

Carlisle School Association
December Meeting Minutes – December 4, 2014
7:00 pm – Spalding Conference Room

Attendees:

Christine Lear, Amy Caggiano, Margo Parent, Dennet Sidell, Joan Wickman, Lisa Chaffin, Bethany Richman, Deborah Bentley, Emily Richardson

Christine Lear called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm with no quorum present.

Administration Updates –

Joan Wickman:

- In November David Doctorman (Harvard professor & lives in Carlisle) did a great presentation for faculty on developing a mindset for academic success. He is willing to do a workshop for parents this spring.
- Two staff members, Sue Bober and Marcella Pixley are teaching a college course on close reading. Worked with curriculum committee, will do another next month.
- Did a Q & A on Common Core Curriculum last month. There will be a Mosquito article published tomorrow and there are a few errors. There were some mix-ups; PARCC will not be administered to the Pre-Schoolers! A letter noting corrections has been sent to Mosquito.
- Art performances last month and this month; 2 in-school concerts next week.
- Charitable Acts – coats for a cause – 6th grade asking for winter garments to be donated to Lowell Butler Middle School, where there is an 80% poverty rate.
- Three 7th grade girls did operation homefront and collected bags of toys going to junior enlisted military families.
- Report cards are going home tomorrow and parent-teacher conferences are happening next week.

Dennet Sidell:

- Sent an email to K-4 parents about what to expect with report cards and conferences.
- Leah and Patricia – new recess monitors have started and are doing very well. Allows parent volunteers to play with kids. Fences are coming soon.
- 4th grade students are helping grades K,1 & 2 with lunch and recess.
- Pajama drive 2nd and 5th grade buddies, they will count on 12/12. Officer Corwin came in and met with every K, 1, and 2 class.
- Held first Elementary school spirit day. Plan to do assembly in the spring. Was interviewed by first grade kids as part of a safety project.
- Enrichment programs; Wingmasters, Drumlin Farm. 2nd grade would have liked more bats.

CSA Thank Yous!

- Alyson Becker for preparing and submitting our taxes!
- Eva Mostoufi for all of her work on the CSA Apparel Sale; website, item selection, fashion show, etc...
- Karina Coombs for keeping the website fresh and up to date with all our events and putting the apparel sale online.
- Amy Caggiano for drafting the cyber policy for the CSA and for setting up and managing the CSA Facebook account, election for SAC, new member is Susan Bacher.
- Cary Keller and Amy Versaggi for creating the first Lost and Found Week!
- Amy Caggiano for following up on the CSA Faculty & Staff Grant award letters.

- Amy Versaggi for her diligence with the storage situation.
- CSA members who are working on the online Husky Handbook task force

CSA Updates

EVP – CSA Faculty & Staff Grants, SAC Election, Facebook – Amy Caggiano

- Gave over \$23,000 in grants; received positive feedback. Working with Alyson to make sure funds are distributed. Following up with teachers to discuss implementation of grants. Analysis of grants to look for trends and see if same requests are submitted annually.
- Involved with SAC election, received six applications. Susan Bacher was elected and started yesterday. Working on Facebook and closed group; policy is developing. Working with Niressa so she can see who's enrolled in CPS. No images of children. School is working on their policy. Syd McCann will send a survey to assess needs for school website.

VP Elementary School – Christine Lear reported that Cary Keller is trying to line up a speaker for March and is looking for rooms. Cary also helped put together “Find Your Lost & Found Week” – great to have it coincide with parent conferences.

VP Middle School - storage, Class Representatives – Christine Lear reported that Amy Versaggi is looking for storage places for 7th grade play, CSA stuff, spaghetti supper, and 8th grade graduation. Shed will be 14 x 24 behind the cafeteria, will go up in February, CEF will contribute \$4,000 toward shed. (shed has a 30-year warranty.)

Christine Lear reported that Membership got one member this week!

Book Fair Coordinator – Christine Lear reported that they have one author for the Book Fair. Phyllis is the chair. Concerned with the accounting at the end of each day. Created a form on the CSA website to help with accounting. Sell gift certificates to the book fair all the time on the website. There will be an explanation on the website where proceeds go.

Fundraising - Husky Apparel Sale – Christine Lear reported that there will be another sale in spring; wants to have some inventory. Need to know top sellers. Sale ends on Sunday. Sales have been low. Could we do a cap? Could we market to alumni? Maybe the sale should be done earlier.

Curriculum Enrichment - Lisa Chaffin – looking to offer a program for each grade. 8th grade will do Shakespeare in the spring. Still looking to fill spaces. Teachers have been very busy. Looking for 5th and 7th grade. Schedules are very tight during the day so it's hard to find time. Some volunteers working on different areas. Whole calendar is not set for the year; meeting tomorrow.

Events Committee - Ice Skating Party – Next Wednesday. Has 8th graders helping.

Room Parent Coordinator – Room Parents sent out the Gift Policy to inform/remind parents.

Publicity – Margo Parent - discussion of whose news is it? Maybe CSA and school should offset each other; one at the start of the month and one mid-month. News is redundant. Changes are in progress.

CSA Faculty and Staff Grants and the CEF – CSA awards a great variety of grants. CEF gives bigger items. We spend a lot of time on the fundraising for the grants. CEF discussed this on Monday and they don't want to

take over the CSA grants. CSA needs to look at other ways to fundraise. Put ads in Husky Handbook. Could there be a way for CSA doing the phone book.

New Business:

Looking Ahead – Need to talk to people about plans for next year. The CSA Nominating Committee will meet in February.

Next evening meeting will be in March. Discussion of providing a forum for parents to ask about what's happening in CSA. There are many parents who can't attend CSA meetings and it would be helpful. Many parents don't know what is going on with CSA. Communication has improved, but still has a long way to go.

Adjourn

Next meeting will be on Thursday, January 8, 2015 at 9:00 am in the Spalding conference room.

Minutes respectfully submitted, Emily H. Richardson, Secretary.