

## Carlos Gilbert PTK

Meeting Agenda November 12, 2020 4:00 pm

Attendees: Kathy Primm, Sara April, Alison Walcott, Sarah LeBlanc, Michaelann Perea, Jana Amacher, Kim Pietrocci, John Delamater, Kachina Walker, Kristi Filbin, Peter Vance, Erica Gomez, Frances Carreon, Kate McCarthy, and Rebecca McDonald

### 1. School News

- Ms. Pietrocci reminded everyone that hybrid classes have been cancelled until further notice due to the rapid increase in Covid positive cases in the state. She is looking forward to using the school spirit swag from the PTK as fun incentives in the current student engagement activities. Ms. Pietrocci and John Delamater expressed their gratitude to the PTK for their support in the recent winter coat event. Although a few details are still being ironed out to ensure appropriate and Covid safe delivery, the families who need winter coats for their students will be covered.

### 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Minutes from the October 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and the November 5<sup>th</sup> meetings were provided to the PTK Board for their review and approval. The PTK did not meet for a meeting on October 29<sup>th</sup>. The three sets of minutes were approved. Final sets of the meeting minutes will be available on the website, posted in the CGE blog post, and linked into the e-blast back to the PTK website.

### 3. Funding Requests

- Sara April and Kachina Walker introduced Ms. Walker's request for music kits. The make your own percussion and other musical instruments kits are geared for grades K-2. Students will have manipulatives supporting and reinforcing their musical education. All total, the request is \$175. The kits can be ordered in time for the next grab n' go pick up at the school. The PTK approved this request looking forward to music making in the future.
- Kristi Filbin presented an idea of getting a few GoPro units ahead of submitting a funding request to the PTK. The units could be checked out to the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades to use in filming a variety of active experiences such as mountain biking, hiking, or ropes course training. And if not a GoPro, then maybe a different fitness monitoring device to use now during the remote learning and later (hopefully for in person learning.) The PTK discussed a few pros and cons of using a recording device such as GoPro. Sara April commented she may know someone to contact within the GoPro company for more information. It was also suggested to utilize the Chrome Books the students have in developing a lesson tracking physical activity, metrics, and recording videos.

### 4. Wrap up Virtual Halloween Carnival

- Prizes awarded have been mailed. Addresses to our special participants (i.e. storytellers, performers, and other special guests) have been updated. The students

of the PTK membership are creating thank you letters to those who helped make this year's Carnival a success. Kathy Primm expressed her gratitude to everyone for their hard work and support on the Carnival. And a special thank you to Sara April for such a professional and themed wrapping of all the mailed prizes.

## 5. Giving

- Thanksgiving Food Drive: It's that time of year when Student Council organizes a food drive to benefit families of CGE and of the greater community through the SFPS Adelante Program. Adelante supports children and teens within the SFPS experiencing homelessness. In the past, students were successful in providing truckloads of food. Families, selected by Ms. Pietrocci and her team, were gifted bags of food to provide a Thanksgiving meal and the rest of the donated food went directly to Adelante. Currently, all Adelante staff is working remotely. Concerns on how to gather food and ensure safe yet appropriate in respecting families' privacy were discussed by the PTK.

Since all things this school year require a pivot due to the pandemic, the PTK will purchase grocery gift cards to support CGE families and staff (who earn \$25,000 or less). The PTK approved \$750 of \$50 gift cards from Market Street. A final list of recipients will be provided by Ms. Pietrocci. Grocery gift cards will then be purchased in the next week and mailed.

- Giving Tree: Ms. Frances discussed a few concepts of a virtual Giving Tree for 2020, with a reminder of past accomplishments. Last year, the CGE school community helped 60 children representing 40 families. The tree was displayed in the main vestibule of the school with ornamental tags. Each tag outlined the request and a general description of who it was for such as boy/girl, size, and an estimated value of the request. And every child was gifted a book, an item of winter clothing, and a toy. In addition, grocery gift cards of \$50 were provided for each family of four with an additional \$25 gift card for each additional immediate family member.

There is a genuine concern expressed by everyone in the meeting that it appears many students still do not have even the most basic of supplies. The group discussed ways in setting up a virtual tree with stickers that would link up to the request or directly to an Amazon page of the requested items. Questions remain about delivery, if requested products from local or national businesses are accessible in a timely manner, and how best to support those personable special moments of participating in the Giving Tree event.

Timing is critical as Thanksgiving week is just around the corner. Several national companies have posted notices of possible delays in deliveries. Ms. Frances will seek out additional information from the families and generate a list. Members from the PTK will reach out to local companies to discuss what options may be available in securing books, clothing, and toys. The conversation will continue in the next meeting.

- Most Improved Awards: Mr. Delamater noted there were many ideas available but how best to employ the ideas and prizes was uncertain. He suggested the most improved and great character as two categories to focus on. Kate McCarthy mentioned it was also important to recognize the students who do show up and continue to do the work despite the challenges experienced. Michaelann Perea suggested a way to highlight those students who continue to participate and are performing well in a variety of recorded activities. For example, saying the pledge of allegiance, or announcing school notices. Encouraging greater student participation and mitigating burn out from online education remains a working subject of the group.

Grade level enrichment programs may offer an alternative solution to some of the challenges discussed around student participation. Dance lessons for larger groups (i.e. several grades together), from fitness tracking devices, to STEM kit subscriptions were briefly discussed.

## 6. Fundraising

- RallyUp: Kathy Primm commented the RallyUp site may be used to raffle the remaining gift cards for the Four Seasons Hotel for dinner for four from Terra Restaurant and Mountain Spirit Integrative Medicine. The group decided it was best to use these in the spring in anticipation of Valentine's Day.
- Ms. Frances inquired if a book fair would be welcomed this year. YES! Replied the group. Delivery is not a concern as books ordered in a limited time frame, as a book fair, can be delivered directly to the customer. More information will be presented to the group when available.
- There is a possibility of developing a yearbook with photos collected through DropEvent or email. A possible creative outlet and fundraiser combined. The yearbook, portraits, and other regular school activities that could be held on a virtual platform may come back to the PTK at a later date.

The next meeting is scheduled for 4 pm, Thursday, November 19, 2020. The same Zoom login information applies for every meeting this fall (810 0499 1466 CGERocks). The code is available to all within the CGE community via e-blasts and the website.