

## **The Friends of Cutler Meeting**

**June 4, 2014**

- Thank you to Carol Carlson from the board for a successful and productive year!

### **Carol Carlson – update**

- Next year's calendar was passed out which needs reviewing by board members
- Notes on possible survey handed out...if anyone has suggestions for other survey questions, let Carol know. The survey will go out through a room parent email and so far, it includes questions about communications, meeting times, and school store.
- Discussed importance of having Jenn and Friends of Cutler president speak to parents and introduce teachers at Curriculum Night. This is a great opportunity to give an overview of the Friends of Cutler organization.
- Communications initiative for next year: A laminated calendar will be given to all parents next fall. We need to focus on communicating event and fundraiser details, how we support the students/school with the funds raised and the services we provide.
- Thank you to Mr. Mac for blog post/thank you for Teacher Appreciation Week!

### **Dolly McIlvaine & Gayle Bendoris – New Family Update**

- Need new family specific communications...such as Family Fun Night (need explanation of events with prices, more detailed description, etc.) We need to make sure we reach out to new families at every event.
- Pair new families with existing family mentors
- New families do not feel welcome or connected with Cutler community
- Arrange for new families to get together after Ice Cream social
- Sign up form from Dolly to become a Welcoming Family was posted on the blog and in backpacks...received 10 responses so far.
- Room parents should follow up with new parents as well?

### **Kathleen O'Connor – Budget update**

- Working with 1<sup>st</sup> grade teachers to enhance back playground/outdoor learning space using funds carried over – meeting to take place next week to wrap up plan.
- For 2014-2015 budget, we will be supporting the specials with \$500 (for art, gym, library, music)
- Increased ski swap income to 22K.
- Budget approved by board

### **Family Day update – Kristen Fusco and Sarah Dinsmore**

- Successful event – income about the same as last year (~\$8000)
- Book basket raffle brought in almost \$1000 (including \$100 from Amazon link - we get

up to 7% back from the Amazon link – which is being launched to the Cutler community next fall)

- Next year – check with middle school students to see if they are interested in volunteering as part of their service learning project

#### **Misc.**

- Instead of the last teacher lunch, we are having Pinkberry cater an afternoon treat.
- Expanding free money programs such as the Amazon link, next year. Tracy Vitols to transition information to new board members.
- Email about SchoolKidz school supply ordering to go out this week
- Calendar review: at every meeting, we will have a featured speaker (Math curriculum, Cultural Enrichment team, etc.) Also, there will be two evening meetings next year.
- A Cultural Enrichment planning meeting will take place next week.
- New board approved for 2014-2015.

*Minutes submitted by Sarah Dinsmore*