

CPO minutes 12/4/09

In attendance: Tad Abernathy, Francene Butts, Ilene Gaekwad, Lisa Harlan, Ell Parnon, and Kari Rieck.

Principal report given at 11:15am by Lisa Harlan.

Many students were out during the week before Thanksgiving due to illness and travel plans. Now that December is here, though, everything seems to be back on track with classes well-attended. Hopefully, students will come back from Winter Break in good health so that January will be the same.

There are many activities going on in December - band and choir concerts, Early Bird Drama's presentation of Looking Glass Land, and the school talent show (including a teacher group entry) which will be held on the last Friday before Winter Break.

Cheldelin staff were recognized for their United Way contributions. Among all of the 509J schools, Cheldelin was given an Award of Distinction for its high level of participation in the campaign.

A group of 7th graders is working with Ms. Harlan to come up with a different way to organize lunch so that the 7th grade would not have to be split at lunchtime. Possible solutions include lengthening the lunch period or reformatting the entire school day, but these ideas, among others, are just in the brainstorming phase.

Meeting called to order at 11:45am by Francene Butts.
Everyone introduced themselves.

Secretary report given by Ell Parnon. Last month's minutes submitted with no revisions, approved by acclamation.

Treasurer report given by Ell Parnon. More activity this month with book fair income and payment for school directories. CPO is still taking in approximately what it is spending. The book fair has not been paid for yet. Balances as

follows:

\$5989 savings

\$ 5 checking

\$ 58 CPSF

Fundraising report given by Kari Rieck.

Magazine Sale is still being tallied. About \$3000 was submitted in regular orders with another \$3000 submitted online with more than half of online orders for gifts rather than magazines. Kari was pleased to see that parents used the online option and also used renewal coupons with hard copy orders that were submitted.

Direct donations to the Corvallis Public Schools Foundation will also be counted towards the magazine sale but have not been totalled yet.

Shannon Dooley, Cheldelin Office Assistant, will handle the QSP bill when it comes. Prizes for students will be given out in January once order totals have been finalized.

It was suggested that for the magazine sale next year, classroom subscriptions be included in sales if possible.

Cheldelin's feeder elementary schools - Hoover, Mountain View, Wilson - get Time for Kids for some of their students which could be counted towards Cheldelin's QSP sales possibly.

HP provides matching funds for technology purchases for schools. Linda McNelly, Cheldelin's Instructional Technician, is working with HP to coordinate the donation to Cheldelin. It looks like Cheldelin will receive 6 HP Netbooks as gifts-in-kind. The school has two laptop carts currently and hopes to have a third one soon.

Cookie dough sale has not been scheduled (February?) and needs a chairperson to organize it. CPO would also offer Cold Stone Creamery Ice Cream Cake coupons so that there are more items available. One of the things learned from the magazine sale is that people seem to like to choose from a variety of goods.

Volunteer needs Shannon Dooley has requisitioned a calendar for the front office on which to post volunteer requests and dates as well as school activities. Ilene Gaekwad is following up with this.

Kari Rieck has taken the information/volunteer forms that parents filled out at registration and put them into spreadsheet form so that it will be easier to create lists of possible volunteers to contact. This spreadsheet will be shared with office staff to help teachers find classroom volunteers as well as CPO committee chairs.

Cougar Spirit Night may be held in conjunction with the home track meet in the spring. Ideally, the leadership class would help plan it so that it would be a fun night for everyone, middle school students as well as their parents. A chair is needed to work with leadership and/or others to plan and organize the event.

Spring Book Fair will be discussed next month after the Fall Fair's success has been determined. CPO will evaluate whether it should host another book fair - is it something that CPO provides as a service to the school community regardless of money raised and volunteer hours required or is it not needed due to other outlets for book purchases/loans that are available?

Meeting adjourned at 12:35pm.

Chair Volunteers needed if events are to take place:
8th Grade Party co-chairs
Cookie Dough Sale chair
Cougar Spirit Night chair
Spring Book Fair chair

Next meetings January 8 and February 12, 2010 at 11am.