

## **Costello PTO Meeting Minutes April 13, 2020**

Attendance: Tammy DiPonio, Debbie Ballios, Amy Miller, Chris Tallman, Allison Allen, David L, Laura Saleski, Katie Monhaut, Julie Eldridge, Jen Ford, Shannon Burt, Erin Roenicke, Fara Karam, Keri Elliott, Paul Tennies, Kristin Cermak, Ingrid Peeples, Angie C, Brian Harris, M. Kovaleski, Lauren and Dave Henderson.

Mrs. Ballios called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

### **Secretary Report**

No minutes presented from the February 10, 2020 meeting.

### **Treasurer Report**

Mrs. Tallman presented the Bank Transactions, Budget Report and Income Statement through April 3, 2020. Our current checking balance is \$55,000. We were at \$56,000 this time last year. We will still have Square 1 Art and Kroger earnings to report. In terms of the budget, we have spent \$22,000 of the \$60,000 budget. Please let her know if staff members need reimbursement. Mrs. Miller made a motion to approve the reports and Mrs. Henderson seconded. The reports were approved.

### **President Report**

No new report.

### **Vice-President Report**

Mrs. Ford reported Square 1 Art has \$2000 in sales so far. It will be delivered to her house and we will set up a date and time for pick up at Costello. She really appreciates Mrs. Myre and her efforts to have every child create something different this year. She is currently working with 1<sup>st</sup> Day School Supplies to set up purchasing supply kits for next year. An email will go out to parents regarding Teacher Appreciation Week. It may be just having children make a video to show our appreciation. We need to think about how to host the New Family Pizza Night along with Kindergarten Camp next year.

### **Principal Report**

Dr. DiPonio sent a SHOUT OUT to the Auction Committee and how great it was again this year! What an incredible event! Thank you to the committee and everyone who supported it. To the teachers...they are doing a great job! A couple of teachers went to a meeting, shared what they talked about and went with it! She emphasized curriculum is 2<sup>nd</sup> to making sure families and everyone is safe. If anyone needs support, please reach out. She hopes all of our families are doing well during these unprecedented times. We miss Costello!

### **Teacher Representative Report**

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### **Spirit Wear Report**

Mrs. Allen reported people are still working and orders can be fulfilled if they are placed. The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration Committee is meeting with Dr. DiPonio regarding the Larson T-Shirts.

### **Ways and Means Report**

Mrs. Roenicke reported our Chipolte restaurant night was cancelled. Panda Express is still interested in doing a restaurant night on April 23. We will receive 50% from take out or drive thru, cannot be Grubhub and we must show the flyer. She will contact Noodles and Oberweis regarding our May event.

### **Fun Run Report**

Mr. Tennies reported he will need to carry funds into the 20/21 budget year for the kickball game and limo lunch. He is trying to do something for everyone – maybe a movie.

### **Fair Report**

Mrs. Henderson reported that luckily we are only out 1 deposit; everyone else was very understanding and appreciative. We are keeping our relationships open with vendors. Unfortunately, our hands are kind of tied in regards to the Fair Baskets. So many families had not put tickets in drums yet. In fact, many families wait to purchase raffle tickets until the day of the event. The baskets will be auctioned off eventually but we are still having a fluid conversation regarding them. We may possibly give every student a raffle ticket to put in the drum; this way everyone has an equal chance of winning. She will run the Fair next year and hopefully someone can shadow her in order to keep the Fair an active Costello tradition.

### **Auction Report**

Mrs. Monhaut sent a tremendous thank you to everyone! It is a great event to celebrate our community! We received our thank you letters back from the printer but the stay at home order was put in place before we could mail them out. She is working on a letter of support to add to our donors.

### **Community Service Report**

Mrs. Elliott had planned a book drive for our Spring Community Service project. She had previously suggested possibly collecting school supplies for Intercity schools during library days this summer.

### **Green Schools Report**

Mrs. Miller reported she submitted our Green School Application and we were awarded Evergreen status again this year!

## **Web Coordinator Report**

No new report.

## **Publicity Report**

No new Report

## **Old Business**

Mrs. Burt reported 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration Committee is looking at what they can still do. They are brainstorming ideas for an alternative celebration. One Clap Out idea is doing a car parade through the neighborhoods. They are creating the Memory Video and Book by using Survey Monkey and Seesaw. Mrs. Allen discussed the Larson T-Shirts. Teacher and Principal gifts can still be done.

Dr. DiPonio reported the cafeteria was painted prior to schools being shuttered and the audio video equipment was being installed.

## **New Business**

There was a discussion about highlighting Costello families in need during this difficult time. Dr. DiPonio suggested giving to the Bridging the Gap Program through the Troy School District. The District does not work as one school but as a community of schools. A parent suggested sending an email to Costello families to make sure everyone is aware of this program. The teachers are also bringing it to the attention of parents. We need to make sure everyone is aware of this program. Dr. DiPonio has direct contact information and a list of needs. There is also a link to donate cash. Monday, Wednesday and Friday is "stuff the bus" and on Friday evenings bags of food and necessary items are given away. Mr. Tennies made a motion and Mrs. Peebles seconded to donate up to \$1000 to Bridging the Gap. An email will be sent to Costello families to make sure these resources are used.

Do any changes need to be made to budgets from last year into this year? Please think about it and email Mrs. Ballios.

The District School Calendar should be approved for 2020/2021, tomorrow. Teachers should also have a contract. School times were not changed.

Round up is not solidified yet. It will need to be virtual.

The Henderson family is collecting prepackaged snacks to donate to Troy Police Officers. This is a way to use our community and how we can teach our kids about community.

Troy Baseball Boosters has funds left over from this year and they will be writing a check back to Costello PTO that we donated last year. We donated money to launch the campaign to fix our baseball fields.

Mrs. Cermak made a motion to end the meeting and Mrs. Allen seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M.