

2013-2014 PTO General Meeting

AGENDA

Date: September 16, 2013

Time: 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Attendees: Kelley Brunner, Heather Smith, Linda Meder, Jill Rees, Kristie Allen, Julie Grimshaw, Orfe Kelly, Janet Schwertley, Laura Wintemute; Elise Kearney, Lisa Abeln, Hollyn Buddecke, Marni Bealer, Gayle Sjoblom, Laura Renew, Arlen Sykes, Emily Daniels, Susan Bell, Bernadette Marshall and other parents.



<p>Board Introductions</p> <p>Jill Rees introduced the Members of the Board: Jill Rees- President; Kristie Allen- Vice-President; Julie Grimshaw - Treasurer; Orfe Kelly - Secretary; Janet Schwertley - Advisory Board Member; Laura Wintemute - Kindergarten Liaison.</p> <p>Heather Smith and Linda Meder - Teacher Liaisons. Kelley Brunner - School Principal.</p> <p>Jill Rees also welcomed all attendees.</p>	<p>Jill Rees PTO President</p>
<p>School Labels</p> <p>Kelley Brunner explained that Colina is currently a B school. The 2013 percents of students passing AIMS is as follows: 3rd Grade is 88% in Reading and 78% in Math; 4th Grade is 89% Reading and 71% in Math; 5th Grade is 88% Reading and 72 % in Math.</p> <p>Our total Points considering test scores, growth, % tested etc is 132 and to become an A school we need 140.</p> <p>Orfe Kelly asked if there is any feedback to the school on what the kids are missing so they can improve next year's scores, She asked if it is possible to get more detailed information on what questions are the kids having trouble with.</p> <p>Kelley Brunner said that she gets more detailed information but it can't be shared with parents due to confidentiality issues but that teachers are aware of the results and target students that need special help to raise their scores.</p> <p>Colina went up 8 points in one year so we are trying to do the same this year.</p> <p>Also next year the state is no longer going to use AIMS but they'll use PARC.</p>	<p>Kelley Brunner School Principal</p>
<p>CMS liaison</p> <p>Susan Bell said that this year Centennial Middle School created 3 positions on their PTO Board that are intended to increase the communication</p>	<p>Susan Bell CMS advisory board</p>

<p>between Colina and Centennial.</p> <p>Susan described that Centennial is a great School. Teachers are very committed and excited, specially this year with the new principal. It is important that people get to know the school and check by themselves how great the school is and not listen to the bad reputation that the school had from a few years ago.</p> <p>She feels it is important to bring a few of the kids to a PTO meeting where they can relate their experience and explain to parents how good the environment is at CMS.</p> <p>Susan also invited all parents to attend sports events at CMS or music functions.</p> <p>She will also coordinate a visit from the new CMS Principal.</p>	
<p>Budget Update</p> <p>Julie Grimshaw mentioned what was the total earned and spent this year so far.</p> <p>Different parents request to Julie if she could bring the usual report to next General meeting.</p>	<p>Julie Grimshaw Treasurer</p>
<p>Conference dinners</p> <p>Bernadette Marshall mentioned that as a chair for the Teacher Appreciation Committee they are looking for volunteer to help with food to be served during conference nights. To this end she will pass a sign up list and asks if the attendees could please take one of the items in the list.</p>	<p>Bernadette Marshall Teacher Appreciation Committee</p>
<p>By-Laws Modification. Motion to vote.</p> <p>Orfe Kelly explained that there is a disposition in the Bylaws that requires all Committee members to submit plans for their committees within the first 3 weeks of school.</p> <p>Orfe Kelly said that even though it is a good provision it is not realistic or practical as many committee chairs decide on their plans closer to the date and maybe requesting the committee chairs for a presentation of their plans with at least one month is a more reasonable measure that hopefully would make sure that more committee chairs follow.</p> <p>One parent said that she didn't agree with changing the disposition because it would result in poor planning like the fact that 2 days before the event we were requesting volunteers for the reading wall, or Jill advertised the meeting the day of the meeting.</p>	<p>Orfe Kelly Secretary</p>

Orfe Kelly explained that volunteers for the reading wall or any other committee are requested at the beginning of the school year and if the email went out 2 days before it is to continue filling the shifts needed though out the year. In fact, the first available shift is in November.

This parent said PTO gives very little notice for events. Jill Rees said that the events have been posted on the PTO website since the beginning of the school year. This calendar has also been shared through list serve by the School Principal. It is also on the School website and advertised on the marquee.

Elise Kearney also said that it is important to give time to committee chairs to plan their events instead of putting pressure to have those plans submitted in August.

The parent also said that she was dissatisfied with field day and other events because they don't plan for activities that could include her child that has special needs.

Orfe Kelly said this is the first time we hear from her and her difficulties. Kelley Brunner also said that she is meeting with Mr. Moser to try to create activities where the kids with special needs can participate.

The parent also said that she signed up at the beginning of the school year to help in the auction and that Marni hasn't contacted her yet.

Marni responded that the event is in March and she'll be contacted closer to the time.

Heather Smith further explained to this parent that the PTO Board is composed by volunteers. That a lot of them work full time and it is important to give them credit for what they do and help make their job easier.

Orfe Kelly motioned to Replace Article VI Section 3 Duties.

" The Chairperson shall:

- A. Present a plan of work/expenditure to the Executive Board for approval within the first three weeks of the school year."

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" The Chairperson shall:

- A. Present a plan of work/expenditure to the Executive Board for approval at least one month before the event takes place."

The motion was approved unanimously.

Reading Wall

Orfe Kelly
Secretary

<p>Orfe Kelly explained that the Reading Wall is a great program where kids of all grades participate and that allows kids to earn up to 8 books per year.</p> <p>We have set up a sign up genius where parents interested in volunteering can take a shift. Ideally we ask parents to come twice per year and experience the program.</p>	
<p>Mother Son Treasure Hunt</p> <p>Jill Rees said that on September 27 we'll have the Mother Son Treasure Hunt where moms and their sons participate in a Treasure Hunt by going through different stations where they get to pan for stones, decorate frames, sports activities, puzzles and trivia etc.</p> <p>She mentioned that she still needs a few volunteers. People in the audience suggested contacting the different honors societies in the middle school and high schools.</p>	<p>Jill Rees President</p>

Upcoming events:

- September 19, October 3 & 17 Reading wall Redemption
- September 27 Mother son Treasure Hunt
- September 30 Family Dinner Night at Oreganos
- October 16 Smoothie Sales
- October 22 Family Dinner Night at Mc Donald's
- October 30 Harvest Festival