

## Cherokee Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes

October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015

- The meeting was called to order by President Kristy Garrett at 6:39 p.m.
- 32 people in attendance, including 8 staff members – Principal Lynn Mair, Ms. Carter, Ms. Sleem, Ms. Curcuru, Ms. Muszyinski, Ms. Hunter, Ms. Colton, and Mr. Sundberg.
  
- **Welcome and Introductions**
  - President Kristy Garrett thanked everyone for attending.
  
- **Principal's Report**
  - Mrs. Mair thanked everyone for attending.
  - Mrs. Mair gave an overview of the Parent Survey results from last Spring. She disbursed an informational sheet with a breakdown of the results. 20% of families took the survey. November Newsletter will ask for families to provide feedback once again through the AdvanceEd website.
  - Mrs. Mair noted the district is in the process of creating district-wide grade level curriculum brochures.
  - Ms. Carter unveiled the Leadership Notebooks that the students will be utilizing soon. Included inside are goal-setting pages, About Me pages and areas to celebrate all their successes.
  - Mrs. Mair gave an overview on Goal-setting strategies and disbursed a packet of suggested tools to utilize at home. The November packet will include a family goal-setting activity.
  
- **President's Report (Kristy Garrett)**
  - President Kristy Garrett gave an overview of the success of Walk-a-thon.
  - President gave an overview of the PJ's and Pancakes event scheduled for the evening of Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. Flyer will be coming home in the November packet.
  - President noted that volunteers are needed and appreciated for Santa Shop. Setup will be Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> and the shop will be open Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> – Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>.
  
- **Treasurer's Report**

- Secretary Nina Newsome disbursed the updated 2015 – 2016 Budget.
- Secretary gave a brief overview of the budget, noting the Walk-a-thon total will increase slightly once district approves the remainder of the online donations thru PaySchools.

- **Committee Reports**

- President Kristy Garret spoke more on the Wildcat Walk-a-thon success. She thanked all the volunteers and all the families for their donations.
- Michelle Schumard spoke on the Trunk or Treat event. Wonderful evening with over 350 “treaters” and their families. She thanked all the volunteers for helping. Kristy Garrett thanked the Stojanovski Family for generously donating the hotdog buns.
- Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Sales – delivery will be the week of November 16<sup>th</sup>. \$3,500 was raised – thank you to all participating families.
- President Kristy Garrett unveiled the new Spiritwear flyer that will be coming home in the November packet. The PTO website has a color version of the flyer.
- Natalie Clements gave an overview of Santa Shop that is scheduled for setup on Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> and the shop will be open Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> – Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Cherokee uses “Fun Services” which offers a nice variety of items that range from .10 cents to about \$15. Volunteers will be needed and appreciated, schedule of class times will be disbursed closer to the scheduled date.
- President Kristy Garrett noted again that the PJ’s and Pancakes Registration form will be coming home in the November packet.
- Box Tops and Lipton Labels – thank you to all that have contributed, encouraged to keep clipping for the October Box Tops Contest. Top overall class will win the Cherokee Box Tops Classroom Trophy and a pizza party.
- Birthday Book Club – forms are accessible on the Cherokee website. Natalie Clements noted that reminder forms will be sent home soon, it is not too late to send in your Birthday Book slips. New books have been recently added to the selection.
- Mrs. Mair noted the class with the most overall participation for Red Ribbon week was Ms. Curcuru’s class with 95% participation. Her classroom earned a pizza party!
- Mrs. Mair noted that Parent Teacher Conferences sign-up genius’ will be going out next week.
- President noted the next PTO meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

- **Floor opened for Parent Questions and Answers**

- **Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm**
- **Refreshments and treats served**

Nina Newsome, PTO Secretary