



03/03/15

PTA Meeting – Cedar Creek

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

Discussion items are listed below.

Principal's Report –Mrs. Opie

- **No Tax Increase Bond** – Cedar Creek would like to bring awareness to this bond issue in that it will add value directly to our school and community. The deadline for voter registration ends **March 11, 2015** with the election **April 7, 2015**.

"The Board of Education unanimously approved placement of a \$40 million no-tax-increase bond issue on the April 7th ballot. The no-tax-increase is designed to positively impact each R-7 student and all schools and includes the following

- *Construction of new Summit Technology Academy/Missouri Innovation Campus, a new facility that will save money, replace leased space with a district-owned facility and provide a modernized learning environment for R-7 students.*
 - *School improvements in the areas of classroom instruction, safety and security, health and wellness, ADA renovations and special education.*
 - *Playground safety upgrades to all elementary schools' soft play areas and replacing deteriorated play equipment*
 - *Maintenance projects at numerous sites to protect our investment in school facilities."*
 - **Impact on Cedar Creek** – Among other improvements, Cedar Creek's playground ground cover (wood chips) will be replaced with artificial turf to decrease injury and upkeep.
 - <http://www.lsr7.org/district/no-tax-increase-bond-issue-2015/>
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- **CESTTF – Connecting Eash Student To The Future Initiative** – Great news! This program was designed to prepare our students for the "rapidly changing world." Through this initiative, the district is projecting that each R-7 student will each be assigned an electronic device that they will take to and from school. Currently, the district is in the process of gathering data.
 - **Kindergarten Registration - Tuesday, March 31, 2015 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**
 - <http://elementary.leesummit.k12.mo.us/kroundup.htm>
 - Mrs. Opie would like to have a PTA table and several parents on hand to welcome incoming parents
 - New this year will be the implementation of a screening tool for incoming Kindergarteners. Screenings will be May 12 or 14.



Treasurer's Report (Carla Grider) – Nothing to report, account in good standing.

Old Business (Angela Fite)

- **Dad's breakfast** – Money counting started today. Numbers are looking good.
- **Variety Show March 27** – Flyers have gone out and Rochelle says we are on target.
- **Carnival April 24**– Christina to send an email detailing her progress for Board approval. Will provide and vote upon receipt.
- **Watchdog Program** – Guest Speakers **Melanie Adkins, Jeff Gardner** from Hazel Grove Elementary.

Program designed to

1. *provide positive male role models for the students, demonstrating by their presence that education is important, and to*
2. *provide extra sets of eyes and ears to enhance school security and reduce bullying.*

Topic highlighted by our guest speakers include:

- Starter Kit fees
- Program Implementation
- Volunteer assignments
- Daily Volunteer Schedule
- Natl Center for Fathering – President Carey Casey - potential presentation
- Need for school Watch Dog liaison

New Business (Angela Fite)

- **Town Hall Meeting** – Thursday, March 5th 7:00 – 9:00pm
- **Box Tops** – We made \$580. Not quite as much as in the past, Jen is asking for ideas on how to make this more successful. Thought given to the fact that most Box Top items are on highly processed pre-packaged foods and the trend to make healthier choices for family meals.
- **Vendor Fair – Dodi and Angela** – Fair was really great. Made connections with many vendors with a potential fit for Cedar Creek. Dodi and Angela plan to gather more information and make a more formal presentation to start planning for next year.
- **Yearbook – Matt Vega** - Still collecting photos. Otherwise on target.



- **New CCE Committee – Mia Fulson, Marcey Gulley** with teacher advocate **Dawn Twenter** – Proposal for formation of committee that will welcome new families to CCE. Hoping to make a stronger connection with new families and aligning them with our great volunteer network. Volunteer Training will serve as a platform to connect. There will be a more comprehensive explanation of serving opportunities. Mrs. Opie offered to hold 2 evening sessions of a type of fair with committee booths, etc.

- **Spring Fundraiser – Carrie Cooper** – Currently working on event details. Received approval from board to:
 1. implement the use of Paypal and an e-store on our CCE website,
 2. order event signage, and
 3. order form approval with minor changes.

Angela is checking with Mrs. Opie on use of Cedar Creek track, West parking lot for delivery of plants.