



PTA November Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 19th, 2019 7:00-8:00pm

Meeting Attendees: Christy Niezgoda, Carolyn Hayzlett, Katie Weyrauch, Kristin Fisher, Kristen Klopfer, Lindsay Roop, Kate Stengel, Sherri Berridge

President's Report: Lindsay Roop

- Approval of October Minutes- Katie Weyrauch motioned to approve, Christy Niezgoda seconded the motion
- Thank you notes were passed around from the staff in appreciation of the brunch provided by the 1st grade parents and for the staff appreciation meal.
- If you are a committee chair and need copies from the print shop, please copy ptacolonialhillspta@gmail.com when ordering so that we can keep track of the invoices we are receiving from the print shop.

Vice President's Report: Lindsay Roop

- Pancake Breakfast Update. We had another fun pancake breakfast!. Chris Cakes charged us \$3.50/person and we charged \$5/person, which put us in the black at about \$300 after expenses. A huge thank you to all the volunteers that made the event happen. Also, thank you to Fresh Thyme for donating fruit, Nikki Hudson for making gluten free pancakes, and Ramble Coffee for donating delicious coffee. The 5th grade fundraising for Camp Ohio supplied the drinks and made about \$250. Lindsay thought attendance was down a little bit this year. She recommends to make this an every other year event due to the amount of school events occurring around the same time of year and the amount of work needed to make this event happen. It is considered a community event and not a fundraiser. We are now fortunate to have many more events, like trick the trail and game night around the same time, so moving it to every other year might make sense and possibly increase attendance. It is very hard to make money on this event. We brainstormed about how we could make it more of a community event and reach more neighbors.

Treasurer's Report: Kristin Fisher

- Kristin shared that we are having some great fundraising so far. We have spent about \$11,000 and have raised about \$12,000 all outside the dedicated funds. It looks like we are trending to be neutral to our budget this year and be favorable at the end of the year with about 13,000. We are

in good shape from a budgetary aspect.

- If committee chairs need cash boxes, please give Kristin a weeks notice. This is different than what was previously asked. We realize that we need more turn around time to get the money needed for events.

Principal's Report: Sherri Berridge

- Sherri shared that the district paid for our school counselor, Ariel Schwartz, to receive ROX training and she is excited and passionate about restarting the program at CHES. The program allows room for 15 girls and we had 16 girls interested, so it worked out really well and everyone will be able to do it. We are still working out a way to pay the \$75/ girl fee. This is a 20 week program for 5th grade girls and it will hopefully get started after Thanksgiving. Going forward, the PTA will need to determine if this should be a line item for the future.

Committee Updates and Announcement:

Reflections Update – Lynsey Pearson

- Lynsey sent in the following message: The reflection ceremony went well and was well attended. We sent 20 projects on to be judged at the district level and we should receive results on that by mid December. Thank you Lynsey and Samara for giving your time and energy to this project.

Curriculum Liaison Council - Kristen Klopfer

- Kristen said at the last meeting they talked about the goal paths and focus strategies for the districts which are in ebackpack. They also talked about the middle school master schedule and that there is a committee that is trying to figure out the structure of the middle school day to keep it consistent 6-8 grade from building to building. They will take into account social and emotional needs as well as academic program. They are hoping to be creative with current staffing.
- She also mentioned a parent session that was held on Emotional Literacy last night. Three of the district mental health specialist that discussed the importance of and tips on how to talk to your children. It was a great discussion on mental health. She passed out some pamphlets.

Cardboard Challenge – Kristen Klopfer

- Cardboard Challenge will take place on Saturday, January 11th, 2020 from 9-11. Kristen Klopfer just reached out to Dana Matthews who helped with it last year. There was mention of adding coffee for the parents. Sherri also mentioned maybe adding a challenge to the cardboard challenge. Any suggestions are welcome for improvements. Last year was the first year and everyone seemed to really enjoy it and would like to do it again.

Square 1 Fundraiser – Katie Weyrauch

- Katie shared that it went really well this year and we made about \$500 more than we did last year. Our total sales were \$4,636 which gave us a profit of \$1,529. The art fund will get 60% (\$918) and the PTA will get 40% (\$612). Katie is hoping that next year will be even more successful because it will be a full year until we do it again instead of 6 months. There was a suggestion to personalize the art a little more consistently through the grades and explain the expectations to the children. Thank you so much Katie for your work!

Holiday Helpers – Nikki Hudson

- Lindsay shared that we are again doing the secret Holiday Helpers program. Each year the Colonial Hills school community assists several school families during the holidays. The school is gathering the list of families right now. Nikki Hudson will be leading again this year, but next year will be her last, so she is looking for someone to shadow the group and then take over after she is done. If interested, please let us know. It is a wonderful program to be involved in. Thank you Nikki!

Book Fair Update - Heather Scardina

- Heather sent in the following message: Our fall book fair was very successful. We earned over \$7,000 with Martha earning about \$1,100 in scholastic dollars/All for books for our school. The only glitch we had was Scholastic having sent us only one register for the first 2 days. Martha has communicated to them that we need to have 2 so it is not so hectic. Also, with Scholastic updating the technology of the registers, we broke that it in and feel more prepared for the Winter book fair. The E-wallet was successful. We had many families try this and feel it was very successful. The kids loved not having to count the money and knowing exactly how much they had left. And the volunteers felt it was very smooth and easy to use at checkout. We are looking forward to February! Thanks for the PTA support! Thank you Heather for your time!

Pastapalooza – Jen Hall

- Jen Hall is leading Pastapalooza this year. The event will be held on Friday, January 31st. The planning process is just starting and more information to follow.

Outdoor Classroom – Lindsay Roop

- Lindsay shared that we have 3 fundraisers planned for this year. The first one being this Friday at the Porch Growler. Porch Growler will give us 50 % of proceed from the night. There is a 20% discount from Pizza Primo and parents can order it from the bar of porch growler. We are also doing an online auction and are meeting this week to plan it. It will probably be held in the Spring. And finally, the rummage sale is set for February 29th, 2020. More information will be coming. We are also waiting to hear about a Columbus Foundation grant that was submitted.

5th Grade Fundraising – Kristen Klopfer

- We are off to a good start. We made \$450 at Deweys Night Out and we made \$242 at the Pancake breakfast selling drinks. We have the Parents Night Out this Friday, November 22nd and the last day to register is Wednesday, November 20. There will be games, crafts, snacks and movies for the kids.
- We will also have a couple more fundraisers throughout the year. We will have 3 online raffles for Harry Potter Columbus Symphony tickets, Blue Jackets tickets and 3 Aveda Product and Services. We will need to raise around \$3,000. The district pays \$1,500 and the PTA then pays \$35/child for camp.

Directory - Christy Niezgoda

- New directory is completed and was sent to members this past weekend. Sarah Mullins donated the paper to print the paper copies if anyone requested one. Those should be out by the end of the week. Included are staff, committees, room parents, and the number of children in each class. Thank you Christy for doing our directory!

Recycling / google group - Marie Catherine de Marneffe

- Marie sent the following message: the Girl Scouts did a great job with posters to emphasize recycling. The PTA google group list should be up-to-date: Christy is periodically sending me new PTA members to add to the list and they have been added (the list now contains 177 emails — often family memberships have two email addresses, one for each caretaker). Committee chairs have the right to send emails (others are receive-only): chairs can send from the email address _____ they registered with and use ptacolonialhills@googlegroups.com
- Susan contacted IKEA to ask about donated reusable plates to use for class parties. We are hoping to buy reusable plates for all classrooms to use during class parties.

Spirit Wear

- Lindsay mentioned Sarah shared we are not going to do a Winter sale this year. Our next sale will be in the Spring and we are going to try a new vendor. The plan is that we are going to be working with the

Awesome Company.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:55pm

Thank you all for coming.