



Copley-Fairlawn PTA Council
December 4, 2024

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Attendees

18 people attended in person

6 people attended online

Call to Order - 9:31am

President - Bethany Saris

- Pass around founder - New Items
 - [Kiwanis Share a Christmas](#)
 - [CAA Santa Breakfast \(12/7\)](#)
 - District Connect Newsletter
 - Update from Ohio PTA
 - Ohio PTA Scholarship info for Seniors
- REMINDER: There are no limits to our district write ups for T in PTA and Helping Hands awards. President and at least 2 of 3 delegates must attend the January meeting to vote.
 - Minimum of 3 voting members must be present - can send a VP

Guest Speaker - Mr. Haas, CFMS Principal

1. We are through the bulk of the construction process and resuming as normal
2. Winter sports are underway
3. We are proud of the number of clubs that we offer to our students, providing our students the opportunity to be involved in a variety of activities
4. We have made a strong push for PBIS
 - a. The committee meets monthly
 - b. Includes 15+ teachers/staff
 - c. Aligning core values with those of the High School for continuity. "We are..."
 - i. Civil, Mindful, Friendly, and Safe... We are Copley
 - ii. [Behavior Matrix](#)
 - d. Launched "Copley Cards"
 - i. Focused on positive hallway behaviors
 1. This year we have had 132 infractions (not students) in the hallways
 - a. Using a system to identify locations and times of the day that are at most risk to have issues



- b. Have also added structure to indoor recess to reduce opportunities for issues.
 - ii. Every student received a card and when they are observed doing something aligned with core values the observing adult will initial the card
 - iii. Once they have 4 initials they receive a prize and then enter their card into a drawing for additional perks/prizes
 - e. Piloting Club Zero - 8th grade students only
 - i. If students name has NOT been entered into PublicSchoolWorks they are eligible to participate
 - ii. Needs to be loud & fun - like a field day lite
 - f. QUESTION: Is PBIS new for the middle school this year?
 - i. No, but it has been challenging to maintain with the turnover of principals
 - g. QUESTION: Do you have any data on how many students are in clubs?
 - i. Will get this information - Club photos are scheduled for this Friday
5. CFMS School of Excellence banner is now up

Secretary – Michelle Knoblock

1. November 2024 Council meeting minutes approved as written
2. Volunteer Hours Log Shared



Treasurer - Shelley Melchior

- Statement of Revenue & Expenses shared
- The last football game due to playoffs allowed us to sell donuts one additional time, that is noted
- Every unit has paid dues in full
- One more scholarship was paid out, so 6 have been paid of those awarded last year
 - There are 2 that have not been claimed and they have until 12/31/24 to do so

1st VP – Leah Kenna

- There was a question if fundraising donuts are smaller than those sold at the store
 - Confirmed with Krispy Kreme that they are NOT smaller, but just packaged more compactly
 - Dozen at the store is \$15/dozen
 - Dozen at the game is \$10 - 11.25/dozen
- Do we need anything to boost the scholarship fund?
 - We probably need something else
 - Cavs game will help
 - We will know more after the new year

2nd VP – Candice Komlanc

- Founders Day is coming in February. Will be meeting in the next couple weeks to plan.
- Opioid deaths have declined in the second half of 2024
- **GET INFO FROM CANDICE**
- Two healthy habit tips for the month
 - Include healthy choices in your meals/snacks
 - Wash your hands and cover your face with your elbow

Regional Ohio PTA – Susan Strandberg

- Printed off and place
- Ohio PTA convention
 - Reflections winners at the state level will be recognized during this convention
 - Ohio Helping Hands and T in PTA winners will be recognized here as well
 - Should be in your budget to attend, registration and 1 hotel night
- Givebacks- doing Mighty Oak Fund (advocate for all children)



Superintendent - Aimee Kirsch

1. PBIS at the Middle School
 - a. Last year's efforts at the middle school focused on evaluating what would be most effective
 - b. This year they are prioritizing target areas for the most impact
 - c. We are excited about these efforts
2. US News & World Report
 - a. Released top schools in Ohio
 - i. CFMS ranked 83rd (top 8%)
 - ii. All elementary schools ranked in the top 10%
 1. Herberich ranked at #19 of over 3000 schools
 - iii. 3rd grade students tested in reading 65% tested proficient (vs. national avg of 42%)
 1. 88% tested proficient at Herberich
3. Third advisory council met with CHS students
 - a. First meeting discussed possible topics important to CHS students
 - b. Second meeting discussed cell phone policies
 - i. Students generally asked that students can keep it on them, but out of sight. If found using it at a time when they should not, it can be taken away.
 - ii. Have discussed other ideas, but nothing quite stuck
 - iii. Will come to PTA to discuss as well
 - c. Another topic that has been important to students - Homework load
 - i. Will talk about this in February
 - d. Students would like to see more district level communication directly to students
 - i. Looking into the best way to move forward with this
 - e. Students discussed safety
 - f. Students asked for an option for food swap at the high school (for lunch items that students do not want)
4. QUESTION: What is the current cell phone policy?
 - a. We don't have anything official, but we are working on those details.
 - b. New policy may include earbuds
5. QUESTION: Did the students talk about students being asked to use personal devices during classes to access sites being blocked by a firewall?
 - a. Yes - we are working through this
6. Construction
 - a. Elementary
 - i. Had a final walk through and there are a few cosmetic details to complete before signing off
 - ii. Herberich - some restroom floors were not done properly and may need to remove existing flooring.
 - b. Middle School



- i. Completed a walk through reviewing all details - cosmetic and structural
 - 1. There is a list of items that need to be addressed
 - 2. We will address a staff restroom over winter break, but almost all other areas are fully functional
 - ii. Kitchen has passed all inspections and almost all equipment is up and running
- c. High School
 - i. There is progress - yesterday the clinic was able to move back to the clinic space
 - ii. We started holding meetings in the conference areas - added a 3rd conference room
 - 1. Slowly moving furniture into the spaces over the next couple weeks
 - iii. Most restrooms are completed. There are restrooms that are not ADA compliant that will be addressed over break and we continue to tweak the single restrooms.
 - iv. Auditorium is coming along
 - 1. Ceiling has been replastered and will be painted next week
 - 2. Rigging and lighting is up
 - 3. Waiting on curtain to arrive
 - 4. Should be able to use the auditorium in January
 - v. Main Kitchen still requires a fair amount of work
 - vi. Front of the building has been sealed in plastic to keep it warm for mason work
 - 1. No timeline for front of building and office
- 7. QUESTION: Cafeteria columns - will the bottom be done?
 - a. Yes, it will be painted
- 8. QUESTION: Trophies for academics - where and will they be seen?
 - a. New displays and cases are being custom made near the display that houses artwork right now.
 - b. Should see it when using the restroom
 - c. When the area is finished we will see what makes the most sense regarding placement
- 9. QUESTION: Handheld wands at the HS?
 - a. Sometimes students carry things on their person that are stored in places that cannot be searched (typically vapes). This will allow staff to notify parents if students may be hiding something that could not be searched.

Assistant Superintendent - Brian Williams

- 1. Unable to attend - Attending a Summit County Business Advisory meeting
 - a. UofA discussing possibilities of connecting students with the Polymer Science Department

Business Manager - Steven Robinson

- 1. Unable to attend - inspection taking place in the Culinary Arts Department Kitchen



Committee Reports

Cavaliers Game Night - Pam Gierke

- [Flyer](#)
- [Link to Purchase Tickets](#)
- [Link to Sign Up for Pregame Activities](#)
- Tickets are still for sale - have sold 71 to date
- We are almost full for pregame activities - maybe 5 slots left
- Disney on Ice is coming in January
 - Use code NEOPTA22 to receive a discount

Reflections - Shelley Melchior

- We have 62 pieces of artwork to judge down to 28 that will be sent to Columbus
- Working to complete the judging before 12/25
- Art pieces will go back to all that did not advance, if art advanced we typically get it back in April

Founders Day - Candice Komlanc

- Previously Discussed

Advocacy - Michelle Knoblock

- [Information was shared](#) defining advocacy and how do advocate as a PTSA member
- Resources shared from [National PTA Legislative Conference \(LEGCON\)](#) held in March of 2024
 - Next LEGCON will be virtual and is scheduled for March 4-6, 2025

Unit Reports:

Copley High School – Poppy D’Amico

NOTES



Copley Middle School – Stephanie Kist

We currently have 225 members, with about 40 more to go to meet our goal for the 2024-25 school year. November, as always, was a super busy month for CFMS and the PTSA with a lot of successes and amazing volunteer support in all our many endeavors.

We wrapped up the school-level Reflections contest with 81 submissions and more than 30 entries advancing to district-level judging!

PTSA provided refreshments for the 7th/8th grade dance on November 8, which was a Wild West theme and a great evening for our students. There will be two more dances in the next calendar year.

Also on November 8, PTSA hosted the annual Veteran's Day brunch following the assembly at the school. It was a lovely event with lots of volunteer support.

The Staff Appreciation Committee treated staff to a soup and salad luncheon on November 14.

The week of November 18 was the annual Canned Food Drive for Copley Outreach Center. As always, there was a lot of enthusiasm on the part of our students for this collection! A total of 7,085 goods was brought in by 274 people. The winning homerooms in each grade received donuts, and the top class in the school, Mrs. Black's homeroom, will get a pizza part.

The Canned Food Drive culminated in the annual Turkey Trot on November 22. The weather was terrible, but our wonderful volunteers turned out in droves in their ponchos and boots and snow pants and hats, and the students had a great time running and slipping and sliding along the course. It wasn't the most comfortable experience, but it was an awesome day. Top finishers received T-shirts, water bottles, and, of course, turkeys.

We wrapped up our Opt Out Fundraiser yesterday, on Giving Tuesday. Sadly, we came in well under our goal, raising not quite two-thirds of the \$9,000 for which we were aiming. There are probably a lot of reasons for this, but we'll obviously have to regroup and look hard at our funding needs for the remainder of the school year, as well as revisit our fundraising plan in future years. While we're very disappointed, we are grateful for every dollar that was donated.

The annual Warm and Wooly coat drive is taking place this week. All donations will be given to the Free Store at Copley United Methodist Church, which provides clothing and housewares for families in the Copley-Fairlawn community.



Next Staff appreciation 12/19, occurs at the same time as the City BBQ fundraiser. PTSA will offer to pick up lunches for CFMS staff.

Our next meeting will be December 10 at 10 am with a Google Meet link provided for those unable to attend in person.

Arrowhead – Colleen McKeown

The Arrowhead PTA currently has 172 members.

The Staff Appreciation Committee continues to amaze, most recently with a pre-Thanksgiving breakfast.

Conference dinners were provided to staff for all three fall conference nights, thanks to generous donations from many families and the hard work of committee chair Hannah Nitz.

We had a fantastic turn out for Donuts with Dudes over three mornings in November.

Mrs. DiGiacobbe and the fourth grade students put on a moving presentation for Veterans Day on November 11th. Veterans were served brunch and recognized during the program.

Students continue learning in both the Greenhouse and Nature Zone, with all grade levels participating in lessons and chicken duty. Lettuce, spinach, and pumpkins are growing in the greenhouse.

Our winter plant sale was very successful, raising \$1295. Pick up is today from 4:00-6:00.

The Holiday Shop opens next week. Each class will visit on Monday for a preview, and return later in the week to shop. Sibling shopping will be available after school on Thursday.

Also after school on Thursday December 12 is our first Tree Festival in the Nature Zone. Each class signed up to decorate a donated tree. The trees will be on display from 4:30-6:30 pm.

Winter holiday classroom parties will be held on Friday December 20th.

The next Arrowhead PTA meeting will be this afternoon, Wednesday December 4, at 4:15 in the library.

Fort Island – Rachael Weigand

- Our membership is at 178
- If you don't feel like cooking tonight please visit the Montrose Swensons from 5-8pm. Mention Fort Island PTA or show this ad so a portion will be donated back to the PTA



- We also have a new fundraiser going right now with Minted. They print photo holiday cards. We have a special discount code we can share and a portion will come back to our pta.
- Our PTA sponsored holiday shop is underway this week. Whew, it's a big undertaking and so many volunteers have shared their time with us. We setup and students started shopping last Wednesday. The shop will run all this week.
- Our room parents are preparing for winter class parties on Friday, Dec 20
- In January we have our big event for girls and a special male. The girls dance is a very popular and well attended event each year.
- We're also starting to plan our multicultural and family traditions night. This is a special time that folks can setup an table to share their culture and family traditions through pictures, snacks and special memorabilia.
- Our next meeting is Monday, Dec 8 at 10am in the fort island library.

Herberich – Rachel Toussant

Our membership is currently 112.

Our cookie dough and pastry fundraiser through Stoller Fundraising was successful with students earning two spirit days for hitting fundraising milestones. Families will be able to pick up their orders on Friday, December 13 from 3-5pm.

The Gingerbread Shop will be held next week from December 9-12. Volunteers will assist with shop set up this Friday and help students with shopping next week.

The Hospitality/Staff Appreciation committee is planning a coffee bar for HPS Staff for Monday, December 9. We received a generous donation from Starbucks to help us provide this sweet surprise for our teachers.

The Art and Music committee is assisting with decorations and refreshments for the Winter Concert next Tuesday, December 10 for 1st and 3rd graders. We are collecting donations for the cookie table.

Our next PTA meeting will be Thursday, December 12 at 5:30 pm in the Herberich Library. We will offer a virtual option via Google Meet. Our Helping Hands and T in PTA award winners will be announced during the meeting.



Old Business

New Business

Announcements and Important Dates:

- CFMS Choir Concert - Thurs. December 5 at 7 pm
- Ohio PTA Region 5 Meeting - Thurs. December 5 at 7 pm
- Copley Sports Booster Meeting - Mon. December 9 at 6:30 pm
- Copley Music Booster Meeting - Mon. December 9 at 6:30 pm
- HPS Winter Performance - Tue. December 10 at 7 pm
- CFMS 6th and 7th Grade Band Concert - Wed. December 11 at 7 pm
- CHS Winter Choir Concert - Thur. December 12 at 7 pm
- CHS Quiz Bowl Home Invitational - Sat. December 14
- CFMS 8th Grade Band & CHS Wind Ensemble Concert - Mon. December 16 at 6:30 pm
- CHS Freshman Band & Symphonic Band Concert - Mon. December 16 at 8 pm
- Copley-Fairlawn Board of Education Meeting – Tues. December 17 at 5:30 p.m.
- Winter Break - No School - December 23, 2024 - January 6, 2025
- PTA Council Meeting – Weds. January 8 at 9:30 a.m.
- CHS Man of the Year - Sat. January 18 at 7 pm
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School - Mon. January 20
- APS Winter Performance - Thurs. January 23 at 7 pm
- Copley CAVS Game - Sun. February 2 at 3:30 pm
- PTA Council Meeting – Weds. February 5 at 9:30 a.m.
- President's Day - No School - Mon. February 17
- PTA Founders Day Brunch - Wed. February 19 at 9:30 am
- Copley District Family First Night - Mon. February 24
- FIPS 1st and 4th Grade Winter Concert - Wed. February 26 at 7 pm
- CHS Band Concert - Tues. March 4 at 7:30 pm
- PTA Council Meeting - Weds. March 5 at 9:30 am
- CFMS 5th and 7th Grade Band Concert - Wed. March 5 at 6:30 pm
- CFMS 6th and 8th Grade Band Concert - Wed. March 5 at 7:30 pm
- Professional Development Day - No School - Mon. March 10
- CFMS Choir Concert - Thurs. March 13 at 7 pm



- HPS Spring Performance - Tue. March 25 at 7 pm
- Spring Break - No School - March 31 - April 4
- PTA Council Meeting - Wed. April 9 at 9:30 am
- APS Spring Performance - Thurs. April 10 at 7 pm
- Copley Sports Booster Reverse Raffle Event - Sat. April 11 at 6 pm
- Copley District Art Show - Wed. April 16 at 6 pm and Thurs. April 17 at 9 am
- Conference Compensation Day - No School - Fri. April 18
- CHS Spring Musical - Fri. April 25 at 7:30 pm and Sat. April 26 at 2 pm and 7:30 pm
- CHS Academic Awards - Thurs. May 1
- APS Family Fun Night & FIPS Family Fun Night - Fri. May 2
- CHS Spring Band Concert - Tue. May 6 at 7:30 pm
- PTA Council Meeting - Wed. May 7 at 9:30 am
- CFMS 5th and 7th Grade Band Concert - Wed. May 7 at 6:30 pm
- CFMS 6th and 8th Grade Band Concert - Wed. May 7 at 7:30 pm
- CHS Spring Choir Concert - Thur. May 8 at 7:30 pm
- CHS Prom and After- Prom - Sat. May 10
- CFMS Choir Concert - Thurs. May 15 at 7 pm
- CHPS End of Year Picnic - Fri. May 16 at 5:30 pm
- CHS Commencement Ceremony - Sun. May 18 at 2 pm
- PTA Installation Brunch - Wed. May 21 at 9:30 am
- CFMS 8th Grade Trip to Washington, DC - Wed. May 21 - Fri. May 23
- Memorial Day - No School - Mon. May 26
- CFMS 8th Grade Graduation - Thurs. May 29 at 8:30 am
- Last Day of School - Thurs. May 29

Adjourned at 10:43 am