

Cody Elementary PTA
Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2015

(1) Welcome - Mindy Alsheikha, President
Attending: Mindy Alsheikha, Katie Resig, Keri Walter, Jenel Nels, Wil Hanson, Michelle Mahrt, Kim Radcliff, Ashley Dohrn, Chris Cournoyer, Milissa Hofmann, Caroline Everitt, Jen Dumas, Chris Cournoyer, Heather Dohrn-Schmit, Nicky Overstake, Laurie Brasche, Amy Hartz, Jess Gisi, Lia O'Malley, Jenn Dolan

(2) Approval of minutes - Mindy Alsheikha
Motion to accept made up Mil Hofmann, second by Wil Hanson
All in Favor, None opposed

(3) Treasurer's Report - Katie Resig, Treasurer
The Fiscal year 2014 year-end (6/30/2015) report was presented with an ending balance of \$25,318.35. The current balance as of 8/31/15 was \$25,126.63.

Teacher request funds and therapy dog budgets remaining at the end of last school year will be carried-over to this year's budget

The school district found a \$4000 bill during their financial year end closing that had not been sent to the Cody PTA for the C4K initiative, which was in the 2014-2015 budget. A motion was made to by Milissa Hoffman to add \$4000 for the C4K initiative to the 2015-2016 budget in order to pay this bill. Seconded by Keri Walter. All in favor, none opposed.

(4) Committee Reports -

(A) Birthday Book - Last year was the best year ever. The same format will be used this year, Jess Gisi

(B) Book Fair - final sale was the best BOGO sale ever, Teachers all received the items from the scholastic dollars they were given at the end of the school year. Scholastic dollars from future book fairs will go to a specific grade level each year or each sale. Schedule TBD. - Michelle Marht

(C) Box Tops - Jess Gisi - incentive ideas are in the works

(D) Cody Apparel - Jen Dumas - current inventory will be available in the Store Fall Frolic. A shirt will be designed for sale this year probably with a male cut and female cut available.

(E) Cody Calypso - Stacy Porter - Hawaii theme - January 29th

(F) Cody Cares - Jenel Nels - no report

- (G) Cody Directory - Chris Cournoyer - enews will go out this week to make any corrections.
- (H) Communications/Website/Publicity - website changed over to WordPress to make it easy for someone to take over in the future
- (I) Fall Frolic - Jenel Nels - TShirt deadline 9/18, There is a 2 week turn around to receive order, \$10/shirt. Will print out to send home with kids. Katie will make deposit on bounce house this week, reservation is already in place. Volunteer emails will be done via signup genius for volunteers this year. Jen Dumas working on class projects. Kitchen food is arranged, decorations are in the works, the store will include apparel this year. 9/25 will send home information with kids. Will add credit card square reader to store this year. Basket donations needed for silent auctions, full and empty baskets needed. Multiple new and exciting donations this year.
- (J) Fun Events - Kim Radcliff
Pool party attendance lower was than expected, We had better attendance in June 2014, Will move back to June for 2016
Bingo - 11/13/15, will be taken over by Robyn Lieby and Christy Cox this year, many books available from scholastic to add to the prize table.
- (K) Hostess/Hospitality - Mindy Alsheikha - grandparents day early October this year. 10/9/15, 1-3 pm
- (L) Reflections - Amy Hartz Theme - Let Your Imagination Fly - 6 participants last year, discussed how to motivate involvement. Mrs. Brasche suggested she provide teachers with the information and ask them to encourage involvement of their students. Submissions are due October 15th & 16th.
- (M) Robotics - Chris Cournoyer -
5th and 6th grades - Basic and Advanced Robotics class will be offer (Basic - fall, Advanced - winter/spring) A 6th grade First Lego League competition team may be formed for 6th graders who took classes last year, if a parent can be found to lead it.

2nd Grade - Junior Lego League - very successful last year, Teams consist of up to 6 kids and so far two adults have volunteered. Additional adult volunteers will be needed if more kids sign up. Paid for by grant from John Deere.

3rd and 4th grades - Raspberry Pi - early coding with lesson plans complete, can build games and environment for MineCraft. \$45 cost for Raspberry Pi, supplement with PTA funds for scholarship options. Kids

would keep the programming device. Suggesting January/February for program.

- (N) Room Parent Coordinator - Keri Walter, Will strive for consistency between teachers/classrooms this year.
 - (O) School Kits - Diana Kueter, PTA received \$181 back from early orders
 - (P) Staff Appreciation - Milissa Hofmann - back to school luncheon went smoothly
 - (Q) Volunteer Coordination - Mindy is compiling volunteer lists to sent to Jennifer Morgan and to committees
 - (R) Walk-a-thon - Chris Cournoyer - no report
- (5) Back to school night/Curriculum night comments- Why is attendance down? Babysitting was discussed. There was a desire to add babysitting, but discussion that it may not be approved by district due to lack of space with entire school as possible in attendance. Possible decrease in attendance due to presentation available on website. Some parents appreciate face-to-face time with teachers and classroom
- Back to school night specifically for kindergarten suggested - with pot luck, It is in budget for this year and was successful in past.
- (6) Visiting Author - around 1st conferences - the school would like PTA to purchase lunch for staff and author
Motion made for approval by Jenel Nels, seconded by Mil Hoffman for \$250
All in favor, none opposed
- (7) After School Stem Programs - discussed as part of Robotics.
- (8) eNews changes - sent out weekly, submitted by Thursday at noon to go out Friday, monthly email newsletter in place of current multiple blasts

Adjourn - motion made by Mr. Will and approved by Michelle Mahrt. All approved

Dates

9/22 Skate Party

10/7 Early dismissal

10/9 Grandparents day