



CENTENNIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL PTO
The Sabercat Way!

MINUTES
 General Quarterly/
 Town Hall Meeting

Date: Monday, August 14, 2017

Time: 6:00 – 7:00p.m.

Invited Members: Listed at bottom of this report

<p>Elise Kearney CMS PTO President</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome & Introduction of PTO board members • Easy fundraisers to help our school earn money! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fry's rewards (last year we earned \$1,500 with only 54 people signed up) Let's ALL sign up this year! Visit www.frysfood.com and click on "community" then click on "rewards program" to link your VIP card to Centennial PTO. ○ Benefit Mobile App – link your credit/debit card to your phone via this app, show it at check-out at many stores and earn \$ for CMS! ○ Box Tops 4 Education – Brenda Young collects box tops from each classroom once per month (last year we earned \$1,000) There is also an app associated with this to help us earn even more this year! Prizes are given to winning classroom quarterly. ○ Visit the CMS PTO website for details about these programs! • Review of budget was presented (Elise). Parents learned about the new water refill stations for students that were purchased by PTO. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Motion to approve the budget, seconded and approved unanimously. • Back to School Bash – community event on Friday, August 25 from 6-8:00p.m. Minute-to-win-it games (25 games), DJ, dunk tank, food (Zzeeks & nachos), airbrush tattoos and much more! \$3 admission OR bring in school supplies to donate and get in free! We need volunteers to support the event... quick meeting will be held following this meeting (Susan).
<p>Michelle Anderson CMS Principal</p>	<p>What's new at CMS?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Furniture – awesome new tables and chairs • AVID Elective in 7th grade and AVID implementation school wide • CMS will have a security resource officer for one year • CMS will only be offering after school tutoring (no Learning Lab in morning) • Teachers will have office hours • CMS has 2 academic & behavior specialists – Mr. Martin and Mr. Brown (.5) • CMS has 2.5 academic interventionists – 1.5 ELA (Mrs. Tucker and Mr. Brown) and 1 math (Mrs. Scordo) • 2 health assistants (Deb Foster and Kris Paniagua) • Advisory period <p>Introduction to AVID - Advancement Via Individual Determination</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is AVID? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A structured college preparatory system working directly with schools and districts



- A direct support structure for first-generation college goers, grades 4-12
- A schoolwide approach to curriculum and rigor adopted by nearly 4,000 middle schools and high schools in 45 states and 15 countries
- A professional development program providing training throughout the U.S.
- Mission statement: to close the achievement gap by preparing all students for college readiness
- **Why is AVID right for Centennial?**
 - Places AVID students in rigorous curriculum and gives them the support to achieve
 - Provides research based, best practices in instructional strategies that work
 - Provides a team of students for positive peer identification
 - Redefines the teacher's role as that of student advocate
- **What is an AVID Student**
 - Students with academic potential:
 - Average to high test scores
 - 2.0-3.5 GPA (the "academic middle")
 - College potential with support
 - Desire and determination
 - Meets one or more of the following criteria:
 - First to attend college
 - Historically underserved in four-year colleges
 - Low income
 - Special circumstances
- **Implementation plan (focus on first year)**
 - CMS has two site goals:
 - **Instruction:** use AVID organizational tools to keep track of coursework and to organize their thinking and learning
 - Rigor for all- advanced
 - CMS agenda
 - AID 3-ring binder (encouraged)
 - Introduction of Cornell notes
 - **Systems:** collaborate to increase awareness about AVID to other faculty and staff
 - AVID elective class
 - Wednesday advisory period
 - Pathways & summer institute
 - Initial WICOR training
 - Staff awareness about AVID
 - **Leadership**
 - College readiness mission and vision



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AVID site team meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Culture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaboration through PLCs • College spirit days • Teacher college corners • Implementation plan (years 2 & 3) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Year 2: more focus on instruction-binders and WICOR (Cornell notes) ○ Year 3: full school-wide implementation • WICOR Overview – Writing * Inquiry * Collaboration * Organization * Reading Adopt WICOR strategies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>W</u>riting – Cornell Notes and organization skills– learning logs, etc. • <u>I</u>nquiry – skilled questioning techniques • <u>C</u>ollaboration – socratic seminars, tutorials tutors), group activities, peer editing groups • <u>O</u>rganization – binder and organizational tools, • <u>R</u>eading – deep reading strategies, note taking, graphic organizers • Advisory period information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Announcements/pledge (5 min) – students will view announcements and participate in pledge ○ Team building activities (5-10 min) teacher will plan a team building activity ○ 15-18 students in each advisory class ○ Agenda/binder check (10 min) students will complete the weekly learning log and binder check (will be graded) ○ College word of the week (5 min) students will learn and use a new word ○ Grade/data check or AVID strategy (20 min) every other week students will complete a grade check. Every other week teachers will teach/implement/practice an AVID strategy (this may carry over to another week, i.e., students will learn one strategy one week and then practice 2 weeks later) • AVID Site Team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michelle Anderson • Tim O’Donnell • Shep Golos – AVID site coordinator • Lisa Kahn – AVID elective teacher • Matthew Martin • Shawndra Reid • Jen Redshaw • Heidi Burgess • Diana Campbell • Ashayna Lucero
<p>Open Items/ New Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roars Store will be open every-other week on Friday! • Mrs. Anderson gave students and parents in attendance Roars rewards



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Next Town Hall/ PTO General Meeting 'Coffee Talk' – November 13, 2017, 8:30-9:30a.m. (note special time) in CMS Library
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Attendees:

Matt Martin	Kimberly VerHeecke	Bernadette Mashall
Lisa Kahn	Heather Brown	Cindy Cocalis
Krista Kayser	Ali Conyers	Susan Bell
Kathy Carter	Nancy Chan	Kimberly Rodriguez
Brenda Young	Diane Hayes	Karen Moore
Laura Brewer	Iain Grieve	Michelle Cabanillas
Kristina Grote	Kimberly Roberson	Brenda De la Cruz
Jennifer Sparti	Jeff Esker	Kimberly Jordan
Terri Noll	Joan Roth	Elise Kearny
Michelle Anderson		