



## **The Village at CCS Meeting Minutes**

Cairn Coffee House, 17 South Main Street, Winchester  
October 19, 2015

**Attendees:** Jeanie Bell, Mike and Audi Castle, Melissa Christopher, Kristin Coburn, Becky Deal, Jaclyn Farmer, Bill and Valerie Freeman, Misty Gay, Mike and Jennifer Hamilton, Amy Harper, Travis and Lauren Harney, Pamela Hisoire, Sandy Johnson, Angela Knapp, Rebecca McCoy, Jen Oaks, Angela Renick, April and Brian Seals, Brian Sutherland, Toni Thompson, and Tiffany Trimble

### **Call to Order 6:35pm: Amy Harper, President** **New Business**

- Village Officer introduction and goals
  - Supporting and appreciating our teachers – spotlighting teachers, verbal gratitude
  - Assessing the needs of our teachers
    - CCS teachers were surveyed by Village Officers and currently feel they receive good parental support, mostly adequate with classroom volunteers, and grateful for parent representation
    - CCS teacher requests:
      - PRAYER!
      - Please go through daily folders and read all information
      - Please address issues with teachers prior to contacting the school administration
      - A school-wide accelerated reader program
      - An alternative to the “dirty mulch” on the playground
      - A printed calendar for the year including all dates and activities was suggested – Pamela said doing a printed calendar can be confusing to parents as dates often change
  - Financial Discussion
    - Fundraising (Cookie Dough Sales and Spring Fling) are line items on the school’s budget that enable the school to keep tuition costs affordable it’s and doors open. If necessities are covered, we can address larger scale capital improvements such as playground improvements (Per Mr. Hess)
    - As a Village, we are exploring community building events as other sources of income to meet and exceed goals for the school; gathering a list of needs from the school and teachers and allow parents to vote on what goal we will work towards for the year
    - Parent recommendation made to leave donation amount to parents
  - Building a Community and cultivating our Village by organizing community oriented events

- Community building ideas as opportunities to support desired fiscal needs
  - Breakfast with Santa, possibly to include a vendor shop
  - Chili Cook-Off – possibly a competition among classrooms
  - Student Gift Shop – doesn't have to earn money for school, overall seems to be positively supported
    - Filling shoeboxes was mentioned as part of this idea
    - Using this event as a community service project, proceeds could be used to assist a family in need
  - Box Tops – Brian Sutherland will coordinate and create a travelling trophy for class with most box tops each month
  - Encourage and Remind about Kroger Rewards
- Opportunities to improve communication
  - Administration sends correspondence by text, email, on renweb, paper copies in folders – Village facebook page is helpful with reminders
  - Suggestions were for weekly reminders on certain policy and procedures (i.e. morning drop-off, dismissal procedures, snow day procedure, one-hour delay procedure)
  - Orientation alternatives
    - Open House allows for freedom to come and go, and parents with more than one child to visit all teachers and classrooms
    - Structured Orientation Night meets the needs of new or incoming students better by verbally explaining some procedures
      - Suggestion for returning parents to mentor new or incoming parents and help answer questions
- Events and Volunteering Opportunities – Brian, Jeanie and Loree
  - October 21, 2015 Middle School Teacher Luncheon
  - October 22, 2015 Picture Day
  - October 27, 2015 DQ Benefit Night
  - November 6, 2015 Donuts with Dad
  - Month of November, 2015 Cookie Dough Sales and Sorting
  - April 22, 2016 Spring Fling
  - May, 2016 Teacher Appreciation Day/Week
  - Little Caesar's Benefit Night (to be determined)

#### **Open Discussion**

- Concern regarding inadequate time for lunch/cartoons after lunch
- Concern regarding safety issues surrounding morning drop-off
  - Could be addressed by video reminders or Policy and Procedural reminders on facebook
- Concern for promoting higher grade levels (beyond early elementary)
- Concern over school budget and funding, allocation of fundraising monies

**Meeting adjourned by prayer at 7:40pm**

**Next Meeting is Monday, November 16, 2015 at 6:30pm at The Cairn**