

**CLINTON VALLEY ELEMENTARY PTO MEETING**  
**Wednesday October 16th PTO Meeting**  
**Agenda**

Attending: Kevin Stackpoole, Leslie Day, Dennis Shagena, Lisa Young, Christina Scarbury, Alanna Solomon, Rena Little, Beth Diem, David & Julie Brown, Margot L., Tim H., Samantha Morden, Alyssa Strohm, Debbie Spring, Mrs. Wright, April Wilson, Liz Stone

**Presidents Welcome:** Kristen Murray introduced as PTO president and welcomes parents, teachers/staff to the meeting.

**Principals Report:** Mrs. Wright will discuss Cardinal Corner, Morley Candy Fundraiser, Positivity Project/how PEN Night went and happenings around school. She will then proceed to Positivity Project's Awards Ceremony. **Morley – last year we made about \$12,000. This year we made about \$6,500. Want to make sure we are very transparent. We didn't have as many participating this year. We use the money for: supplies for the kids (say a teacher wants to use flex seating in their classroom, she can order it). We will try a different fundraiser next year. At Cherokee, within 3 weeks they made \$25,000. The Cardinal Store opened up on Friday. Janet Phillips (4<sup>th</sup> Grade) received some feedback. 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> was all positive. K-1 was a bit of a challenge because they had a hard time deciding what they wanted. The kids LOVE the cardinal cash!! They are showing a lot of positive behavior and it's been a great atmosphere. We have had quite a few volunteers for the store. We had one parent say that if no one else volunteers, she could come in every week. K will be going down on Friday with their buddy and 1<sup>st</sup> will be going with their buddy tomorrow (Thursday). We have asked the students some of the things they would like to see at the store as well. Mrs. Wright sent back a communication with feedback from PEN night. Positivity project feedback was good. People wanted to know what was going on with it. They enjoyed it. It is up to you what we do on those nights so it is beneficial for all of YOU.**

Tonight's Positivity Project's Student Awards will go to:

Luke Stackpoole - Pre K (Michlewski) **attending** 😊  
Zayn Issa - Pre K (Shattuck) **attending** 😊  
Sofia Lambert - Kindergarten (Susalla)  
Crane Newsom - Kindergarten (Tech) **attending** 😊  
Rylinn Robinson - 1<sup>st</sup> grade (Kroll) **attending** 😊  
Owen Hakim - 1<sup>st</sup> grade (Avila) **attending** 😊  
Bree Ellsion - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade (Rees) **attending** 😊  
Lucas King - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade (Chimenti) **attending** 😊  
Elijah Bunk - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade (Bigham)  
Joshua Young - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade (Kowalski) **attending** 😊  
Jacob Torrez - 4<sup>th</sup> grade (Strohm) **attending** 😊  
Skylar Solomon - 4<sup>th</sup> grade (Phillips) **attending** 😊  
Trenton Dillon - 5<sup>th</sup> grade (Rice)  
Addison Morden - 5<sup>th</sup> grade (Roddy) **attending** 😊

Kristen will discuss happenings in district that were discussed at CAC (Citizen Action Committee) meeting that was reported on Oct 10<sup>th</sup>.

- **Bond Updates:** This was briefly talked about last year at the PTO meeting. Here are the updates from the district.

- The district has been repairing and improving the infrastructure of the technology. Over the summer the core systems were updated and replaced. Much of the bond money has not been spent in a way yet that can be seen at school level. New wireless access points are being added within the schools, instead of one access point per 2 or 3 classrooms, access points have been added to every classroom and common area to improve connectivity. The district has partnered with Knights Watch for new security cameras, they have focused on the high schools first, will then move to middle school and lastly will be elementary schools. This was determined by need based, the cameras in the high schools were the oldest and in the most need of updating. High schools and middle schools have been given updated computers/laptops for their CTE and ELA programs. Up next classrooms will be equipped with new LED smart boards, district is hoping to begin installing within the next month or so and will continue into the spring and summer, they hope to have complete by Fall of 2020. The district is looking into new devices for elementary students, touch screen devices to make testing easier in the future and updated computer labs.
- Security:
  - Info about cameras: Cameras are equipped with capabilities to follow a person's description throughout school; not quite facial recognition. Door locks to be updated so they can safely be locked from inside if the need should arise. The district has partnered with Clinton Township Police and Michigan Sheriff's offices for best lock down processes, at this time they are still in discussions. The district is looking to have this completed throughout the school year and into next summer. Pull stations are to be installed in various areas of each school. When pulled, a pre-recorded message will come over the intercoms for teachers with protocol of directions. A notification will then go to local PD and state law enforcement. All admins will have an app to know which pull station was activated.
- Administration changes/New Training for teachers:
  - There were 20 administrative building changes throughout the summer. **A lot of shifting around as far as admins/principals go.**
  - Evidence based reading instruction - All teachers and administrators will be required for this training. Look at how reading is being taught and how it can be improved upon.
  - Curriculum refinement - 1 teacher per grade, per school. They will be looking at what is essential and provide consistency throughout the district of how things are being taught.
  - NGSX (Science) Training - The district will be taking a more hands on approach so students will have the experience and not just "learning/reading" about different scientific concepts.
  - Data and Assessment Literacy - Looking at data for our student body and analyzing to figure out what is useful and what can go, once again for consistency.

- Restorative practices - The district has stated that the zero-tolerance approach has not worked in the past for behavioral issues. So, the district has adopted the restorative practices mindset. When there is any type of unusual behaviors within the school that will disrupt the school day or that will affect the students' ability to actively learn, etc. this method will be used. It has been found a suspension or expulsion does not solve the underlying problem. Students are brought in for a discussion about how they felt, why they feel the situation occurred, how they think it made the other person feel and what can be done differently. Approximately 175 teachers and 50 administrators will be trained in restorative practices.
- Trauma & Resilience - District staff will be trained on proper care of children who have experienced trauma in/out of school, making sure they are treated in a way that fits their situation. This ties into the restorative practices to get them back into the needed mindset to learn and be successful.

### **Upcoming District Events:**

Chippewa Valley School's Transportation Staff will be hosting its annual Stuff-a-Bus on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at Walmart on Hall Rd and Romeo Plank. This is 100% organized by our district's bus staff. They will need coats, gloves, hats, clothes, toys, nonperishable food items etc. Flyers are available.

On Wednesday November 6<sup>th</sup> the district will be hosting a Vape Awareness Night at Dakota High school from 6:30pm-8:30pm. No charge to attend and they will begin serving dinner at 6:30pm. The district has requested a RSVP to this event. Flyers for event are available here tonight. This is open to any adult in the community and students grade 6-12.

**Title One Report:** It is unclear at this time if Lynn Hyndshaw will be present.

**Teacher's Report:** A teacher will be reporting any needs the teachers may have. **Mrs. Strohm reported for the teachers. Every Veterans Day we have the veterans come in. They enjoy chatting with each other. We usually do a silent dismissal however since they enjoy chatting with each other, we are thinking of doing cookies/lemonade for the veteran's, Since not in the budget: Voted: 21 in favor, 0 opposed. Motion passed.**

**Treasurer's Report:** Debbie Spring will discuss all transactions that have cleared this month. **Biggest thing was our Chuck-E-Cheese \$600.85 was brought in. \$2,705.72. is our balance at this point**

**Old Business:** Liz Stone will discuss what has been completed thus far for Boo Bash/Trunk or Treat and details of event, who is scheduled where and the evening's events. How the Chuck E Cheese Fundraiser went (see above). Boo bash is from 6-8. WE have enough candy from our competition that anyone has signed up for trunk or treat, we have plenty of candy and you don't need to purchase. If you pay the \$10 for the trunk or treat, your admission is waived for the Boo Bash. Student council will vote on the best decorated cars. TBD gift card. Receive a ticket for a free glass of cider and a free donut. Phatmandoo pizza will be selling pizza for \$2 per slice. Will also have free ice cream coupons. Bake sale is based on donations. We are a NUT FREE event this year. There will be games this year as well since we have volunteers this year. Pumpkin bowling, witches brew, ring toss, bean bag toss, tattoo station, fortune telling station, DJ service. Baked goods can be homemade, they just need to be in individual wrappers. Entrance will be over by the gym. At the door is \$10, prepay is \$8.

### **New Business:**

- Conferences coming up. Giving Tree tags will be available for parents to pick up? We have a new social worker in the building. Monica Weaver that we will be working with. We put up a fake tree by the office with tags that say something like "7 yr old boy, size 7 pants", etc. We will try to have some of the tags by conferences so that you can see what it is.
- Do we want a PTO presence at conferences?
- Upcoming family fun night at Zap Zone. Cancelled, moved to January 24th due to scheduling conflicts. What would we like to see next month? Phatmandoo will be an onsite restaurant night. Any suggestions?
- Upcoming Holiday Market (Craft and Vendor Show) In 48 hours we already have 16 potential sign ups. This will take place on Saturday November 16<sup>th</sup> from 9am-3pm if you know anyone that does crafts or does direct sales, please refer them to us! Space is filling up fast! (Tupperware, etc.)
- Santa Shop/Holiday Event will be discussed. Sign up for stations is available tonight. Dec 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>. Looking for volunteers for helping the students with the shopping/wrapping
- Continuing Cardinal Corner scheduling. If anyone wants to sign up for this, look for the signup genius on our FB page.

### **Fundraising:**

- April Wilson will discuss current standings in Box Tops (when clipped Box Tops are due)
- Current standing in Shoparoo 66 supporters currently, just over \$10 now.
- Liz will report on upcoming spirit wear promotions. Last year was our first year. The Sport Hut allows us to pick a number of designs. Runs all year and there is nothing we have to do to run it. We made about \$113 last year. Trying to pump it up this year since the more we raise, the higher percentage we receive. Ms. Beck should be adding a link to the Clinton Valley webpage for Spirit Wear. They run a log of promotions throughout the year which we will update on our FB page, etc. Anyone can order, even out of state family. There are 4-5 options for Chippewa Valley as well, not just Clinton Valley.

### **Parent Questions/Comments?**