



Clawson Elementary School CES-PTO Minutes

**Wednesday November 6th, 2024 6:30 p.m.
Clawson Elementary School Staff Lounge**

Attendees: Heather Peltonen, Rebecca Peltonen, Angela Hamilton, Annie Fenton, Clint Calice, Erin Michalak, Amy Mendiola, Teri Zacherov, Joe Savel, Meagan McGarrow, Daryllyn Oswald, Riley Miller, Brittney Bambrough, Megan Peterson, Miranda Kokeny, Dana Kratt, Julianna Welling, Jen Skridulis, Karen Kitterman, Salisa Savel, Ericka DeMorris, Lori Karam, Roxi Kove, Heather Todero, Amanda Crossman, Bianca Sines, Kimmy Gabrys, Nicole Bye

1. Welcome-Amanda Crossman
 - Called to order at 6:37pm
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes- (Heather Todero/Roxi Kove)
 - October 2024
 - Motion to Approve: Angela Hamilton, Approve with edit to Jen Skridulis name
 - Second: Annie Fenton
3. Treasurer's Report - Kimmy Gabrys
 - Motion to Approve: Salisa Savel
 - Second: Jen Skirdulis
 - Amend that it was Schalm's Kindergarten funds rather than Kenwoods
 - We haven't spent as much as anticipated yet, if you have ideas for how to spend the money on positive items for the school (field trips, assemblies, etc) we would love to hear it.
4. School Board Report - Joe Savel
 - Trunk or Treat was amazing, kids had a great time

- CES Gym and playground nearing completion
- Next Meeting: 11/8/2024 @ 7pm

5. Principal's Report -Bianca Sines

- Trunk or Treat - unable to attend but had coverage. Turnout was huge and I heard nothing but good things.
- Data meetings are complete since the last meeting. Erin's team puts together data we have collected and go through it grade by grade and pull support based on data. Supports are now in place.
- Math Pilot supports intervention in place (EPIC) through Oakland County. One teacher liaison (Hauswirth) is going through the program, focus is 4-6 grades. Oakland Schools will go through our data and then we'll trickle down.
- Conferences are next week, check with your child's teacher on scheduling. Wednesday and Thursday are half days.
- PBIS meeting on the 15th, meeting with Oakland Schools on the 18th. Using the matrices and creating expectations posters using photos of students to and then will be hung around the building.
- Kindergarten playgrounds will be completed tomorrow as long as the sign-offs are completed when Mrs. Sines in the morning. Temporary fence is up and permanent will be in place soon. This playground is designated for TK and K **ONLY**.
- Gym completion targeted for November 22nd. We can look into Assemblies after December 1st.
- A parent/colleague shared some excerpts from [The Anxious Generation](#) - was super helpful and will share for others.
- Executive Functioning has been the focus of two recent PD sessions led by Sara Provost. Sharing tips on how to work with students.
- External Lockdowns - if there is an issue outside of the school
- If a medical/student crisis is in place, we do ask teachers to stay in their classrooms to be able to preserve the dignity of those impacted.

6. Teacher Liaison's Report -Teacher Representative

- Kindergarten Team: Laura Karam, Erin Mahalic, Miranda Kokeny, Julianna Welling
 - Excited about the easels, team can assemble these for them
 - Everything is great, thank you!
 - Kids are excited about the Book Fair

7. President's Report- Amanda Crossman

- Bylaw amendment proposal
 - Top is our current, no change to A-E. Proposal is to add F-G. Copies have been provided.
 - These proposals are meant to support PTO activity within approved spending for large purchases.

- o Third parties apply for events and fundraisers as an easy way to collect money as needed.
 - o Cash and checks are still preferred as there are no fees, but when it's a larger purchase we know some families are not comfortable sending in larger sums with students.
 - o We will be voting on this at the December Meeting, we will be posting these for viewing on our website after the meeting.
- Trunk or Treat wrap up
 - o Easily had 350 kids in attendance
 - o Thanks to Kathy and Heather and all of the volunteers to decorate cars - it was a wonderful event.
- Fun Run wrap up
 - o Exceeded our goal of \$29,149, 27,696.98 after credit card fees - WOW!
 - o Top fundraising individual, top winners by grade, Mrs. B's 1st grade was top class. Prizes will be determined soon and we will share names after confirming we can post in the news.
 - o Prizes (need 6):
 - For those that hit their goal they are entered into a raffle - gift cards for these
 - Target gift card basket
 - o Sines Sundae is a go! Will schedule once the gym is ready.
- Holiday Shop
 - o December 2nd through 6th, plan to use the gym.
 - o Will be during school hours but will have an after school family shop night as well.
- Bookfair
 - o Running very well so far, thank you to all the volunteers!
 - o We are 2/3s of the way to our quota with less than half of classes participating.
 - o If your child does not have money with them they will make a wish list and have makeup days next week.
 - o Spring fair is March 3-7 to kick off March is Reading Month and have a shopping night during Curriculum night.
 - o BOGO fair in the spring as well (all books are buy 1, get 1 free)
 - o Asking to lock in dates for next year but we can adjust things.
 - o Thank you to Roxi for planning the Librarian's for supporting the fair!
- Spiritwear
 - o Looking to have a store open in the next couple weeks, waiting to hear back from Admin on approved vendors since we will use the CPS logo. Looking to have t-shirts, hats, sweatshirts, etc.
- Carnival Save the Date for April 4th - planning will begin in December.
- Looking for volunteers from Christmas in Clawson THIS Saturday. Baked good drop off Friday morning at Baker (7-noon) or Saturday (before the event begins). Everything should be individually packaged.

8. Questions/Comments/Suggestions

Q1: Can we plan more hands-on field trips?

A1: Kindergarten has gone to Westview, First grade is going to Troy Historical. Teachers plan the field trips and the PTO will cover bussing.

Q2: Do we have to vote on every purchase?

A2: No, we are able to spend within pre-approved budget allotments. For example the keyboards we purchased were pulled out of pre-approved budget lines so a vote was not needed. If teachers have items above and beyond these amounts they can make the request at a meeting and we are often able to support these initiatives.

Q3: Is there a spot where we have shared the teacher's favorite things?

A3: We will compile it and will share it with the members!

Door Prizes: Heather Peltonen and Daryllyn Oswald

9. Next Meeting- December 4th 2024

Adjourned at 7:50pm

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