

Carl R. Streams PTO Minutes
Regular Meeting, September 14, 2021

The September 14, 2021 regular morning meeting of Streams Elementary School PTO was called to order at 9:32am virtually. President Jennifer Clougherty called the meeting to order and Secretary Julie Moran recorded the proceedings. There were 15 people in attendance (including the board and the guest speaker) at the 9:30am meeting. There were 13 people (including the board) in attendance at the 6:00pm meeting that was held in person in the LGI room.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Previous minutes were approved.

The Sept 14th agenda was read and approved.

Nurse Vargo was the guest speaker. She discussed the health services section on the district website. You can find it by going to the quick links and then clicking on the health services tab. There is lots of information there:

- Office staff and hours for all the schools including ways to contact the nurses at each school.
- Medicine administration information-parents must do a new order every year and adults must bring in the medications, medical forms are on there to download. When field trips resume, nurses don't need to attend, but she teaches staff how to administer epi pens and inhalers.
- vaccine requirements-parents have 5 days after school starts to get needed ones done.
- physicals and dental exams required-physicals are required in kindergarten or 1st grade, dental exams are kindergarten or 1st grade, and 3rd grade. The school offers exams if parents need that option.
- birthdays in school-no food treats allowed, ask their teachers about a class gift or individual small gift for each child.

Safety and Wellness Link

- on Sept 28, the district will re-evaluate the health and safety plan to see how it's going.
- if children are masked, 3 feet apart, there is no need to quarantine for positive covid case in the classroom. They send a link to teachers to verify if kids were properly masked etc, and parents will be notified to keep a look out for symptoms.
- There is a list of covid symptoms on the website, call the nurse if your child has any and she may ask you to contact pediatrician to see if the child should get tested for covid. If your child has been a close contact, that is also a reason to get tested.

Dr. Klousnitzer

- This is her first official start to a new school year since she started at Streams in November.
- They are focusing on curriculum and instruction to start this year. Also health and safety, as well as social and emotional needs.
- She is working on the plan for Open House, as far as spacing, number of parents, etc. It will be Sept 29 with a 12:45 dismissal that day for students, kindergarten will have their normal schedule.
- She is also working on open mics, they will be virtual.
- Lastly, a group of teachers did an IB related course learning more about universal, transdisciplinary learning that she is excited about.

Board Reports

President-notepads for early dismissals, etc will be going home with students next week(1 per family, may purchase additional)

Treasurer-the approved budget is posted on the website.

There were around \$8000 in gifts to the school for the 20/21 school year from the PTO, including the 4th grade graduation party, staff appreciation, field day and class parties, and other things.

Secretary-notes of thanks from Dr. Miller and the Carnegie Museum of Art

Board Advisor-the PTO membership link is now fixed to join and pay for membership

Committees

Birthday book club-a flyer with information will be posted on the PTO website. Donate a book to the library in your child's name with a personal message and it's a lasting legacy for your child!

Blue Moon-needs a chairperson. We may not still be able to do much in the school this year so there may only be limited needs for this club.

Staff Appreciation-the staff questionnaire will be going out soon about their favorite things. We may have to do things a little differently this year, just as we had to last year.

PTO membership-moving along well and many families are signing up.

Outreach-needs a chairperson. We usually do drives for this during the Grade Special Nights, which have been moved to the spring.

Room Parents-meeting to be Sept. 21 virtually. We need a few more classes filled with room parents.

Harvest party and parade will get to happen and parents can come to parade!

Share and Care-please know that when a family is having a hard time, Streams can help and it will be kept private. Please contact Michelle Holzer or Dr. Klousnitzer if a need arises for you or someone you know.

Shopper rewards-box tops are not actually on boxes anymore, but it's easy to download the app and scan your receipts for Streams credit. Amazon Smile is still being used to help with donations. Office Depot is very easy-just mention Streams when you check out and we get a percentage.

Spiritwear-plans are in the works for a fall spiritwear sale.

Spirit nights-Rita's went really well and we made \$225! BJs may be the next one in October.

Old Business

-Kindergarten playdates went well this summer culminating in the Kindergarten Connection event that included crafts, outdoor games, a small gift for each student, and the kids and parents getting to meet each other as well as Dr. Klousnitzer.

-New Family Welcome included information from the PTO, Mrs. Smirniw, Nurse Vargo and Dr. Klousnitzer. Families were able to tour the school and got to take a "to go" breakfast with them. Families that were new to the district last year were also invited to come since they didn't get to have the event last school year.

New Business

-Stravaganza is moving to the spring so that we can hopefully still have the event, especially since it is our biggest fundraiser by far. More information to come soon.

-Open Mics will be virtual. These are an opportunity to have more time for questions and personal interaction with the teachers and Dr. Klousnitzer. RSVPs will be coming soon.

-School pictures are October 5 and it is suggested to not wear green for the pictures because of the new green screen technology they will be using.

-P/T conferences are coming Nov. 2 and 8 and will have the option of virtual or in person, depending on what the family prefers.

-Register now for Odyssey of the Mind!