

## **Friends of Cutler Meeting Minutes – September 21, 2016**

Attendees: Jennifer Clifford, 27 parents, guest speakers Catherine Donovan and Donna Stephens

### **Guest speakers Catherine Donovan and Donna Stephens from food services**

- All new students and kindergarteners should have received their PIN numbers
- You can put money on your child's account online via myschoolbucks.com (\$1.95 transaction fee) or send a check in with your student (no fee).
- You can procure food for your events through Catherine and Donna.
- Call if you have allergy concerns. Donna can tell you ingredients in meals.
- The snack program is for 3-5 graders. They can buy a snack in the last 5 minutes of lunch. Frozen novelty items on Fridays. No snacks on Wednesdays. Snacks meet state guidelines.
- There are 5 components (grain, fruit, vegetable, milk, protein) and your child must choose at least 3 (one must be a fruit or vegetable).

### **Welcome, Overview, and Initiatives – Michelle Gilpin**

- News to Use is sent out weekly on Mondays with information regarding the school and Friends of Cutler
- Erica Mitchell has updated the website and has included a direct link to News to Use
- Anna Boardman runs the FaceBook page. Contact her if you have something to post. Invite your Cutler friends to join this page. It is a great resource for quick alerts
- Erica Mitchell compiles the newsletter. Send her any information you want included.
- There are volunteer opportunities for cultural enrichment, Ski Skate Board & Ride, hospitality, adult social and Cutler Family Festival. Email Dabney Smith, Michelle Gilpin or Kristen Degnan if you are interested in helping.
- There will be some traditional meetings this year, some principal coffee talks and two night time meetings.

### **Principal's Welcome – Jennifer Clifford**

- This is the smoothest start to a school year yet. 189 families, approx. 10 new kids, 41 kindergarten students, 5 new staff.
- Jenn will send out an email about fingerprinting and CORI forms (how to do it, who needs to do it, etc.)
- Foundations training is currently ongoing for all staff.
- Martha Horn is working with 5<sup>th</sup> grade and Kindergarten teachers this year as a consultant on the writing workshop model. This is her third year consulting.
- Cultural enrichment theme this year is connectivity. Buddy classes read "Only one you" by Linda Kranz.
- Icebreaker night is tonight. Families can visit classes from 5-6 and enjoy ice cream from 6-7.

### **Minutes – Stephanie Stein**

- June meeting minutes were voted on and approved.

### **Treasurer's Report/Accounting – Sarah Olson**

- This year's budget was voted on and approved.

#### **School Improvement – Kristen Degan**

- We are moving forward with the gazebo for an outdoor learning space. This should be installed in October.

#### **Free Money – Amy Howell**

- A flyer went home in backpacks this week.
- There is a display in the gallery for box tops and Crosby's/Henry's receipts.
- Labels for Education and Target has stopped their programs
- Use the correct Amazon link, which can be found on the Friends of Cutler website.

#### **Cultural Enrichment**

- This year's theme is connectivity.
- Buddy classes read "Only one you" by Linda Kranz.
- Each student is decorating a rock to be a fish; they will be placed outside in the river rocks by the front entrance.

#### **Ski Skate Board and Ride – Kathleen O'Connor**

- Save the date November 20-21
- It is the school's biggest fundraiser – you can consign equipment or donate; there will be vendors as well. Start collecting your used winter gear now.
- It takes a lot of volunteers to run this event smoothly. Volunteers get to attend the presale
- Email Kathleen O'Connor if you want to be on the committee

#### **Upcoming Events**

- Icebreaker night on September 21, 5-7pm
- Fund Drive Kickoff Event on September 26 at 15 Walnut. 5% earned from food purchased throughout the day. 7-10pm adult social time.
- Spirit Day on September 30. Wear your Cutler apparel or red.

\*\*\* Next meeting on October 19 at 7pm. Dr. Harvey, superintendant, will be the guest speaker.

*Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Stephanie Stein, Secretary.*