



Cedar Park PTC Community Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2020

ATTENDEES: Dr. Shannon Anderson, Bettina Jeszenszky, Jenna Dornblaser, Hannah Donohue, Skye Kutansky, Maureen Louie, Lianne Yarvis, Heather Vonk, Lindsay Brown, Jenna Sells, Julie Wewerka, David Butler, Elizabeth Marsamane, Ellen Rothery, Felicity ?, Karen Bundy, Tina Meier-Nowell, Lisa Leonardo

CALL TO ORDER (6:31pm)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (from June 8, 2020)

PRINCIPAL REPORT, Dr. Shannon Anderson

- **Huge learning curve this fall:** Staff/students finding rhythm and routine & the Cedar Park admins are connecting with nine 6th grade classrooms
- **Back to School Week:** Four nights of fun. Look for the newsletter that will include a document with zooms, teacher videos, schedule for Q&As
- **Please ask your student to leave their camera on:** One consistent message that Dr. A is hearing from teachers is that many students are leaving their cameras off. ODE says that schools can't require kids to have cameras on, but CPMS is finding that a lot of kids are never on camera. Just a reminder that it's hard to build relationships, create classroom connections, have basic engagement when teaching an entire 30-40 minutes with just black squares. ***Biggest ask right now is to have parents talk to kids and set expectations around camera use and that they really need a good reason to not be on camera.
- **Attendance:** Continuing to work out the kinks
- **Chromebook Swap/School pictures Event:** Big success-- 750+ chromebooks were exchanged and using sign-up genius was a success (thank you, Jenna!). CPMS only has 100 kids without a brand-new chromebook and are currently investigating why. Anyone who had asked for a chromebook prior to the chromebook exchange had received a brand-new one.

Additional events may be in the works, though the admins will try to always combine events so multiple pick-ups can happen at once. Bettina (PTC President) mentioned that these types of events would also be ideal for dropping off Staff Appreciation donations. Dr. A mentioned that 10-15 teachers are on campus every day & that there are strict contact tracing guidelines for anyone in the school.

- **Yearbook:** Is happening! They are asking students/parents to send pictures to cpmsvideo@bsd48.org

- **Cedar Park Library is open:** Ms. Hernandez, our LMA, is changing her hours so she can be at the school until 6:30 on Thursdays, giving families an opportunity to pick up books later. Students can go online and request books and book pick-up/drop-off is available outside the front doors during school hours.
- **Parent Feedback/Questions:**
 - Parents mentioned that the Youtube videos within Canvas (assigned by teachers) are tempting as a “new” video often pops up after the original video is finished.
 - Questions surrounded whether PE and whether video is required to be on/off. Dr. A said she’d look into it and that the video policy is the same for all classes. The question was asked if there was a workaround so only teachers can see students (and students wouldn’t see the whole class). Not yet, but that would be a successful improvement to Zoom.

OFFICER REPORTS

President, Bettina Jeszenszky

- **Fundraising update:** Every fall, the PTC puts on a 5K fundraiser that funded our entire budget. However, this year we are very aware that families are overwhelmed and don’t need another item on the list. The PTC Board has decided to postpone any race or physical event into the 2nd semester, possibly a “spring fever” themed event.
- **No Fuss Fundraising:** Because some of our PTC goals (home art/science kits, teacher support) do require fundraising, the PTC will run a super simply write-a-check campaign later this fall, with the recommendation of a \$50 donation per student. With a reduced budget (no field trips/parties), the PTC will continue to follow their guiding principle of reaching/supporting as many students as possible. Look for more info soon.

***Interested in joining the committee? We are seeking sponsors/bare bones committee members, so email president@cedarparkptc.org if you are interested.

- **Parent Feedback:**
 - The science kits have been helpful and Tina was impressed with how much her daughter enjoyed, & how the teachers were engaged for the whole class period. Jenna S. also shared her thanks to PTC & teachers.

Secretary, Hannah Donohue

- **Communication methods:** There are several ways to access PTC news. First, you can subscribe to our blog at www.cedarparkptc.org. You will only receive one email maximum a day, no matter how many things are posted in a day. Second, for those on social media, you can follow us at @CPMSPTC (and don’t be afraid to “like” every post and/or interact with each post, as this boosts facebook’s organic growth and gets our news out to more people). Finally, please read the monthly PTC newsletter, which we try to fill with relevant and upcoming news, announcements, and dates.
- **Virtual Q&A recaps:** All the recaps are online! www.cedarparkptc.org

- **Team Email Directory update:** Thanks to parent volunteer, Lianne Yarvis, the ball is beginning to move in this area. BSD won't allow us to give cohort directories, but we are working on providing team directories. Lianne is teaming up with our CPMS registrar to begin the process. Parents will be given the opportunity to opt-out of their email being given.

Director of Volunteers, Jenna Dornblaser

- **Be added to our Cedar Park volunteer database:** Transferring your mIP profile to Cedar Park: requires you to send an email to update_volunteer_locations@beaverton.k12.or.us
- **Committee Leads Needed:** Fundraising team, Vice President; ****Email volunteers@cedarparkptc.org if interested*
- **Upcoming: Staff Appreciation event:** Planning on having parents bring individually wrapped snacks, deliver to front door, to create fun fall buffet for staff when @ the building
- **Thanks to chromebook volunteers!** It all worked out.

Treasurer, Skye Kutansky

- **Revised 2020-21 Budget:** Because we've officially moved into CDL until Feb, the PTC needed to prioritize and review some expenses. Those items include: reducing 5k expenses, art lit on hold, no transportation costs for the year (no field trips). Additions/increases include Library support for more hardback books, whiteboards & pens for math students, as well as additional science/art supplies. [More details can be found here.](#)

VOTE TO APPROVE REVISED 2020-21 BUDGET: APPROVED (unanimous)

- **Year to Date Numbers:** Big highlights include the purchase of whiteboard/marker supplies, art/science kits (first semester), Starbucks gift cards for Staff Appreciation, website fees, smore subscription (for newsletters). We have also received a \$2000 credit from Kingpins (return of deposit from last year's canceled field trip).

FINAL THOUGHTS

- **Change of PTC Board/Middle School Boundaries:** Looking into 2021-22, the PTC will be in need of new leadership, as the current board will all age out of their position (term limits) or be rezoned to a different school. Be thoughtful & open to the idea of joining the PTC next school year to keep Cedar Park awesome!

ADJOURNMENT: 7:40pm

Next Meeting: November 4 @ 6:30 PM
Topic: Socio-Emotional Help for Students in Winter Months