

Friday, February 17, 2017, 9 am, Cafeteria

Minutes:

I. Attendees

Leigh Bush, Chevis Collins, Jen Feingold, Marnie Kamensky, Asmita Vaidya, Alyson Yoder, Seth Kosloff, Melissa Adler, Wei-Ling Chang, Yu Feng, Jill Asrael, Darcey Perlman, Cat Sinclair, Darcy Kinnersley, Cher Serhal, Erin Yokomichi, Caren Berger, Paula Hruska, Jennifer Torrance, Lisa Champeau, Rachel Schmela, Amy Shineman, Nani Tessema, Theresa Holyer, Samantha Webb, Lisa Farr, Shayna Citron, and Sunny Shim.

I. Welcome, Call to Order

- Steph Fisher, Co-President, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:03 am. She invited all guests to help themselves to bagels and coffee at any time.

II. Officer Dawson: Cell Phone & Internet Safety

- Officer Dawson shared his background and an overview presentation about how to protect our children from inappropriate cell phone and Internet use. General rule is to have same rules/guidelines as you would for kids in any other area of their life.
- Gaming sites – how much information are they sharing? Who are they chatting with?
- Never give out their real name, address, phone number, age, school name, photos of family or information about their family or friends. Also never give anyone your passwords, PINs, account numbers, social security number.
- Where kids go online changes constantly. Right now Snapchat is the worst as the information they post can be captured via a screen shot and saved forever without their consent. Instagram/Facebook – followers/friends are their “currency.” Kids boast about how many followers/friends they have. Middle school aged kids should only have a few followers and only kids they know well. If inappropriate material is discovered, notify the site.
- The law – a sexual photo on a device is punishable the same as drugs. Possession and distribution! If your child shows you a sexually explicit photo, as a parent you can delete it right away, notify the school and/or notify law enforcement. Chances are if your child received it many more did also and it’s about to go viral.
- Blogs have made a comeback. Public: anyone can see it or find it via a web search. Private: user controls who sees it and how much they can see. However, kids can still



accept every request then, over time, add them to their blog. Again, numbers are a social currency.

- Question was asked about monitoring software – Officer Dawson did not have a specific recommendation though did mention Webwatcher. He suggested having an Internet/cell phone contract with our child. Also to let them know they are being monitored.
- Officer Dawson offered some free handouts available in PDF. Email him at gdawson@da18.state.co.us.

III. Ways & Means – Amy Shineman

- Teacher chance – last day for sales is today. The drawing will be at the end of the day. We are on target to make a similar amount to last year's online sales.
- Sock Hop is March 10th – look for flyer coming home soon. Face painting is different in that you can purchase a chance to win. Names will be entered into a drawing.
- Parents Night Out/Auction is April 21st at Two Penguins – theme is bar games, with casual attire. Invitations will be going out soon. The online auction will take place the week prior – April 12th-19th. Only one online auction this year as it has proved difficult for procurement of items for two auctions.
- The store, Evereve, will to hosting a shopping night to benefit Cottonwood Creek on Thursday, March 16th from 5-9 pm.

IV. Budget Review – Cat Sinclair

- Cat passed out Profit & Loss Statement and Balance Sheet. No major fundraisers since the fall. We are on track to meet our budget if all goes well with the remaining fundraisers.

V. Calendar Update – Cher Serhal

- Cher read a thank you note from the 5th grade team for the last teacher hospitality event.
- Reviewed upcoming dates through the middle of March.

VI. New Business

- Theresa Holyer, 5th grade continuation co-chair, asked for help finding a 4th grade parent who would be available this afternoon to see how the Friday Frenzy works. The first Friday Frenzy brought in around \$1,000 and this one is set to make \$800. All proceeds go to pay for the 5th grade continuation.
- Nicole Terch was acknowledged at Volunteer of the Year
- Caren Berger encouraged all to create their personal pages in their child's yearbook. Directions were sent home on a flyer and are available online at



www.cottonwoodcreekpto.com. There is about a month remaining before the deadline. A question was asked about what would be in the place of the pages if a parent chooses not to customize – she was not sure – possibly a year in review or blank.

- Steph Fisher mentioned that the PTO is currently recruiting for next year – all board positions, except Co-Presidents, as well as committee chairs. Anyone interested is encouraged to stay after the meeting to ask questions of the current board.

VII. Meeting Close

- There being no further question or additional business proposed, upon motion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:08 am