

## **CMS PTO Meeting**

**Friday, November 11, 2016**

### **Meeting Notes**

Call to Order - 12:05 pm

Approval of Agenda of current meeting – motion to approve and approved

Approval of Minutes from prior meeting – motion to approve and approved

#### **Board Members in Attendance:**

President – Kelly Hopper, Vice President –N/A , Secretary - Julie Hartle, Communications - Carrie Van Beusekom, Fundraising Chair – Amy Strezo

CMS Staff - Nate Swenson

#### **Board Members not in Attendance:**

Treasurer – Kystal Kokal

Volunteer Coordinator – Karin Sissil

Nate Swenson welcomed everyone and said we are continuing the student presentations

- Leadership opportunity for the students
- Parents can hear what is going on at the school
- Honor for the students to present to the group

#### **Student Presentation:**

- Presented to Nate for IMPACT
- Presentation will give us an idea of the direction that IMPACT takes students – something they are passionate about and somewhere they want to make an impact
- Joey Citrano, 7<sup>th</sup> grade – Presentation: Build an outdoor classroom
  - Learning in different environments improve grades
  - Cedar Ridge built one this past summer
  - Can improve grades
  - If child in stimulating environment 25% higher chance of learning
  - Unstimulated – boredom sets in

#### **Nate's Presentation:**

#### **CMS Mock Election Results**

- Social studies department put together
- Curriculum associated with this
- Purpose – to create a real life situation for students and encourage them to be good citizens and give them a chance to see how elections work
- Nate shared a message during school – ongoing concern how the political environment has affected the schools, and it has impacted the kids in unfortunate ways. Nate with working with the student body to make sure the climate of the building stays positive
- 1,340 voted on 11/8 – each class was a state and part of the electoral college
- MN House of Representatives – CMS - Laurie Pryor winner

- MN House of Representatives – CMS - Ben Sherlock winner (Jennifer Loon won)
- MN Senate – CMS -Steve Cwodzinski winner (and actual winner)
- US House –CMS - Erik Paulsen winner (and actual winner)
- MN Constitutional Amendment – Yes (Yes)
- Electoral College CMS: Clinton (467.5) Trump (70.5)
- Popular vote Clinton 683, Trump 390
- Really important for parents to talk through and model appropriate discourse and how to treat others

### **Designing Pathways Update**

- New video on district website – we viewed
- Nate participated in Phase 1 and is now participating in Phase 2 – facilities
- How do we get 6<sup>th</sup> grade (600-700 students) to CMS and what does this look like? Two options to be looked at and will be presented to Parent and Staff Input Teams
- Have explored a lot of options and after receive input, the feedback will be shared
- Timeline – No timeline associated with it yet - 10 year plan
- What is the reason to put 6<sup>th</sup> grade in CMS? District entered into process to partner with community for the 10 year plan for the district, and many recommendations were discussed and considered
- Next phase – there will be recommendations made that do not have a cost and we will be able to execute on the plans, and others we will not be able to

### **Other Questions**

- Question on note taking – do we teach kids to take notes? Study on taking notes vs. notability – is there any training for note taking by hand? Nate: Cornell note taking – it is not electronic in most cases. We have a building template . Suggested asking teachers how they are utilizing note taking in class
- Question about bullying in the schools – Nate is sending home tonight how he addressed the student body, and requested that we talk to our kids about it. Trying to be proactive about and continue to address things when they come up. The issues CMS has had related to the election results have not been media worthy – by in large the students do a really good job in how they treat each other.
- What do you think is causing the issues? Nate is really careful when talking about stuff like this. Kids bring some things to school from home. They may not even know they are being divisive. There is some angst and fear specifically among students of color. Nate reassures all kids that they belong here and what we stand for as a school. Have had discussions about stereotypes

### **Fundraising Update**

- Thank you to Amy for her efforts on the fundraiser
- Numbers solid – total sales 42,829 (last year 31,000)
- Money will go back to students in this building
- Chipotle \$1,207
- Red Savoy \$250
- January 31<sup>st</sup> Panera

1:05 pm dismissed