



01/06/14

PTA Meeting – Cedar Creek

In attendance, Angela Fite, Dodi McSpurren, Kristi Bynum, Kristi Techau, Carrie Cooper, Rachel Rooney, Carla Grider, Ginny Blumhorst, Mrs. Opie, Marcey Gulley, Matt Vega and Mia Fulson

Discussion items are listed below.

Principal's Report – Mrs. Opie

- **Thank you** – Many thanks were given for the Hospitality Staff Breakfast yesterday, the Amazon gift cards, and the cookie exchange. The breakfast was amazing and the gift cards and cookie exchange were well received. There are still platters in the lounge from the exchange that can be picked up at any time.
- **Staff/Professional Development** – When there are district wide “Staff” or “Professional Development” days, such as January 5th, Mrs. Opie explained that means for CCE staff. On those days, there is Tier 1 focus (80 – 85% of the students). The focus is generally on Differentiated Instruction (enhancing classroom techniques for learning for those students or how we are meeting those needs in the classroom). They also spend time learning about different technological advances that integrate such tools in a classroom setting.
- **R7 Teacher of the Year** – Nomination Forms were handed out for the upcoming award from the Chamber of Commerce Excellence in Teaching. Mrs. Opie encourages any interested parents to submit by the January 16 deadline.

Treasurer's Report (Carla Grider) – We have a balance of \$26,500 which is a good mid-year position.

Old Business (Angela Fite)

- **Teacher Gifts** – We received very positive feedback regarding the Amazon Gift Cards.
- **Valentines Day Party** – Party will be the same format as last year. Stacey Francka is asking for ideas in lieu of the photo booth as it doesn't fit into the budget. Several contacts were offered for people that have successfully handled similar activities in the past.
 - Proposal from Dodi McSpurren to raise extra cash for such expenses by getting CCE window clings for sale throughout the year, meet your teacher, proof of residency, etc.
- **Hyvee Shop Week** – Past shop week made \$700 in gift cards. Several may still be available for purchase. Next shop week is Superbowl – 01/26 – 02/01
- **Sarpino's Night** – Looking into success.



- **Board Positions** – There will be no change for actual board positions/titles. A PTA nominating committee will fill three openings for 2015/16 school year: 2nd VP, Treasurer and Historian.

New Business (Angela Fite)

- **Family Fitness Night and Unit Meeting** – Scheduled for 01/15. We are asking that those interested in becoming a PTA Nominating Committee Member to please attend.
- **Yearbook** – Matt Vega
 - First 32 pages due 01/26 – ON TRACK
 - Matt asked for help with K-2nd grade school event candid
 - Gathering club contact info for upcoming photos