

Cherokee Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes

May 20th, 2015

- The meeting was called to order by President Kristy Garrett at 8:50 a.m.
- 16 people in attendance, including 2 staff members – Principal Lynn Mair and Ms. Semlow.
- **Welcome and Introductions**
 - President Kristy Garrett thanked everyone for attending.
- **Reading of Minutes: Suspend**
- **Principal's Report**
 - Mrs. Mair thanked everyone for attending and gave an update on the building improvements. Mural Panels will be installed soon in the back hallway and in the Library – 5th grade handprints will be added in the back hallway. Street signs are completed and will be installed in the hallways soon.
 - Mrs. Mair thanked Kim Broadbridge for the outdoor beautification with the addition of flowers and plants.
 - Mrs. Mair noted that the picnic tables will be removed and hexagon tables will be placed on new cement pads for easy upkeep. In addition, a tree service will be removing the 3 dead trees located in the back loop.
 - Mrs. Mair spoke on the drop off/pick up procedure. Staff is more present at the beginning/end of the day and has been very effective.
 - Mrs. Mair spoke on the upcoming 20th Anniversary Celebration scheduled for Friday, May 29th. Food will be available from Leo's Coney Island, Orange Leaf and Cottage Inn pizza. Activities will range from bounce houses, dunk tank, DJ Entertainment, silent auctions, commemorative pavers and t-shirts for purchase and former Cherokee Alumni and Staff will be present. Pavers will be available for purchase all year thru PaySchools with no convenience fee charged – Teachers will also be utilizing this online payment processing system in the future for classroom activities and purchases.
 - Mrs. Mair recapped the Brainstormers assembly – huge success and planning on having the group return for next school year.
 - Mrs. Mair gave an overview of the current Parent Survey which will be open until Wednesday afternoon.
 - Mrs. Mair noted that “Meet the Teacher” event will be held indoors this year and a date will be scheduled soon.
 - Mrs. Mair gave an update on the Cherokee Dog Tags – new tags will be presented soon for a variety of accomplishments.

- Mrs. Mair noted that Raz-Kids will be returning and students will be able to access soon.

- **President's Report** (Kristy Garrett)

- 2015-2016 Board Positions Elections**

- President Kristy Garrett led the election of new PTO Board Members. The following PTO members were nominated for board positions:

- President – Kristy Garrett

- Vice President – Amy Pickett

- Co-Vice President – Rochelle Probst

- Treasurer – Ann Lopez

- Co-Treasurer – Kim Broadbridge

- Secretary – Nina Newsome

- Representatives – Martha Brody, Keri Wilbur, Paula Leflar, Sheley DeGraw, Christian Vaughn and Natalie Clements.

- Votes taken to approve the nominations. Motions passed unanimously (14-0).

- **Committee Reports**

- Amy Pickett established a Wildcat Walk-a-thon committee team consisting of herself, Natalie Clements, Sheley DeGraw, Keri Wilbur, Nina Newsome and Kim Broadbridge. Meeting will take place Tuesday June 2nd after morning drop-off.
 - Julie Leveille spoke on the recent Spiritwear order.
 - Kim Broadbridge spoke on the Mixed Bags Fundraiser. Profit was \$1,480 and orders were distributed in time for Mother's Day. Cherokee's online ordering is still available (for 6 months) with our school receiving 40% and direct shipping right to your home. The link to order is <http://www.mixedbagdesigns.com/?fundraiserid=295523>
 - Kim Broadbridge also distributed Emily's Happy Day Lemonade Stand Flyers scheduled for Saturday, June 6th from 1-4pm. Event supports The Homeless Education Project and is Cherokee student-run.
 - Keri Wilbur gave a summary on the success of Teacher Appreciation Week. She thanked all that volunteers that helped make it possible.
 - Flyers were sent home this week for the Jersey Mike's Subs Grand Opening Fundraiser. Fundraiser will run from Wed. May 27th to Sunday, May 31st. Each student and staff member will receive two donation cards on the day that the fundraiser begins. Redeem your donation card for a free sub with a minimum \$1 donation. 100% of all donations will be given back to our PTO and the sponsorship of Cherokee's Leader In Me initiative.

- Paula Leflar gave an overview of the School Supply Kits. Info was sent home in the May packet, forms are due May 31st. Online ordering is also available at <http://www.brightschoolkitz.com>.
 - Mom 2 Mom Sale planning is underway for the Fall sale, scheduled for Saturday, September 26th.
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- **Floor opened for Parent Questions and Answers**
 - **Meeting adjourned at 10:50 am**
 - **Refreshments and muffins served**

Nina Newsome, PTO Secretary