

**Central Elementary School PTA  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, October 2, 2019**

**Call to Order** – Catie Brown 5:04 PM

**Attendance**

Catie Brown, Ashley Crutchfield, Melissa Jones, Carol Penney, Tracy Gordon, Laura Jones, Kasey Leslie, Maria Kostelni, Rachel Clark, Nathan Chaffin, Dallin Lewis, Alesa Chaffin

**Meeting Minutes**

September 4<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes reviewed by attendees. Moved to approve by Rachel Clark and seconded by Ms. Kostelni.

**Principal's Report (campus beautification)**

Power to pavilion and pressure washing can be provided by Rockbridge County School System; however, there is no set date presently. County has also agreed to provide stone to replace mulch in garden just outside the office window.

**PTA vs PTO**

After a brief discussion, all agreed to move forward with changing to PTO next year. Dallin will research insurance rates etc. in preparation for this transition.

**Membership Update**

Currently there are 148 PTA members.

**FB Notices – Laura Jones / Catie Brown**

- Membership Drive – Continue to encourage PTA membership
- Box Tops /Coke/Kroger
- Annual Walkathon
- Parent Conference Encouragement
- Dine Out Nights: McDonald's, 10/29; Domino's, 11/14; Pink Cadillac, TBD
- Reflections "Call for Entries" link from pta.org

**Committee Updates**

- **Student Activities / Volunteers**
  - Movie Night
  - Walkathon/Fall Festival – \$1000.00 – Gaye
  - Student Assemblies - \$1500.00 – Gaye
- **Beautification – Rachel / Catie**
  - Previously addressed in Principal's Report

## Committee Updates (continued)

- **Central Clothes Closet – Tracy / Carol**

\$900.00

No immediate needs known until requests received. Rachel Clark mentioned the possibility of placing an ad in the newspaper for requesting donations when needs are made known.

Received underwear and sock donations at the Movie Night event.

- **Communications**

Year-at-a-glance calendar of activities – Tracy

Calendar nearly complete. Confirmed a few dates. Planning to have the final draft complete, copied and sorted for sending home in October 8<sup>th</sup> Tuesday folder. Since the calendar consists of School and PTA activities, Catie will request assistance for printing expenses from the school.

- **Fundraising**

Box Tops need turned in to the school by October 25<sup>th</sup> in order for Ashley to submit for payment by November 1<sup>st</sup> post mark date.

- **Hospitality – Molly**

\$500.00

Conference Night Dinner – Molly will handle. Nothing new to report.

- **Reflections – Gaye / Alesa**

Discussed plans for promoting the Reflections program which include:

- Meet students at Rockbridge Regional Library for creating a “Visual Arts” exhibit. October 15<sup>th</sup> 5-7 PM and October 25<sup>th</sup> 3-5 PM
- It was suggested we request donations for needed art supplies from fellow PTA members through sign up genius. Alesa will prepare a list of items and email to Janelle for creating the sign-up genius. A box will be placed in the office to collect donations.
- Flyers to be created by Tracy, Gaye and Alesa to go home in the October 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday folders.
- FB “Call for Entries” to encourage student participation.
- Judges needed: Alesa will contact local artists.
- Suggested requesting art-related donations from businesses for winners. Idea tabled until after the Walkathon.

- **Grant for Playground Shade Structure – Carol Penney**

- Data needed for requesting a W&L community grant for playground shade structure:
  - How many Central students use the outdoor play spaces daily, for PE and Recess?  
Ms. Kostelni, Mr. Brown and Ms. "G" willing to gather the information.
  - Any other learning done outside the school?  
STEM, Egg Drop, Fall Festival, Birds/Boxerwood
  - What other groups would benefit – YMCA Afterschool program, RARO soccer, etc.?  
Time Together Tuesday, Girl / Boy Scouts, Community Parties
  - Typical temperature changes during the school day.  
Catie to collect data
  - In what types of weather do the students NOT go outside?  
Ms. Kostelni willing to gather data including any regulatory policies.
  - Positive impacts of regular exercise / movement to learning?  
Mr. Brown and Ms. "G", Therapists, and Alesa
  - As for the shades, provide reason for the desired brand and justification for the cost.
  - Explain how PTA Fundraising will support the project.
- Ms. Mahood had been contacted for assistance.
- May need information from Randy Walters, regarding what RCPS pays / budgets for regular playground upkeep? And, future plans for improving Central's outdoor play spaces? (i.e. Pavilion, Field Drainage Progress, Mulch Regularly/General Maintenance)
- Catie to provide additional information.
- Data required for grant writing should be forwarded to Carol Penney at [cspenney@comcast.net](mailto:cspenney@comcast.net).

- **Other Business**

Nothing added

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 6:17 PM

**Meeting Minutes Respectfully submitted by Alesa Chaffin, Central PTA Secretary**

**Next Meeting – Wednesday, November 6, 2019 PM**