

Carmel Middle School PTSA General Membership Meeting Minutes - August 14, 2023 5:00PM

Attendees: Parents/Guardians and Staff of Carmel Middle, Kelly Blandford (PTSA President), Mr. Plaisance, Mr. Welsh, Ms. Fish, Ms. Peterson, Ms. Hall - Spanish translator)

President's Report (Kelly Blandford)

- Introduction of self
- Finishing touches are being placed on our proposed budget for this year and will be distributed for a membership vote soon.
- PTSA website, carmelptsa.org, is a great resource full of PTSA and school information. I encourage you to bookmark the website.
- Cougar News is the PTSA's weekly email newsletter. This is another great way to stay informed about events and important information at our school. Carmel administration provides important information that is included in the Cougar News. You can sign up to receive Cougar News on our website.
- Please consider joining the PTSA this year. You can join the PTSA through the link on our website, through the button link at the top of the Cougar News emails, or by using this form that you can pick up tonight or print out.
- We are always looking for parents wishing to get involved. The 3 years of middle school go by quickly, and volunteering with the PTSA is a great way to be involved in the school. There are many ways to volunteer, whether you have just a little time to give or a lot and whether you can volunteer on site regularly, at special events, or from home. You can indicate your volunteer interests through the membership form process. You can also email president@carmelptsa.org.
- In preparation for our school year, our staff appreciation committee will provide a breakfast and a luncheon for our wonderful Carmel staff in the two weeks they are preparing for the students to arrive. We will continue to recognize and show our support for our hard-working and dedicated staff members through various ways throughout the school year.
- **IMPORTANT DATES:** You will see these dates in the Cougar News.
 1. August, 24 – Open House – 4-6:30 (6th grade), 7-8:30 (7/8th grade)
 2. September 15, we will host our New Parent Coffee at 9:30am in the Media Center. Parents were able to hear from our school administration, ask questions, and learn more about middle school at Carmel.
 3. Be on the lookout for upcoming Dining Nights Out events... We partner with local restaurants and businesses about once a month, and Carmel receives part of the proceeds. This is an easy way to have a dinner plan and support Carmel at the same time!
 4. Family Fun Night - Wednesday evening, October 11, in conjunction with a home football game – food trucks. Be sure to watch for updates and information to be shared in future editions of the Cougar News.

- Reminder to re-link Harris Teeter VIC cards. You can ask the cashier to enter 1576 at checkout. We also have a sign up here where the PTSA will link for you. VIC cards can be linked to more than one school. You can also give using the Boxtops APP – no more clipping, just scan and give!
- We would like to thank the local businesses who have partnered with Carmel Middle this year as Corporate Sponsors ...

Three Leaf Orthodontics, Precision Plumbing, Jeremy Faulkner @ State Farm, Lisa Wilfong @Compass, Run Charlotte Run, e-Dreamz, Magic Managed, Lazar Tutoring & Test Prep

- Carmel Invest for Success Committee. Goal is \$40k – can write a check, or give through P4SS. These funds are used for: staff appreciation and retention, student recognition and support, cougar cares program, counseling programs, supplemental instructional resources, occasional last minute unexpected and campus updates. We cannot do all we do without your support.

Thank you for your support of Carmel and the PTSA. Meeting adjourned at 5:20PM.