

Costello PTO Meeting Minutes February 10, 2020

Attendance: Jennifer Ford, Chris Tallman, Debbie Ballios, Tammy DiPonio, Kristin Cermak, Amy Miller, Katie Monhaut, Allison Allen, Lauren Henderson, Julie Eldridge, Ingrid Peeples, Keri Elliott, Lindsey Miller, Alan Wilson, Erin Roenke, Paul Tennes, and Amy SooSoo

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

Secretary Report

Mrs. Ballios presented the minutes from the January 13, 2020 meeting. Mrs. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes and Mrs. Cermak seconded. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer Report

Mrs. Tallman presented the budget report. Lot of motion on auction with ticket sales, sponsors, etc. Fair purchases are also moving forward (raffle license, inflatables). Motion to approve the treasurer report made by Mrs. SooSoo. Seconded by Debbie Ballios. Budget report was approved. Optional meeting will be held after the April PTO meeting to review the budget and plan for next year.

President Report

Mrs. Ballios reported that a lot of other Troy schools are using the district site for PTO websites (we won't have to pay for it). Mrs. Cermak will look into this option. Kindergarten round up will be April 16th. TFEE has golf outing on June 19th and is asking PTO to create a basket if anyone is interested in taking the lead (\$50-100). There are PTO/PTA Facebook groups that list companies that are willing to donate various items (PTO Today, PTO Leaders and Volunteers, National PTA in North Carolina were suggested). Proud of student council students for Athens Charity Week fundraising. Charity Week is this week at Athens, daily events to raise money for selected charity. Restaurants, passports, adult and student events to raise money. Goal is \$100,000. This year is supporting Ellie's House. Costello raised over \$1700 from our spirit week. Thank you to all who participated. Videos on YouTube to see more information. Athens Carnival Night will be tomorrow.

Reminder that if you create a flier for PTO events, please note that this is a PTO sponsored event with contact information. Reminder for chairs to keep a simple record of your role and responsibilities in the event you need to leave the position.

Vice-President Report

We are still looking for a Box Tops & Square 1 Art replacement. Mrs. Ford will help assist to get started. Mrs. Ford presented Dr. DiPonio with a gift for Principal Appreciation Week. Thank you to Dr. DiPonio for your leadership and support and all you do for Costello!

Principal Report

Dr. DiPonio reported Valentine's Celebrations will be this Friday (information will come from teachers). Feb 12th is Count Day. Kindergarten round up is April 16th. March 19th is Parent/Teacher Conferences (teachers will invite parents). Last Wed was PD and partnered with Hill and Wass. All staff met on social emotional/relationship building. Funded by PTO. Thank you to those who participated in the Book Study. Great conversations. Auction is on March 6th, students are helping with video to show the night of.

Teacher Representative Report

Ms. Eldridge reported this is Principal Appreciation week. Many events planned this week. Mrs. Erf was grateful for funding for movie trip, students excited about charity week donations.

Room Parent Chair Report

Mrs. Monhaut reported that Valentine's Day parties will be held within the school day and will not be open to parents and families. Teachers will work with room parents to create sign ups of any small treats and/or supplies. Grade levels might do different activities and teachers will send out more information to families.

Spirit Wear Report

Allison Allen reported they are open for any ideas for spirit wear on the website. Baseball caps and bows were suggested.

Ways and Means Report

Mrs. Roenicke reported that Skateworld went well and raised \$546. Suggestion was made to offer one more Skateworld at the end of the school year. Great way for kids and families to get together. Possibly look into other venues (Airtime, Open gymnastics, etc) and look into afternoon on early release days. Upcoming: Chipotle (March 25th), donate 33% (Crooks Road). Tuesday, May 12th is Noodles (4-8 PM; donate 25%) and Oberwies (9AM-10PM).

Fun Run Report

No report

Fair Report

The fair will be held March 14 from 10-2. We are still looking for someone to shadow next year and take over because next year is Mrs. Henderson's last. Everything set up similar to last year. Wax hands, inflatables. Sarah Lalik is looking for someone to shadow her with ticket sales (this is her last year). Looking for a handful of parents to take over (set up, take down). Any ideas are welcome. Sign up genius for volunteers will be sent out shortly. Suggestion to email information to new kindergarten families for 2020-21 school year to invite them. High school or older will be in charge in each room to ensure no damage or misbehavior occurs.

Auction Report

Mrs. Monhaut reported there are over 150 tickets sold at this time.

Community Service Report

Keri Elliott will be our new Community Service Chair. Possible ideas include a used book drive (possibly March), donate to area in UP where there is high poverty (correlation between number of books in home and academic success) and city of Detroit (East Bethlehem tutoring center). Student Council has been collecting pop tabs for the Ronald MacDonald House.

Green Schools Report

Mrs. Miller reported our application is due to the state on March 1st. The DTE presentation will be on March 30th for the 4th grade students.

Web Coordinator Report

Mrs. Cermak reported the website has been corrected.

Publicity Report

Mrs. Cermak reported she has been updating the Facebook page. If anyone has any events going on, please let us know and she can e-blast or post on Facebook.

Old Business

Vote on audio visual equipment. \$5000 package (PTO would pay \$2500 and school would pay for the other half). Question was brought up as to how much we do in the gym since this new system would be mounted in the cafeteria. Mr. Wilson (Costello parent) works for the tech department and spoke about the need for the update. Martell and Morse recently did a similar install and it was also funded partially by PTO. The microphones will be replaced through bond funds.

Motion was made to put \$2500 with a 10% contingency (not to exceed \$500) towards the audio video equipment for the cafeteria project by Mrs. SooSoo. Seconded by Mrs. Elliott. Motion passed.

New Business

Shannon Burt is not going to do the "Me and My Guy" dance. Mrs. Allison asked if PTO would consider sponsoring the event in future years. The issue lies with having to put down the deposit prior to ticket sales and not having the funds to make the reservation. Follow up in April to revisit for next year.

Mrs. Peeples brought up a concern over the parking lot situation after school. More and more parents are parking illegally when coming to pick up. Thank you to Dr. DiPonio for sending home concern and communication to parents addressing the safety of our students. Continue to bring concerns to Dr. DiPonio or staff.

The next meeting will be April 13,2020.

Mrs. Ballios made a motion to end the meeting and Mrs. Monhaut seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 P.M.