z will be invited to a DWG held on December 12th.
- Adrienne needs help with set-up, photo booth assembly, and working during the event. A sign-up genius has been sent out regarding volunteer opportunities.

G. Educational Enrichment: given by Lisa Dickinson
- The first school-wide assembly will be on Friday, Sept. 20th. Speed painter Rob Surette will be presenting "Amazing Hero Art."
- The next assembly will be Silly Safari on December 17th.

H. Outdoor Classroom: given by Sarah Schenk
- April Spanogle will serve as the co-chair for the outdoor classroom
- The PTO discussed applying for a CGEF grant to purchase a microphone for the outdoor classroom as some teachers believe this would increase the classroom's usage.
- Sarah is hoping to organize a fall work day but no date has been set.

I. Room Parent Coordinator: given by Lindsey Lux Kleman
- All parents and staff should have heard from their room parent(s) at this point
- There will be an informational Zoom meeting for all room parents on September 17.

J. Playground Update: given by Amy Dickinson
- Amy recently met with Duke to get quotes for the playground project. She is still collecting quotes from multiple vendors.
- The updated area will be 75 x 150 feet and can potentially be used for pickleball, volleyball, soccer, four-square, etc.

VI. New Business

A. A mascot costume has been purchased and will be making an appearance at Fun Run. The possibility of having students suggest and vote on names for the mascot was discussed.

B. K, 1st, and 2nd grades are still having issues with accessing the bins with recess equipment. Amanda Clark will follow-up. The importance of locking the shed was emphasized.

Motion to adjourn: 1st – L. Dickinson, 2nd – A. Spanogle
Meeting adjourned: 7:35 by Amanda Clark
Next Meeting is 10/8 at 6:30pm in the CGES Library
Minutes compiled by Lisa Dickinson, Secretary