



Meeting began with Introductions of attendees.

### **PRINCIPALS REPORT**

Mr. Cinnamon reported that the beginning of the year assessments (MAP) have taken place and teachers are now using the information to tailor personalized instruction. Also mentioned the "Carnival was beautiful. Appreciation to all of those involved." More discussion regarding fall parties to be addressed towards the end of the meeting.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT/CARNIVAL REPORT**

(See attachment for monthly budget and carnival budget) Most expenses this month were for the carnival. The carnival made approx. \$2,750 this year, which is less than was made the previous year. However, we lost about \$1,000 because we were not allowed to hold the teacher auction. Twice as much money was spent on inflatables than last year. Attendance was up from last year and inflatables were always busy. The light w/generator was also another added expense but all agreed that it was needed - it also allowed for the carnival to last longer. \*\*

Club dues - still have \$800 to add into budget. PTA dues: we only have 17 memberships, perhaps if forms were more readily available there would be more.

### **CARNIVAL SUGGESTIONS , THOUGHTS FOR NEXT YEAR**

\*\*Applause Applause to Jenny Lanning-Rush for a great Carnival! The following is a list of ideas for next year:

- Offer pre-pay for food/even tickets as well as wrist bands.
- Two lines for food
- Possibly offer pre-packaged drinks?
- Another Fraternity for more volunteers
- Rent more lights
- Popcorn/Ice-cream outside. (Have a designated popcorn person so that it does not fall on Kylee)
- Clean-up crew in place
- Better system in place for silent auction items to be paid for and delivered (\$2,109 still to come into the budget if everyone pays for those items for which they bid)
- Offer food/even tickets to low income families along with given wristbands. Some children attending the carnival could not afford food.
- Charge more money for food, \$2.00 seems very cheap. Veggie Hotdogs were appreciated, maybe offer healthier food choices like egg rolls and noodles. More food needed.
- Think about accepting credit cards (credit card app for smart phone like square)
- Add more games. Prizes run out every year. Consider giving a stamp as a prize. When all games are completed a child can earn a grab bag prize. "Less junky prizes"
- Gypsy to read palms or a crystal ball.
- Have restrictions on inflatables - designated inflatables for younger children.



**CARNIVAL SUGGESTIONS , THOUGHTS FOR NEXT YEAR (cont'd)**

- Instead of a \$10 charge for family have a “suggested donation price”
- Clear description of carnival duties for sign up. Silent Auction is a big job, need more people
- Free Water Station

Outreach was good, families from other schools attended. 73 low economic students were given free admission.

**CLUBS**

- 20 students in Nature Club, meets in the Art Room
- 16 students in Language Club, meets in the ISA Room

**BETH McKEON**

- Tutor for Bright Brain Studio (see flyer)
  - Lawrence Kid Calendar (Local source for kid-centric programs) has a website, facebook page and email blast. Sign up and receive notices of all kids activities for the week. Also use as a resource to post upcoming events - just push “submit an event” button on the website. (see flyer)
- [www.lawrencekids.net](http://www.lawrencekids.net)

**FARM to SCHOOL**

Will take place on Oct. 19th. Can always use more volunteers - be at the school in the morning and lunch time. Email Jackie Stafford or Kelly Jones for more information.

Menu is approved. Kate Gonzalez from the farmers market is preparing tamales made with seasonal vegetables. 715 will donate Fresh pasta with Alma Cheese and Butternut squash. As well as Dressing. Other donations from local farmers in Lawrence and Leavenworth Prison program is donating fresh veggies they grow. Will have a full salad bar, walking onions and 40 doz hardboiled eggs. Sweet potato and maybe IWIG milk.

Plan to educate in the classroom as well as making contacts with other farms. Looking into strawberry picking in the spring. It costs \$160 for 300 kids to pick - could be raised by donations.

Want to pay fair price to farmers for food. We have a lot of generous families at Cordley that own restaurants that donate food. How do we make this program possible for other schools that may not have the same resources that Cordley has? Possibly write a Grant for Live Well Lawrence?

**FUND RAISING**

Handmade Beads from Africa could be a fund-raiser, but are not to be sold in the school for business purposes.



Equal Exchange forms are due back at the school Oct. 20th. Linda Hoopes needs volunteers to help pack and distribute purchased items the weekend before conferences. A notice will be put in the newsletter.

Party change from last year. Two classes will win a chocolate tasting party. There will not be a hot chocolate/popcorn party - too messy. Winners will be "most \$ amount" and "most % of people sold".

### **CATHERINE BOLTON**

2-3 families are turned away from the shelter a day, so even though families are being placed the situation is not going to change. Socks, undergarments, pay for school photos are all pressing needs that pop up and it takes time to wait for a PTA vote for help. Is it possible that the PTA put in a line item for emergency funds that could help kids? (school photos, carnival wrist bands, food tickets, field trips, yearbook)

\$50.00 could be pulled from spirit wear since spirit wear is not being offered this year.

Idea to create "100 Good Cordley Parents" similar to Lawrence Elves and 100 Good Woman. Be noted that both above stated organizations have been very helpful and generous. "100 Good Cordley Parents" would be great for items like Toiletries, furniture, clothing. District Clothing Room is at the Community Connections in Holcom Park. Donations to the Clothing Room can be made in the front hall of Cordley. Let it be noted that Cordley has a reputation of being very giving. If parents are bringing in Toiletry items please bring them to Ms. Kylee and she will give to Catherine to distribute to Cordley families.

Newsletter should contain information about the front hall clothing bin and a sign up for 100 Good Cordley Parents.

Motion made and 2nd for PTA to cover \$150 for School Photos if LifeTouch will not make a donation. Discussion of other donation possibilities: Hanes needs a letter submitted with PTA letterhead for a donation to be made.

### **OTHER DISCUSSIONS:**

- Mr. Cinnamon noted a Native American Flag is needed for the front hall.
- Chipolte will give 50% back to the school for a "dine and donate" just need to ask 6 weeks ahead of time.
- Link offers holiday meals - make sure to get in contact with them so that our efforts are not doubling up so that we can make sure that everyone in need gets a meal.
- Letter of interest sent for "Back Snack" - bring home food over the weekend.



**FUND RAISERS:**

- Try selling advertising

November PTA meeting is going to be dedicated to fund raising ideas to cover increased need for donations. Also will need a budget discussion to determine how much money should be put into a line item for Emergency Needs.

**FALL PARTIES:**

Mr. Cinnamon shared his thoughts of not wanting to have a costume party for the Fall party at Cordley this year. Reasons include:

- Not right to have a Halloween Party and just call it a Fall Party
- Causes a lot of stress which increases behavior problems. Peer pressure of having the right kind of costume
- Cordley population has many families that do not celebrate Halloween and those children feel left out when they are not allowed to partake in the party. Pulling them into a different celebration somewhere else in the school is not a real solution because the children can still hear the parties and feel left out. Our school wants to promote the message that everyone is included.

Mr. Cinnamon proposes shifting parties to “Trimester Celebrations” instead of being connected to holidays.

PTA provided feedback that included support for such a decision as well as concerns regarding such a decision. Comments included:

- “How do we still make it fun?” Possible solution for the Fall party: “Harvest Party” connected with Farm to School.
- “Why are you asking the PTA?” Mr. Cinnamon responded he wanted feedback and backing and that he also shared with the Cordley Site Council Meeting and was supported.
- “This should have been discussed earlier instead of so close to the party”

Ultimately, the concept of less stress in school, less peer pressure, less behavioral issues weighed heavily in Cinnamon's decision. Fall Parties with costumes will not be held in the future. Mr. Cinnamon will pass the decision on to parents. Teachers will be responsible for passing on information to children as they are not allowed to change into costumes if costumes are brought to school.

**CONSOLIDATION GROUP:**

Six schools will be funneled into Four. Cordley School is included in the six schools. The decision of which schools will close should come in Feb. If anyone has concerns please talk with Kelly Jones and she will also be in attendance at PTA meetings.