

# Countryside PTO Meeting Minutes

## September 13, 2017

### **Principal Report, Dr. Korb**

- Welcome, Timberlee Fun, New Staff

### **Presidents, Lisa Witek & Darby Hills**

- B220 Blueprint
  - Options for all schools--share "pie-in-the-sky" ideas (i.e. more parking at Countryside)
  - Encouraged attendance for October Blueprint Meeting
- PTO Fees--75-80% contribute
- Teacher Wish Lists (Sept. & Jan. lists are compiled; Sept. lists are approved in October)

### **Treasurer, Michelle Chase O'Connell**

- Budget Approved
- Teacher Allowances Distributed by 9/22
  - \$150/full time teacher & \$75/part time teacher
- Asked about "big ticket" items for spending...focus on outdoor classroom/garden
  - Phase 1--\$11,000 cost, early October timeline/unveiling for use--plants, beds, picnic tables, functioning outdoor classroom
  - Phase 2-hardscape installation, tbd (concrete, stamped concrete, pavers)
  - Extra funding sources include Green Club Fall Fest & (new) grant writing (position)

### **VP Fundraising, Kaycee Coles**

- Spiritwear--ends 9/25 (free shipping), Barrington choices added beyond Countryside options
- Charleston Wrap ends 9/15
  - Wrap can be ordered throughout the school year and school would continually benefit--Beth Wiggenghorn to share link
  - Items should be delivered to school by conferences
- Square One Art--looking for volunteer chairperson

### **VP Special Committees, Cindy Galley**

- Countryside Committed Week, 9/18-9/22
  - Tuesday/Thursday lunch volunteers
  - Friday Pajama Day approved
- Family Fit Night, 9/22

### **VP Standing Committees, Nicole Koviak**

- Room Parent Meeting September 21, 8:15 a.m.

### **Secretary, Heidi Doyle**

- Display Case--notify Amy Chavous or Loren Jaynes if you would like to reserve a time frame (4-8 weeks) to use display cases

### **VP of Environmental, Jennifer Kainz**

- Recycling Center - Volunteers are needed, please sign up. There will be a link in the Wildcat Weekly. Fun times to be had by all in the cafeteria scene.

- Garden and the Outdoor Classroom - there will be a phase one unveiling on 10/13. We will create a special place in the corner that's a memorial area that represents teachers that have come through here at Countryside and been here a long time. We have received a \$2,000 grant from Whole Foods. The (4) picnic tables we are getting are wheel chair accessible.
- There is a Green Club meeting tomorrow, 9/14 @ 2:45pm in Mrs. Reur's classroom.
- The Green Club Fall Festival is scheduled for Friday the 13th at 6:00pm and will be a spooktacular event with more details to come. Please rsvp in the link on the Wildcat Weekly.

**Teacher Report, Nicole Gorges** - nothing new to report

**Speakers** - Melissa Buckley and Kyle Kick from BStrong Together introduced the new organization that is to benefit the health and well-being of Barrington-area children and youth in mind, body and spirit. They have parent educational coffees scheduled. The first one is "Helping Your Child Through Tough Times" on Thursday, September 28th. They will launch the organization at a family event (run/walk) on Sunday October 15th in Citizens Park.