PTA Community Meeting Minutes
10.17.2025

Attendees: Jen Bryan, Millie Smith, Sam Pugh, Lauren Hanson, Lindsey Sumida, Anne Badger, Brittney Armstrong, Liz Morrison, Yvonne Steinberg, Luisa Rosen, Alexa Cares, Jeff VanIwarden

1. **Welcome**

2. **Principal's report**
    - We are getting closer to the Jogathon goal; we really appreciate all the donations. Donations will be collected through October.
    - Sara Remington will be back on Monday.
    - Prizes for reaching the Jogathon Fundraising Goals:
        - Yesterday, we did Boogie at the Bell, which was the first prize for students from the jogathon fundraiser.
        - There will be separate K-2 and 3-5 assemblies for Zoo at the School on Nov. 7.
            - One person recommended that CCE share with parents about allergies and how the zoo/school will handle potential exposures.
        - Sundae Fun Day will be on Nov. 14.
    - Potential math night
        - Mr. O will provide a demonstration about what the new math curriculum entails.
        - Jeff will meet with the instructional leadership team on Oct. 28 to select a date for the demonstration.
    - The BVSD Showcase is next Wednesday from 5-8 PM at CU. All the schools will be represented.

3. **Finance update**
    - The Jogathon goal was $38,000, which was lowered since last year. We are currently $1,200 short of our goal; we are at $36,184, which is 95% of the goal. We expect some corporate matches to come in, so we are hopeful we will meet that goal.
    - Corporate sponsorship update (Jen Bryan)
        - With pledges, we are right under $6,000.
        - Jen has also heard about some corporate sponsors wanting to make in-kind donations, which we can use as part of a Silent Auction.
    - Dining for Dollars and Parents Night Out
        - We are projecting $3,000+ this year.
        - Liz heard about Lucky Pie and Sweet Cow are doing a DfD night plus providing some auction items for another school.
    - Library funds
        - Our intention was to include library updates for non-fiction books in the 2025-26 budget. However, we didn't have the budgeted amount at that time. Therefore, we

need to send a vote to PTA members for approval of these funds as part of this year's budget.
    - The vote will go out to PTA members on Monday; make sure you register to become a member if you aren't already.
- The after-school clubs asked for $400, which we were able to approve as a board.

4. Volunteer update

- There are a few more slots for snacks and coffee for teachers; they ask for that once per month.
- Oct. 28 is photo retake day: they need two volunteers for about two hours in the morning. If you can volunteer, please do.
- Door decorating
    - Lauren has done teacher appreciation for five years. Every year, it has gotten a little harder to get people to participate.
    - At this point, 12 people have signed up, and we need 24 more doors to fill. Lauren is going to ask Erika to push out another blast and will extend the signup date to Oct. 29, along with some examples of door decorations.
    - There are a lot of ideas online on Pinterest and other websites for examples of what you can do to decorate a door.
    - Decorating doors adds some homey-ness to the school.
    - People use construction paper, wrapping paper, large format printers, etc.
    - Lauren can see if the library has availability on Oct. 26 for people to gather to create the door decorations.
    - Anne will include information about the door decorating in the upcoming newsletter
    - The doors are up all year.
- Breakroom sign-up
    - Liz will email instructions on which coffee pods to purchase for the staff breakroom.

5. Parent/child mental health check

- Liz Morrison provided a space for people to ask questions.
    - One parent asked about what Liz is seeing around screen time, specifically for a 5th grader. Even if they don't have a phone, they may have a watch or other device.
        - Liz recommends a movie called, *Screenagers*. It gives a lot of content about the risks and impacts from exposure to social media. She is seeing issues with screen usage among kids who are slightly older than 5th grade, including picture sharing, etc. Parents can also become more heightened and paranoid because of it.
        - The best thing you can do is communicate with other parents about what to do. More studies are coming out about how screen time for kids under 16/17, specifically social media and platforms like YouTube, can be detrimental.
        - If you give a kid a phone with internet access, it's best that you sit down and talk through the boundaries.
    - E-bikes

        - Some parents don't realize that bikes that are technically motorcycles are not covered by homeowners' insurance and warrant motorcycle insurance instead.
        - Kids can purchase bikes and then watch videos on how to modify them to make them more like a motorcycle.
        - One person said that part of the problem is that there aren't buses to LMS from a lot of parts of Louisville, so some parents turn to e-bikes instead.
    - One person asked about lists for people/organizations to contact who offer screening assessments and provide services.
        - Ms. Devon and BVSD offer lists for getting assessments done and service providers
        - CCE has a speech therapist and occupational therapist in the building.
        - There's a lot of variability in terms of teachers' comfort-level with talking to parents about harder conversations. It is Ms. Devon and other professionals' skillset, rather than teachers.
        - There's also a threshold for those who qualify for services, so it can be difficult to know what to do when a kid cannot receive direct services but may need some support.

6. Upcoming events

- Door Decorating - now through Oct 29
- Dining for Dollars: Chipotle (Oct 21)
- Halloween Parade and class parties (Oct 31) – please make sure that parents come in through the main door, rather than the classroom door to receive a sticker.
- Parents Night Out - Mtn Kids (Nov 15)
- Dining for Dollars: Snarfs (Dec 10)
- Chuck E. Cheese (Jan 2026)
- Skate City (Feb 10)