



Meeting Minutes

Attendance: 24

PTO Meeting – November 8, 2017

Speaker

Dr. Craig Winkelman

- **Blueprint Update**
 - Master Facilities Plan
 - Visited colleges, schools in Midwest, Local (Lake Zurich, Stevenson), Sunset Ridge
 - Identified 4 Main Components across the schools--aligned standards among all elementary buildings--create parity
 - Visual & Performing Arts, Physical Activity & Wellness, Future-Ready Learning, STEM & Career Pathways
 - Seeking feedback--surveys going out in December
 - Former Countryside Parent, Lori Madison, is a good advocate for Countryside needs--she's very involved in the Blueprint process and can be reached via Lisa Witek
- **Third week of January--funding and implementation plans**

Principal Report

Dr. Korb

- **Flexible Learning Space--formerly known as Computer Lab**
 - apple TV for mirroring iPads
 - Monitor, White Boards, Smart Board, Green Screen--*innovative Work Space*
 - Professional, long-term alternate seating
 - 6 weeks out from unveiling of the space
- **Will honor Veterans at Flag-Raising Ceremony 11-10**
- **Teachers participated in Guided Math Inservice 11/3**
 - More individualized & small group instruction
- **MAP Testing occurred at Countryside 11/7-11/9**

Teacher Report

Nicole Gorges

Presidents

Lisa Witek @ lwlw0918@gmail.com

Darby Hills @ darby.hills@gmail.com

- New date for February General Meeting: Wednesday, February 21 @ 8am.
- Teacher Wish List: review list. Will vote at the end of the meeting.

Treasurer

Michelle Chase O'Connell @ michellechase@yahoo.com

- Financial Update
 - Thank you to those who donate via "no stress" fundraising--over \$1,000 raised
 - Thank you, Wickstrom family, for \$2,000 donation towards garden efforts

- o Teacher Wish Lists thoroughly reviewed--fall budget \$8,000; over \$15,000 of requests were made
 - Will try to use Scholastic dollars for requests if materials are available
 - Encourage teachers to submit wish lists in spring

VP Fundraising **Kaycee Coles @ kayceecoles@gmail.com**

- Square One Art due 11/10. Thank you for your support & thank you to chair Sunny Shin.
- Thank you for your purchases. Thank you to chairs Kerry Forrester & Cori Fiddes.
- Script Gift Card Program: Forms out by 11/17 and orders due back by 11/27.
- Holiday Gift Shoppe: Open 12/18 – 20.
 - o Spirit of giving to others, not a fundraiser
 - o low cost items
- Customized Holiday cards available for purchase through Charleston Wrap.
 - o 2-4 weeks delivery & school benefits with percentage back
- Wolves Game Countryside Family Outing in February--to be organized by Amy Chavous and we will get a percentage back from tickets sold

VP Special Committees **Cindy Galley @ cfgalley@yahoo.com**

- Thank you to all who attended the 5th Grade Mother/Daughter Event.
- 5th Grade Father/Son Event: Still available. Friday (11/10) from 6:30-8:30pm (Gym).
- Parent Party Save the Date: February 3 @ 7pm @ Pinstripes

VP Standing Committees **Nicole Koviak @ koviak@hotmail.com**

- Thank you all for clipping box tops. Generated more than \$600 for the school. Thank you Lindsay Golich and Jamie Frey for chairing the program.
- Thank you to all room parents for the fabulous Halloween parties. Please remember to submit your pics to be included in the Yearbook.
- Thank you Hospitality Chairs, Gwen Carfora & Courtney Meuer, for their efforts to coordinate great dinners for our teachers and staff during conferences.
- Thank you to all who supported the “We Scare Hunger” program. Thank you chairs Christie Dycus & Melissa Rolka.
- Tasty Tuesday on 11/14. Featured veggie...Brussels sprouts
- Countryside Cares Meeting on 11/14 @ 2:45pm
- Six Flags ‘Read to Succeed’ program
 - o Teachers receive a ticket when 8 students participate
- Seeking an Enrichment Chair--let us know if you are interested in filling position

VP of Environmental **Jennifer Kainz @ jenkainz@gmail.com**

- Garden & Outdoor Classroom: unveil 10/13
- Thank you chairs Julie Joyce & Alyssa Pazdan for an awesome Spooky Kooky Night. Raised \$2.5K for the Countryside Garden
- Green Club Meeting: Tomorrow, 11/9 @ 2:45pm

Secretary **Heidi Doyle @ heidimdoyle@gmail.com**

- Welcoming Chair Gwen Carfora
- High School is seeking 180 volunteers for Young Hearts for Life--training Dec. 6 & event Dec. 7

Coming Up at Countryside . . .

NOVEMBER	
8	PTO General Meeting @ 8am
9	Green Club Meeting @ 2:45pm
10	5 th Grade Father/Son Event @ 6pm
14	Countryside Cares Meeting @ 2:45pm
17-27	Manna Gift Card Sale

DECEMBER	
12	Countryside Cares Meeting @ 2:45pm
14	Green Club Meeting @ 2:45pm
18-20	Holiday Shoppe (open during lunch & recess)
22	Countryside Holiday Parties