

CMS PTO Meeting
Friday, November 20th, 2015

Call to order: 12:05 PM

Agenda approved, minutes from prior meeting approved

Board Members in Attendance – Leslie Blackowiak, PTO President; Crystal Kokal, PTO Treasurer; Lisa Kremer, Volunteer Coordinator; Sarah Johnson, Fundraising Chair; Julie Hartle, Secretary

Fundraising Update:

- \$30,000 in total sales, \$12,000 profit
- Postcards \$1,500 profit as of current date
- Fundraising dollars used for 7th grade Courage Retreat, 8th Grade end of year celebration, teacher grant requests, and staff appreciation

PTO Website Update:

- Navigation – go to CMS website, then to Parents and PTO
- Kelly Hopper created a website with all of the PTO information
- Donate Now button – Can be used to make a donation to the CMS PTO
- Volunteer information – links to volunteer opportunities
- Documents – 501c3 Bylaws, Budget
- PTO Minutes

Motion to approve the PTO website made by Lisa Kremer, Second by Crystal Kokal, Motion approved

Speaker Nate Swenson, Principal Central Middle School.

- Nate Swenson:
 - Thanked everyone for coming
 - Noted that the focus of the PTO meetings is on the students
 - Learning is going on at CMS in many ways, and 5 student presentations were made to showcase learning
 - Nate told students they could be presenting to a large or a small group, and that it is a great way to demonstrate their leadership and work on their presentation skills
- Patriot's Pen Essay – Nile Timmerman
 - VFW sponsored
 - Topic for this year: "What Freedom Means to Me"
 - Winner for our region
 - Invited to a dinner where MN winner will be selected

- Mambo Azefer
 - Enriched Social Studies class
 - Created a rap to Missy Elliott's "Losing Control"
 - Learning about maps and resources
- 4 Students (Sam Fronek, Zach Spears, Kayla Malmgren, Madeline Florida)
 - Leadership in 30 Together volunteer opportunity
 - Students went to EHSI to work with kids – Rock in Prevention
 - Goal – proactively contributing to community
 - Song in Spanish – Bringing love to the world
- Charlotte Johnson
 - Science research project – An Investigation of the Effectiveness of Different Note Taking Techniques, including Cornell notes (the school wide note taking process)
 - Found Cornell notes did positively impact retention of material
- Joe Brown, Artem Demidov
 - Documentary for Manifest Destiny in Social Studies class
- Presentations showed how much has changed in how students learn and in their proficiency in technology and use of resources – brought learning alive
- Security Project – Done in most cost effective way, and there may still be tweaks ongoing

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM.