Center Grove Elementary School PTO Minutes
March 4, 2024
6:30 pm

I. Attendees:

Brittnay Cecil	Lori Green	Lindsey Lux Kleman	Amber Welsh
Amanda Clark	Mallory Hamacher	Kelly Orders-Woempner	Reggie West
Lisa Dickinson	Nickie Hunt	Lesley Schmaltz	
Lauren Flory	Chastity Jarrett	Kristi Watters	

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

III. Reports of Officers

A. President's Report

- A brief overview of February PTO activities was given.
- A new format for PTO meetings was introduced that will help to keep discussion limited to pressing topics and will also help ensure meetings stay within a one-hour timeframe.

B. Treasurer's Report

- An overview of expenses was given. Examples of expenses included the Winter Dance ($1,973), Armor Program Big Event ($739.75), Bookmarks ($179.28) and Donuts for Grown-ups ($165).

C. Secretary's Report

- Elections for the position of Secretary and Cashier will be held by paper ballot during the PTO meeting scheduled for April 8th.
- Sarah Graham is nominated for Cashier. Mallory Hamacher and Jenna Wright are nominated for Secretary. Per PTO bylaws, all members in attendance and in good standing are able to vote during the April 8th meeting.
- The floor was opened for further nominations. No new nominations were made and nominations were officially closed.
- One grant was recently awarded:
    - $104 to Michelle McClurg for reading task cards and Bingo games

IV. Principal's Report

A. There will be a practice test for ILEARN the week before Spring Break. The official test is slated mid-April.

B. Ms. Green addressed the school start time change that was recently passed by the school board. All clubs should continue to meet on Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays as usual.

C. The Jim Basketball Jones assembly was extremely well-received by both staff and students.

D. The 3rd quarter big event will be March 20th and 21st and will have a March Madness theme.

V. Calendar of Events: Review

A. The Winter Wonderland Dance had approximately 400 attendees. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive.

B. Winter sowing kits have gone over well. Nearly 100 kits were claimed by CGES families. Students are encouraged to return their sowing kit to the school during the outdoor classroom workday on Saturday, May 10th.

VI. Calendar of Events: March

A. Book Fair will be held 3/10-3/14. More volunteers are needed, specifically to cover book fair during the International Festival on March 13th.

B. Bookmark winners will be announced on March 13th and winning bookmarks will be available at the book fair that evening.

C. Kindergarten Open House is slated for March 12th.

- Spirit Wear will be available for purchase (covered by N. Hunt & L. Dickinson)
- A photo-op with Legend will also be available.
- The book fair will be open during this time.

D. The International Festival will be held March 13th.

- Parking may need to be blocked off to ensure adequate space as there is a large event also being held at CGMSC.
- Students will receive a passport booklet and have the opportunity to win a prize by collecting stamps from the different "countries" they visit.

E. All playground equipment such as bouncy balls will hopefully be replenished by Spring Break.

VII. Calendar of Events: April

A. Donuts with Grown-ups will be April 8th from 7:30-8:30. Front office staff has requested that someone be posted at the door to direct foot traffic away from Honey Grove.

B. The PTO will send out a survey to both Teachers/staff and parents to gain feedback on events and solicit ideas following Spring Break.

C. All leftover snacks from the March snack cart will be donated to classrooms for use during ILEARN testing. Lesley will oversee.

VIII. Calendar of Events: May

A. Staff Appreciation Week will be May 5th – May 9th with Wicked as the theme. Gifts from classrooms/students will be delivered on Thursday.

- Admin will cover one day. A lunch will be provided on Friday.

IX. New Business

A. A comprehensive list of available clubs at CGES is now complete and will be posted on the CGES PTO website. This will likely need to be updated at the start of the 2025-2026 school year.

B. The district was able to secure a bid for requested playground updates. The bid came in at $65,000 to lay asphalt and create a much-needed space for 3rd-5th grade recess. Discussion was held with input given by teachers, admin, the PTO board and parents. Following discussion, a vote was held to approve the expense. The motion passed unanimously.

- Yes: Cecil, Clark, Dickinson, Flory, Green, Hamacher, Hunt, Jarrett, Lux Kleman, Orders-Woempner, Schmaltz, Watters, Walsh, West
- No: None

Motion to adjourn: 1st – Amanda Clark, 2nd – Kristi Watters
Meeting adjourned: 7:20 by Amanda Clark
Next Meeting is 4/8 at 6:30pm in the CGES Library
Minutes compiled by Lisa Dickinson, Secretary