

Costello PTO Meeting Minutes Monday, April 8, 2019

Attendance: Laura Saleski, Manish Patel, Julie Eldridge, Kristin Cermak, Ingrid Peebles, Aimee SooSoo, Debbie Ballios, Chris Tallman, Paul Tennies, Dave Henderson, Erin Roenicke, Jen Ford, Allison Allen, Amy Miller, Gail Kobal, Shannon Burt, Val Thurdium, Jennifer Heywood and Veronica Pala.

Guest Speaker – Dr. Richard Machesky

Mrs. Ballios called the meeting to order at 7:09 PM.

Secretary Report

Mrs. Ballios presented the minutes from the February 11, 2019 meeting. Mrs. Allen made a motion to approve the minutes and Mrs. Cermak seconded. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer Report

Mrs. Tallman presented the Bank Transactions, Budget Report and Income Statements for the last 2 months. Mrs. SooSoo made a motion to approve the reports and Mrs. Allen seconded. The reports were approved.

Our fiscal year ends in July. We have to prepare a Financial Statement Audit. There is a Costello Parent that is a CPA and will review it before we submit it in the Fall.

President Report

Mrs. Ballios reported the Deputy Superintendent position is open. Our previous one became the new Superintendent in Birmingham. We already donated \$50 to the district golf event for TFEF. However, they are requesting a basket donation. Dr. DiPonio volunteered to make a basket.

Vice-President Report

Mrs. Kobal reported an email was sent to the teachers requesting their school supply lists for 1st Day School supplies. Teacher appreciation is the first full week of May. She is looking forward for volunteers to help brainstorm new ideas.

Principal Report

Dr. DiPonio reported we currently have 366 students enrolled. Kindergarten round up is Wednesday. 66 students have already registered so there will be 3 classes. There will be shifting of staff. Miss Fragomeni is moving to Kindergarten from 2nd grade. Miss Ferris is moving to 4th grade from 1st grade. Mrs. Holzknicht is retiring. We will have 2-5th grade classes. We have a hole in 2nd grade. Thank you for everyone helping with March. We made it! The Auction was great! The venue was open and the food was great. The baskets were beautiful. The fair was great! No more horns next year.

Mr. Rondot will be recognized by Oakland Schools. He applied for grant to go overseas, Australia, for development.

M-STEPs start on Wednesday. They are scheduled 2 days each week. The 3rd and 4th grades are just math and ELA.

Teacher Representative Report

Mrs. Thudium reported the 3rd grade concert is April 30. Mrs. Pyzik wondered how much money Specials Teachers were allotted. 3rd grade starts M-STEPs this year.

Miss Eldridge reported she received lots of compliments on how well the rooms were cleaned but some classrooms were not left in as good of shape. Miss Ferriss's room had a broken lamp and her lesson plans were erased from the white board and kids wrote on it. It was recommended an adult be in each room. An adult also needs to be in charge of the jail. Something happened to the stage wood. Can we add toys geared toward little hands and kids?

Room Parent Chair Report

Mrs. Cermak reported reminders are being sent to room parents for classroom door decorating.

Spirit Wear Report

Mrs. Allen reported a parent gave feedback that a T-shirt is wearing off. Please let her know if this happens because the company will stand behind their products.

Ways and Means Report

Mrs. Cermak reported Onyx skating is coming up and fliers are going out next week. Mrs. Ballios is asking for someone to take over for Mrs. Leonard. Also, Jimmy Johns field wanted to set up a night.

Mrs. Ford reported we raised \$400 in box tops. Mrs. Dagenais's class won the classroom competition. Box Tops may go digital but she has no information regarding this. Square 1 Art order forms went to teachers today. Orders need to be placed by April 17 and parents should receive products around May 8.

Fun Run Report

Mr. Tennes reported Stacy Miletti donated \$500 for the Family Fun night and she plans on continuing to donate until she doesn't. He will contact Mrs. Allen to order T-shirts for the kickball game. Mrs. Martus has the names of the kids on the team and will coordinate to get sizes from the parents.

Fair Report

Mrs. Cermak reported we made \$3600. Mrs. Henderson wanted to send a thank you to everyone for helping. She is looking for someone to start shadowing her because you cannot pick it up how to run the Fair in one year.

Auction Report

Mrs. Cermak reported next year's committee is meeting at Yard House on April 25 at 7PM if any new volunteers would like to join. We have placed the \$1000 deposit for next year. It will be held on March 6. Mrs. Ballios thought the auction was perfect. It is a great venue. Mrs. Tallman reported based on her numbers, we raised \$29,254.

Community Service Report

No report.

Green Schools Report

Mrs. Miller reported Oakland Green Schools has reviewed our application and we have been approved for Evergreen status again this year. Blood drive is rescheduled to May 15 – ½ day of school 2-8 in the Gym. There is a link on the Costello PTO page.

Web Coordinator Report

Mrs. Cermak reported she is updating the website accordingly. She needs the PTO minutes from last meeting. She will add the blood drive, add the link and how to register.

Publicity Report

No new report.

Old Business

Project Line suggestions – there will not be money left over this year for a large project line purchase. We need to start with \$8000 to cover the auction deposit & 5th Grade Camp.

New Business

5th Grade Celebration committee would like to give away Larson T-shirts. It would be around \$600 to purchase the T-shirts. The committee doesn't want to take the money from anywhere else in the budget but is suggesting a line item move by shifting money from the 5th grade camp scholarship to 5th grade t-shirts - motion passed.

Mrs. Burt reported the Me & My Guy dance is this Friday and 275 people are coming. Also, Science Olympiad is Saturday. Thank you for paying for the entrance fee.

Mr. Henderson reported the Costello baseball fields are scheduled to be used for games this Spring. He has taken on the role of grading and weeding the fields. Tim Folger, new athletic director, has agreed to come out and put base pegs, pitcher's mound and home plate in the ground. Mr. Henderson is requesting money to help pay for requirements to the fields. Our current benches are falling apart and unsafe. It will cost at least \$300-\$350 to replace the benches. He does not have a complete list of what needs to be fixed or a cost estimate. There was a discussion that a proper field would be beneficial to all Costello students. Also, we need benches for the annual kickball tournament. It was suggested we could take money from the President, Secretary and Green Schools fund to pay for at least benches. Mrs. Ballios motioned to approve this and Mrs. SooSoo seconded. Motion passed.

The next Costello PTO meeting will be held May 13, 2019 at 7 PM.

Mrs. Cermak motioned to end the meeting and Mr. Tennes seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM.