

*Come join us at our next PTO meeting.
Babysitting available at every meeting—everyone is welcome!*

**Cherry View Elementary
PTO Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 2, 2014
6:30PM**

Call to order 6:30pm

Routine Business:

President's Report – Mike Lockett - None

Principal Report –

Since we met last time:

- CogAT – All 2nd graders will be taking the Cognitive Ability Test (CogAT) this week. This test assesses the pattern and level of students' development in reasoning and problem solving with verbal, quantitative, and spatial symbols. Lakeville uses information from the CogAT, along with other assessments and daily work, to determine proper educational placement for students whether it be in the regular classroom, gifted education, or intervention programs. Families interested in Lakeville Area Public Schools gifted programming should be aware that the scores from Cognitive Abilities Tests (CogAT), along with the Measure of Academic Progress (MAP test) are used to identify students for gifted services. You may contact Karla McHugh, CVE G/T Specialist with questions.
- Winter Recess Guidelines – CVE's guidelines for outdoor recess are 0° temperature or wind chill; if either are below zero degrees, we remain indoors.
- Climb Theatre – Presented a play on the environment and recycling to our 3-5 graders last week. They will be presenting the play to kindergarten and 2nd grade this Friday. 1st grade has their annual gingerbread decorating the same afternoon and we were unable to rearrange the schedule with Climb. This play was provided free to CVE through the City of Lakeville.

Things that are coming up:

- Late Start – Students will have a late start tomorrow, Wednesday, December 3. Teachers will be working on learning more about the new Teacher Development Evaluation (TDE) System, arranging Peer Evaluations, gathering artifacts for their portfolio and creating specific Student Learning Goals. As a reminder, MN Dept. of Education (MDE) has signed legislation that all school districts must

adopt the state's teacher evaluation system, or create their own system with specific criteria. CVE, LNHS and MMS are piloted the new TDE with recommendations for full implementation prior to the 2015-16 school year, which MDE has required.

- Chamber of Commerce Breakfast – The Chamber sponsors an annual breakfast for all of the Lakeville Area Public Schools. Members of the Chamber will be at CVE this Friday to recognize and support the CVE staff.

Climb Theater – We have contracted with Climb Theatre to present Acceptance and Differences Interplays. The interplays feature two Actor-Educators who act out a variety of scenarios, each showing one character who is perceived as different. Cumulatively, the scenarios create an understanding of how hurtful prejudice can be and how to overcome the feeling of discomfort that differences sometimes cause. Students are also encouraged to stand up for themselves or others who may be discriminated against. In the end, they learn that our similarities far outweigh our differences – And that differences are to be celebrated, not scorned. The actor-educators will visit each classroom for approximately 40 minutes.

- Winter Break – No school for students and staff Wednesday, December 24, 2014 through Friday, January 2, 2015. School resumes on Monday, January 5, 2015.
- Twitter – Follow us on Twitter at @CVEPrincipal. I will be sharing reminders and announcements for families as much as possible.

Other items for discussion:

Questions or comments:

Treasurer's Report – Shawn Kugler

- Review of monthly budget
- Expense items from book fair
- This year 100% scholastic dollars vs. some portion of actual money
- Need to approve \$120 book fair expense
- Returned check from book fair
- Budget looking good

New Business –

CVE Buck Hill Tubing Night-

- 75 tickets sold, everyone after sold CVE gets 100%
- If tickets don't get sold, we can move to an open tubing night and CVE would get \$4/ticket

Council Update –

- STEM (LHS) turning STEM into an academy
- LNHS has business academy
- The schools are looking at sharing between the 2 programs

Ski Club –

- Request for help to pay the fee?
- No past precedence to help fund extra-curricular events
- Motion to decline scholarships request for ski club – approved

Committee Reports –

- Spirit wear ended, not as a big turn out as the last one

Jeanne Laing – Directory Services software presentation

Adjournment