

PTO Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October, 2015

1. October Happenings review *(Kathryn Gomez)*

10/7 Fall Individual Pictures (children in uniform)

10/9 2nd Grade Vocabulary Parade

10/12 Book Fair Family Night from 3:45-5:00pm

10/14 Boosterthon Fundraiser Pep Rally

10/21 Early Release Day

10/23 Boosterthon Fun Run

10/26 & 10/27 No School

10/26 Conference Week

10/29 Halloween Dance from 3:30-5:00pm

2. Introduction of new SAC President John Koepke *(Principal Collins)*

a. John Koepke is the new SAC Leader

- SAC stands for Student Advisory Council, which is a group that is focused on continuous improvement in various aspects of the school system ranging from opportunity to leverage state funding and traffic flow in the student drop-off/pickup line.
- 1 parent seat is OPEN on the council. If interested, you can pick up an application form in the front office.

3. Parent Pickup *(Principal Collins)*

- There are 77 additional students in our system for the 2015-2016 school year! This has increased the volume of cars engaged in drop-off/pickup. However, we are still performing within excellent standards! The last car is pulling away in time for the 8:20 final bell in the morning, and the afternoon is complete in 25-35 minutes. All in all, it is going very well. However, if you have ideas to improve the flow, please share them with Principal Collins for consideration.
 - Note: Example idea was to open up two lanes for morning drop-off. This was rejected due to the safety of the students: Students exiting in exterior lanes could be at risk of moving cars in the inside lanes. Safety remains our top priority!

4. FSA Scores *(Principal Collins)*

- CME has received the T-scores for 3rd, 4th, 5th grades in ELA and Math
- Preliminary review indicates that of the 61 schools in the Lee County School District, CME placed 3rd in the district and 1st in Cape Coral.

- Thanks and congrats to our staff and families who partner to educate our children
- 5. Renaming CME Parent Survey:** (Principal Collins)
 - An email was sent to families to survey the option of modifying the name of Christa McAuliffe Charter Elementary to take advantage of Oasis branding in the community. Please complete the survey so that your voice can be heard!
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VZTT6W5>
 - 6. PTO Budget Review:**
 - Ending Balance: \$5589.79
 - Beginning Balance: \$6651.50
 - 7. Boosterthon/CME's Shuttle Scuttle** (*Kathryn Gomez*)
 - Pep Rally kickoff 10/14/15
 - Fundraiser will include 9 days of interactive learning: Fitness, Leadership, and Character Lessons all while having fun!
 - Every child will be able to participate (excluding VPK due to scheduling of afternoon versus morning classes & opportunity to participate).
 - Flyers will be coming soon!
 - Pledges are per lap (max 35) and are online only
 - Volunteers needed to pass out waters during the Fun Run on October 23. Look for the signup link in the Friday flyers.
 - 50 states pledge incentive: If a student's gets a pledge from every state, the student will receive lunch and a limo ride with Principal Collins and a friend.
 - 8. 10th Annual Fall Festival** (*Kathryn Gomez*)
 - Hogtastic will be the food vendor – Likness family from CME
 - Returning & new activities this year
 - Be on the lookout for pre-sale wristband flyers; \$10 in advance/\$15 at the door
 - 9. Candy Cane Lane** (*Kathryn Gomez*)
 - Coordinator needed for this event! It is a very popular event that the children love. Email Kathryn at CME.PTO@CapeCharterSchools.org if interested
 - 10. Watch D.O.G.S** (*Ms. Meehan*)
 - It is not too late to sign up!
 - T-shirt orders can no longer be accepted at school – however, they are available online. For information, visit <http://dogstore2.fathers.com/>
 - 11. Questions?** (*Kathryn Gomez*)
 - Thank you for coming!
 - Please remember to sign in for your hours for attending tonight's' meeting.
 - Be sure to like CME Families on Facebook!
 - Email cme.pto@capecharterschools.org with any questions you have!
 - Next PTO Meeting: Tuesday, 11/3.
 - Have a great evening!