

**Central Elementary School PTA  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, January 15, 2020**

**Call to Order- Catie Brown 5:05 p.m.**

**Attendees: Robin Parker, Maria Kostelni, Rachel Clark, Catie Brown, Kasey Leslie, Ashley Crutchfield, Tara Henson, Dallin Lewis, Gaye Johnson, Nathan Chaffin, Alesa Chaffin**

**Approval of Minutes – Alesa Chaffin**

Reviewed December minutes. Move to approve minutes by Ashley Crutchfield and seconded by Gaye Johnson.

**Principal's Report- Robin Parker**

- Thank you to PTA for providing desserts for faculty/staff in December.
- Ruritan Club will visit third grade Friday 1/17/2020 and donate dictionaries to students.
- No School Monday 1/20/2020
- "One School One Book" Program, a result of Title 1 grant, to kick off at the end of January. All students, families and staff read the same book over the course of 3-4 weeks. Finale program details to be announced later.
- Fifth Grade Orientation at Maury River Middle School coming up 1/28/2020.
- Interim Reports 2/04/2020
- Parent Teacher Conferences 2/11/2020. Sign-up sheets coming soon.
- Valentine's Party 02/14/2020
- Project Based Learning is a hands-on approach to teaching which allows students to study a subject while creating a project, reflecting on the project and what they've learned, then revising throughout. Projects are made public by inviting other classrooms or parents and can be as simple as a one-week study. Teachers are being trained on the Project-based technique of teaching which includes a cafeteria noise reduction project they are addressing.

**Treasurer's Report – Dallin Lewis**

- Membership dues need to be sent to VA PTA.
- Gaye turned in receipts for reimbursement.
- No specific information regarding account balance reported.

**Membership Update – Gaye Johnson**

- 157 members

**FB Notices – Laura Jones**

- Box Tops/Coke/Kroger
- Dine Out Nights  
Catie Brown to follow up with Pink Cadillac to secure a date for spring.  
Gaye Johnson to follow up with Domino's to secure a date during "March Madness" week.

## Committee Updates:

- **Student Activities / Volunteers**

Valentine's Day Parties: Tara Henson has agreed to organize Room Parents for K-3 classroom parties, while Gaye and Janelle will work together to plan 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade social.

Goal is to have Room Parents and a plan in place by 2/03/2020 and follow up with reminders to ensure each room has a party.

- **Communications – Gaye Johnson**

Nothing to report

- **Reflections – Gaye, Alesa (\$40.00 Budget)**

Received email from Katie Sprouse, VA PTA Reflections Chair, advising the results of Reflections Contest should be available in March. Alesa to email specific date when it becomes available. Ms. Parker hopes to include Reflections recognition with the "Salute to Seuss" assembly already planned for March 4<sup>th</sup>.

- **Clothes Closet – Tracy /Carol (\$900.00 Budget)**

Briefly discussed a plan moving forward for stocking the clothes closet and filling needs. Catie received a flyer from Botetourt outlining needs for their clothes closet including an option for monetary donations. Nathan advised if we choose to send a similar flier, we could purchase addresses from the post office. PTA can depend upon School Administration to advise when a need arises.

- **Hospitality – Molly**

February 12, 2020 -- Yogurt Parfait Bar Valentine Treat for Teachers

- **Fundraising- Melissa**

Planning to advertise a "Pop up Shop" to sell current spirit wear inventory. Need to organize inventory availability, including sizes, then process orders as they are received. Afterward, left over inventory will be set up for sell at Family Fun Night April 24<sup>th</sup>.

Kasey - Cookbook fundraising idea- all members present seem interested in the idea of creating a cookbook as a fundraiser. Catie will check on logistics and forward information to Kasey. Will discuss in the future.

Nathan mentioned that another Domino's offers a Dine-Out Night once a month for Staunton City Schools. He will contact Rush at Lexington Domino's to inquire whether he is willing to offer the same for Central Elementary.

- **Beautification – Rachel / Catie**

Shade structure – The American Dermatologic Association offers a grant program for shade structures for prevention of skin cancer. Rachel to review requirements and limitations, especially as they relate to our current plan to submit a grant request to W&L and proceed as appropriate.

**Next PTA Meeting – Wednesday, February 5, 2020 5 p.m.**

**Adjourned 6:05 p.m.**

**Meeting Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Alesa Chaffin, Central Elementary PTA Secretary**