

In attendance: Renee Grzankowski, Melissa Tuller, Julie Arms, Laine Cadorette, Dinah Yessne, Carrie Stoner, Chris Cadorette and Mary Alice Proffitt.

1. Candi Smith Fund Request

The group read over the fund request submitted by Candi Smith on March 7, 2019. Candi was not in attendance at the meetings so there was a motion to contact Candi and have her attend our next meeting to discuss the request.

2. Financial update

Renee gave the financial report since our last meeting on March 7th. There was a profit of \$226.72 from the pancake breakfast held on March 16th. Food expense was \$80.28, 50/50 pay out was \$54. Admissions brought in \$253 and raffle sales \$108. The total deposit back into the account was \$427 (which included the starting bank of \$120). The BINGO night pizza check was cashed for \$170.54 as was the check for event supplies in the amount of \$73.94. A check was written for Winter Wellness in the amount of \$2,150. Interest earned this month on the savings account was \$6.57. Over the last month there has been a decrease in the combined accounts of \$2,080.91. The PTNO checking account has \$450.28 and the savings \$7,559.05. A check to reimburse for the Para educator gifts was written in the amount of \$130.00 during the meeting. The financial report was accepted by the group.

3. Winter Wellness Wrap up

Feedback was that the first trip was a bit disorganized but by the third time the kinks were worked out. A third bus was added for the second and third trip making transit much more comfortable. There were multiple expressions of gratitude to the group from parents expressing their appreciation of the financial contribution to the wellness trips. The group would like to form a Winter Wellness Committee to work with Administration to help with organizing next year's event. One idea is to have the prospective downhill skiers leave earlier and come back later. This expanded time would afford participation in morning and/or afternoon lesson options.

4. Artist-In-Residence for 2019-2020

Dinah presented some of her notes taken from a meeting with Cat last month.

Do we want an artist in residence next year? Every year? Is cost a consideration if we don't get a grant? Next year and every year, finances permitting. Cat is also in favor of a yearly residency, so long as it meets her criteria which are intended to assure that the quality of the experience is worth the time it takes away from regular classroom work. (1) Vt Arts Council grant, which in theory is available to us every year but requires that we use one of the artists on their teaching artist roster, and (2) Creative Schools Initiative, which gives us a free residency if we send a team to their Teacher Institute (this may be a onetime opportunity; also, our team is matched with one of their teaching artists, and depending on when our team applies, the available artists may be limited).

Should we only engage artists who can bring a cross-cultural perspective to their residency along with the art education? Cat has always been pretty firm about wanting artists who can bring some cross-cultural piece to their residency since there are few other opportunities for CES students to get this exposure and it is such an important piece of global citizenship. However, she is perfectly fine defining "culture" as

broadly as possible - for example, she spoke of there being various different cultures represented just among Calais residents, so there is room for us to use our imagination here.

Must our AIR be a trained teaching artist like the last two we have had? No.

Trained teaching artists by definition provide a much richer experience, but as long as the artist is a good teacher and brings the cross-cultural piece they would not be ruled out.

What type of artist do we want for next year? A couple of people suggested polling parents, an idea that could not be agreed upon. As we did last year, the goal will be to present Cat with 2-3 choices for next year and have them pick, UNLESS we want to try and pull off the Creative Schools Initiative.

How important is the community piece (culminating event)? Very important as the PTNO's mission is highly focused on community engagement.

Carrie shared that the younger grades should be a focus for next year's residency.

Renee would like to see music instruction included in the residency and perhaps have it spread out rather than a 5 day long residency that happens all in one week.

An Artist in Residence Committee was started that will include Dinah, Renee, Mary Alice and Carrie. The group intends to meet soon to work with the three teachers (Alex Morse, Stacey Rupp and Sam) in which Cat has identified to Dinah as the contacts for next year's residence planning. Chris shared that the school board was in awe of the artist in residency and called it "truly amazing."

5. Box Tops

The missing check was sent to the WCSU and was received in December. The second annual check is expected this month.

6. Tools for Schools Points

Sandy selected games to give to the classrooms with the points that have been accumulated. Carrie will research more how we can use this tool to gain even more resources for purchases we need.

- a. School code is 15313
- b. Email is calaisschool@u32.org

7. Nominations for open board positions

- a. President—Carrie Stoner
- b. Vice President—Mary Alice Proffitt
- c. Secretary—Melissa Tuller
- d. Box Tops Captain—no nominations

8. Elections for board positions

- a. President—Carrie Stoner
- b. Vice President—Mary Alice Proffitt
- c. Secretary—Melissa Tuller
- d. Treasurer—Renee Grzankowski

As all positions were run uncontested a parliamentary vote was taken through one ballot to elect all those nominated for all the positions. The ballot was approved and the new board positions will go in effect after the last meeting of the school year, May 13, 2019.

9. Summary of Pancake Breakfast

Attendance was in the 40s. Made \$226. Some reasons for lower attendance were conflicting events, too early in the month and there are smaller class sizes in the lower grades. Reconsider next year's event with these factors in mind.

10. Plan Summer meeting

6pm Monday, July 15, 2019 at Renee's camp on Nelson Pond. Mary Alice volunteered her house if it rains. We will also have a pot luck dinner. Agenda items include Welcome Back BBQ and Artist in Residence.

11. Next meeting Monday May 13, 2019