

## MINUTES

CHiPA Meeting

Date/Time: Jan 14, 2015 at 8:30 AM

Location: TCH Parent Room/Music Room

- 1) Welcome – Sue Bolde welcomed everyone and asked for additional items for the agenda.
- 2) Discussion Items
  - a) School Carnival – Sandra and Dan Besselsen are working diligently to plan what looks to be an outstanding event for the school on Saturday, January 24th. Volunteer Spot shows that 51% of the volunteer slots are filled, so please sign up if you haven't already! Dan will check with Sandra to see if room parents are needed to set-up and take-down the event. Dan discussed a few details as follows:
    - i) Coins from the Dime Game will be donated to the Cherryland Humane Society;
    - ii) Doctors and Nurses are still needed to assist with the Hospital Station – contact Nicole Klau if interested;
    - iii) the Amazing Shrinking Machine still needs objects – Dan Besselsen will check with Susan Ruoff who created the game last year;
    - iv) the Photo Booth could use additional “costumes” – contact Dan Besselsen if you have ideas.
  - b) TCH Annual Fund – Frank Petty, TCH Board Chair, and Jessica Sullivan, TCH Board Treasurer, shared the Board's proposal of offering an incentive to participate in the annual fund campaign. The Board seeks 100% participation in the annual fund and will contribute \$500 to each classroom in which all families donate a financial gift of any amount to the annual fund. Room parents are asked to endorse the incentive program through emails to their respective classroom families. Any room parent who is uncomfortable requesting donations can approach Missy Russell who will help to identify an alternate classroom parent to take on this task. Carmen Stevens, a parent in Melissa's classroom, has agreed to assist with the annual fund campaign and the Board will provide a break down of how contributions to the annual fund are utilized.
  - c) Purpose of CHiPA – Mary Schiller suggested that the purpose of CHiPA expand to include the role of a “parent voice” and liaison to the Board regarding important school issues, perhaps by adding CHiPA officers and a policy committee. Discussion ensued around the transparency of Board practices, parental impact on Board decisions, and access to Board members by parents. Solutions were proposed but require further exploration. The group agreed to devote the next CHiPA meeting on February 11, 2015 to this topic. As always, everyone is welcome to join the meeting; Sue Bolde offered to work with Missy Russell to provide an all-school communication to parents inviting them to attend.
- 3) Upcoming Events
  - a) Gala – Next meeting in on Friday 1/16/15 from 8:30–9:30AM. All are welcome.

**Next CHiPA Meeting: Wednesday, 2/11/15 at 8:30 AM.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sue Bolde.