

Cedar Trails PTSA

General Membership Meeting

Jan. 16, 2025

Cedar Trails School Library



Call to Order at 7:04pm

Proper notice was given

Attendance: Carol Walker, Penny Chang, Emily Garner, Kasey Trefethen, Tera Coyle, Kayla Strand, Jessica Stagg, Nick Walker, Melissa Hathaway, Ritika Chandra, Madeline Hile

Quorum was present

Secretary: Carol Walker

Reviewed Minutes from October 2024 GMM. No corrections made. Minutes to be filed as posted.

Treasurer Report: Emily Garner

- 2024-25 October - December Treasurer's Report
 - October beginning balance (savings) - \$43,621.11
 - Income - \$38,690.38
 - ✓ Den Dash
 - ✓ Yearbook Orders
 - ✓ After School Movie
 - Expenses - \$7586.82

- ✓ Enrichment Grants
 - ✓ Fall Festival
 - ✓ Popcorn Friday
 - ✓ Insurance/Council Fees & Donations
- Ending balance 12/31 (savings) - \$74,723.16
- Taxes, IRS 990EZ, filed by deadline 11/15/24.
- AIM Insurance - board approved and renewed through 12/1/25.
- Mid-Year Financial Review will be completed soon by Nick Cravalho, Penny Chang and Melissa Hathaway.
- **Income Budget Updates - Approval Needed**
 - Dining for Dollars
 - ✓ Change budgeted income from \$500 to \$900 to allow for more Spirit Nights.
 - Corporate Matching
 - ✓ Change budgeted income from \$1000 to \$2400. We are earning on average \$200 per month and are already at \$1232. Thank you volunteers who submit corporate matching!
 - Den Dash Fundraiser
 - ✓ The donations to this point total \$34,592 and the current budget is \$30,000. I recommend raising budgeted income to \$35,000 in case more trickles in over the next few months.
 - Gift-a-book
 - ✓ Current budgeted income is \$800 but we have already brought in \$835 (some new orders came in for Jan 2025). Recommend raising budgeted income to \$950.
- **Expense Budget Updates - Approval Needed**
 - Eager Reader
 - ✓ Add \$250 since we no longer have the donated Level 4 prizes and will need to purchase them.
 - Bingo & Brownies
 - ✓ Add \$200 to current \$800 expense line item to purchase reusable bingo cards
 - Festival of Cultures
 - ✓ Add \$500 to FofC budget to hire performers
 - STEM Fair
 - ✓ Add \$500 to STEM Fair to hire vendors
- Carol moves to approve the budget adjustments as given, Melissa seconds. Motion carries unanimous

President: Kasey Trefethen

- **Nominating Committee Election-** per WSPTA Uniform Bylaws, Article 5, Section 5A
 - Candidates: Carol Walker, Madeline Hile, Emily Garner
 - No nominations from the floor.
 - Motion to elect our 2024/25 Nominating Committee
 - Tera motions to approve the nominating committee. Jessica seconds. Motion carries unanimously.
- **Bond 2025 - Endorse?**
 - This new \$231.6 million bond proposal, including principal and interest, is a 63% reduction from the November 2024 measure and will be paid off within 11 years.
 - The bond package reflects voter feedback and prioritizes the district's most urgent needs.
 - Upcoming information sessions: 1/21 6pm. Cougar Mnt M.S. & 1/23 7pm District Administration Building (virtual option too!)
 - If approved, the bond will:
 - Alleviate overcrowding by constructing a shovel-ready, previously voter-approved new high school.
 - Maintain the projected combined tax rate at \$3.09 per \$1,000 of assessed property value.
 - Enhance safety with updated fire systems, high school vestibules, improved security systems and strengthened entry access at all school.
 - Be monitored by the Capital Projects Oversight Committee, which will review project and financial progress and report back to the community.

Melissa motion, Jessica seconds. Motion carries unanimously.

Cedar Trails Principal: Tera Coyle

BOND ~ [ISD Website](#)

Five FACTS to know:

- The February bond is reduced to 63% from the November bond
- Funding will be used to address ONLY our most immediate facilities needs, including SAFETY updates at every school AND high school overcrowding (this is projected to continue)
- The total combined tax rate is not projected to increase (this includes future renewals to replace existing levies)

- The NEW high school is shovel-ready with a construction permit that will expire in April
- An oversight committee is being formed to track and report on all district capital projects spending and progress

The \$231.6 million bond includes \$39.9 million for Safety & Security AND \$191.7 million for High School Capacity.

Other Updates:

- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. assembly today went really well
- Showed a video about how we can all be good citizens

VP Of Events and Programs: Jessica Stagg

- Popcorn Friday - This year the PTSA has fully funded our monthly Popcorn Friday's. We provide a free bag of popcorn to all students during their second recess. This is a fun way to support our students. Our January Popcorn Friday is scheduled for January 24th.
- Fall Festival - Our third annual Fall Festival was a huge success. This is a well attended event with games, prizes and candy. We sold pizza by the slice and water. If there are any ideas on how to encourage more parent volunteers to participate we'd love your input.
- December After School Movie - The Secret Life of Pets was shown to a sold out crowd of 99 students. We continue to improve our check in/check out process. Bringing coloring sheets helped those students who needed a little break. The students really enjoy this event.
- Bingo & Brownies - We will be hosting this free event on February 6th. The RSVP link is open. We ask people to RSVP so we know how many brownies and how much milk to purchase. However, we do not turn anyone away. We will be looking for volunteers to help with the event. Please sign up!
- March After School Movie - Our March after school movie is scheduled for 3/5. Be on the lookout for registration to open the second week of February to account for midwinter break
- Staff Appreciation - In November we were able to host a staff lunch, December the staff cookie exchange and we will be hosting a lunch on January 24th. Thanks to Kate Weinstein for organizing these meals.
- Festival of Cultures - Save the date for our Festival of Cultures on Friday, March 28th. We hope to have a great turnout of cultures represented and a fun performance or two.
- Yearbook - Our yearbook sales are going well. The Love Line deadline for 5th grade students is coming up - so get yours today.

- Spirit Night - We hosted our first Spirit Night at Mod Pizza in November. The event was well attended and we earned \$447. We hope to host another spirit night this winter.
- Spiritwear - Our Spiritwear shop is open now through February 9th. If you need to update your collection now is the time. We hope to have the products in by early March.

Vice-President of Campus Support: Melissa Hathaway

Eager Reader

- Flyers going out 1/31
- February 3 - 28
- Prizes for reading outside of school!
- New for 2025: school-wide goal and reward - Melissa will identify a goal and reward, hot chocolate or popcorn?

Outreach

- Holiday Cares Closet restock provided our students with clothing, warm coats, socks and undergarments.
- Trader Joe's Snack Drive
- Donations recently received from Safeway in Issaquah Highlands, PCC, Costco, and Brian Rayfield at Morgan Stanley

Membership: Penny Chang

- 155 members, as of 1/2/2025
- 16.5% increase from same time last year
- 11 sponsored staff memberships offered; 5 accepted as of 1/15/2025

Meeting was adjourned at 7:41 PT



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ELEMENTARY