

## Chisholm PTO Meeting Minutes

12/11/2023, Chisholm Cafeteria

**In Attendance:** Juliann Taylor, Lisa Anaman, Alison Brooks, Lauren Miller, Lauren Walters, Tara Perrin, Allison Langley, Lauren Rogers, Sarah Bashaw, Heather Warren (VP) Sarah Aholt (Treasurer), Robyn Long (Treasurer), Lauren Tallon (President), Kris Smith (President), Amanda Lewellen (Secretary), Tom Higdon (Principal), Becky Shryock (Counselor)

**Call to Order:** 9:01

**Counselor Report:** (Becky Shryock) Cozy Christmas was a huge success, gave boxes of things to veterans. KC kindness and compassion club will be going caroling to Edmond public school admin offices, new year will have spelling bee. This semester they went through school and wrote encouraging notes on post its.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion: Lauren Miller, Second: Tara Perrin

**Principal Report:** (Tom Higdon). District sent out an A-F report card. The difference between now and past-used to give tests 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>. These tests could tell 4<sup>th</sup> grade we need to work on this area, etc. Switched it a few years ago and now we get students score and we don't have breakdown into individual skills. We still glean information: 1) Academic achievement: ELA/Math, 4<sup>th</sup> takes science, 35 points total. We got 14.9 in ELA, 15 in math, 5 for science, 30 points is growth in kids year after year. We were 25 out of 30. 10.4 ELA, 15 out of math. Very high B. 4<sup>th</sup> is ELA proficiency. Only 21 students even in program but provides 10% of grade. We received 6.39 of 10. ELA proficiency only exists when there is a language learning issue. Chronic Absenteeism is the final 10% of score. We got 92-94 on that. We were almost an A. After Covid we send people home more often. Only other thing that could affect would be trips in fall, etc. Parents helping scores, helps housing values. We don't get individual breakdown like before. Only us and Russell Dougherty had an A, several schools fell behind from chronic absenteeism. Recently we set out our testing schedule for April. #3<sup>rd</sup> grade takes ELA portion of test before 18<sup>th</sup> of April, so that will be Tuesday and Wednesday April 16th/17th. 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> take ELA on Monday, April 22th & Tuesday April 23th. Math for 3rd/4th/5th on Thursday and Friday April 25th & 26<sup>th</sup>. Testing does affect everybody- younger grades switch specials times. It is a fast and furious two weeks that is finished by April 26th. Then we will have to get makeups in the following weeks. We will try to send out dates in newsletter so you can plan April. If we can have a makeup session if they miss Monday, we will have them do section one on Tuesday, so they are only one day behind. A few years ago, they increased the depth of knowledge of what they are asking kids on the tests. They did that for the kids that get high scores. So as they get up to national tests in high school, they are trying to mirror the expectations in 3rd/4th/5th that they will take ACT/SAT in high school. Scores go down when they increase depth of knowledge. Last Friday we had Sarah Grote come from Cimmaron with her orchestra. They want to play for our 5<sup>th</sup> graders and show them things they would be able to do in middle school. They were here during lunch. We had a traveling show- went to media center, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade pit. She said let's do that again. Last Friday everybody got to see it, Kinder saw in media center, all classes just came out when they hear. Pre-k and specials got a concert, 1<sup>st</sup> grade at lunch. Students ate chick fila on stage, then we went back to media for 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>. This plants a seed with younger so they have an idea what they can do in the future. Kids were singing with the music. Report card window opens later this week and teachers have until January 10<sup>th</sup> to get those posted, access as parents is the first week of January. Thank you [parents] for everything you do- showing up to meetings, reshelving books, volunteering. We had our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

program and split into two groups. We did have lots of grandparents. The music cut out and students kept singing, it was impressive. Mrs. Tate was sick, Mrs. Loomis was nervous, but they did great.

**Financial Report:** (Sarah Aholt): Lauren/Lisa/Katy helped Turkey Bingo bring in about \$1300, restaurant nights \$1500. One of the things we pay for from fundraising is \$200 per each teacher reimbursement. We have reimbursed about 10k to teachers.

**Approval of Financials:** Motion to approve: Tara Perrin, Second: Julianne Taylor

**Presidents Report-** There was not a PAC meeting this month but we will be back in February. Big thing in February meeting will be the Edmond district representative speaking about the bond. Bond election is 13<sup>th</sup>, our February meeting will be on 5<sup>th</sup>. Deadline to register is December 19<sup>th</sup>. Mark it on your calendars. Calendar with 2024/25 school dates is up on district website. Bond is for new schools, transportation, projects throughout district. We had lights and things done from last bond. There will be a new elementary east of 35. Last time they opened Redbud they took some from all northern schools. Took Cross timbers to Heritage, took Heritage to Centennial, took Centennial to Redbud. This pulled all of their numbers down. They were talking about doing something similar for next. I think land is Covell and Air depot for middle/elementary. High school will come further in the future.

**Restaurants Nights:** (Mary Northcraft): Panda Express: \$265.80, Chipotle: \$252.40, more coming in Jan.

**Turkey Bingo:** (Lisa Anaman, Katy Gengler, Lauren Walters): We think these girls are in for doing it again next year. Pastor is on board, already reserved church, they are going to give us a sound system. Staff brought in chairs from all over church, gave us extra tablecloths. High school brought pies, so we gave church staff pies. Our canned goods go to their food pantry at church.

**Backpack Program:** (Megan Block): We had some families she wanted to provide thanksgiving meals for. She did sign up genius to deliver food items/meals to them.

**Directory:** (Megan Petko): They're in. There are a couple in the office to purchase. Next year, one of our questions is would you all prefer digital version? Or option for both? We want to figure out how to get them out quicker. Printing does make money. If it was digital only it is just honor system on sharing info. Concern is about digital information. It is the annual update where you opt out. It is one big opt out-photo out of yearbook, directory. Higdon has not received complaints.

**Teacher Grants:** We are tying up loose ends, last one is Mrs. Speer for PE. Hoping to highlight all the things we purchased for parents to see. We are anxious to take a video to see the 3D printer. We want people to see what money from fundraiser goes to.

**Fall Chisholm Wear:** Supposed to be delivered this week to oldest child's classroom.

**Appreciation events:** We are done for this year. Beginning of next year will do cafeteria/bus employees which will lead into May- big event for all the teachers, counselors, specials. We are going to start a new substitute appreciation event. There will be a drawing every month to incentivize and appreciate subs starting in January. If anyone is interested in substituting- can pick school or CA2 (Sped) or certain days of week but it is a big need. Fewer subs out there and you get a peek into the classroom. Jill Nichols does teacher birthdays every month in teachers workroom.

**Ornaments:** They are being worked on; classroom coordinators are working on. Should go home next week. If you are interested in taking over that slate position, please come see me. Heather has it all set up, all the templates, systems in place. All materials ordered from same company. I think we saved money and got higher quality.

**Yearbooks:** Available to order today. The sooner to order the better, think we have until January ends.

**Chargie grams:** Swine week said only one fundraiser per school, this used to be the fundraiser. Penny wars may be our swine week so this can just be a PTO fundraiser. Swine week choses the individual/organization. Last year was a home for abused moms and kids. They have done limbs for life, cancer through OU, secondary one that elementary/middle schools give to. We are brainstorming how to make it easier for every kid to get a chargiegram plus give kids valentines in class.

**Slate Positions:** Please reach out we are always recruiting. We need a new wave as peoples kids age out of Chisholm. It is helpful to learn the ropes before you get thrown into position without seeing it before.

**Calendar:** No January meeting. MLK day so moved next meeting up to February 5<sup>th</sup> for a district representative to speak on upcoming bond.

**Adjourned:** 9:43

**PTO Meeting dates for the remainder of the year:** (in the cafeteria at 9am)

- Monday, January \*cancelled\*
- Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup> (representative to speak on bond)
- Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>
- Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup>
- Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>