

Costello PTO Meeting Minutes January 13, 2020

Attendance: Jennifer Ford, Laura Saleski, Chris Tallman, Debbie Ballios, Tammy DiPonio, Kristin Cermak, Amy Miller, Katie Monhaut, Angela Cheek, Julie Eldridge, Lindsey Miller, Aimee SooSoo, Jen Erff, Keri Elliott, Paul Tennes, Erin Roenicke, Jennifer Heywood, Doug Greenwalt and Jamie Kaniarz.

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

Secretary Report

Mrs. Ballios presented the minutes from the October 14, 2019 meeting. Mrs. Cermak made a motion to approve the minutes and Mrs. SooSoo seconded. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer Report

Mrs. Tallman presented 2 packets of Bank Statements, Budget Reports and Income Statements. She filed the IRS filing in December as it should be done. The Robotics Club received 7 laptop donations from GM that the PTO helped facilitate. She also applied for the raffle licenses for the Auction and the Fair. The cost was \$50 each. Mrs. Elliot made a motion to approve the October reports and Mrs. Ballios seconded. The October reports were approved. Mrs. Cermak made a motion to approve the January reports and Mrs. Kaniarz seconded. The January reports were approved.

President Report

Mrs. Ballios reported our former Vice President's, Gail Kobal, husband, Bob, passed away. The PTO sent flowers from the Principal's Budget. From the President's council meeting, the Early Childhood Development Center is inviting PTO's to come and share some information about our schools and how to get involved on February 21 from 7:45-8:45. Contact Erin Keyser, the director of the Early Childhood Center. A suggestion was made to talk about the Fair. Please contact Debbie with other suggestions. We will start emailing Erin some of our events. Rob Carson is the Maintenance & Operations Director. He talked about maintaining heat, lighting, and keeping money in the classrooms. Maintenance removes landscaping they can't maintain.

Vice-President Report

Mrs. Ford reported Mrs. Roenicke is taking over Restaurant and Family Fun Nights. We are still looking for a Box Tops & Square 1 Art replacement. We will still be participating in 1st Day School Supplies. It was suggested to mention this at the Kindergarten parent meeting this year. She is currently planning Principal Appreciation Week the week of Valentine's Day. She is meeting with Mrs. Martus to tie down specifics. Please let her know if anyone has any ideas. Teacher Appreciation week is the first week of May.

Principal Report

Dr. DiPonio reported we have lots of things to appreciate since October. International Night, Fun Run, Movie Night and Book Fair/Packaging for the Troops and Pancake Man night. Thank you Mrs. Tallman for always the Treasurer Reports always being very organized and taken care of plus the 2nd set of eyes from a CPA. We already have 53

kindergartners registered for next year. We are always looking for noon aides; please spread the word. The 4th grade Mackinac Trip is all set. There will be a drawing for 4-5, 5th grade families to be included. Barnard, Morse, Troy Union and Wass work with Teachers College in New York. We now have access to these videos as well on our Costello website: Parent section/Literacy Project. These are great ways to support our kids in reading and writing

Teacher Representative Report

Ms. Eldridge reported everyone is trying to get into the groove after the holiday. This is the quiet time.

Room Parent Chair Report

Mrs. Monhaut reported the holiday parties seemed to go well. Room parents are also in a quiet time. Valentine's Day parties are up to teachers to have in the classroom. Sometimes they will have volunteers bring in Rice Krispie Treats and juice boxes. Mrs. Elliott is in touch with parent volunteers for fair auction baskets. Mrs. Monhaut will give Mrs. Ford the names of the door decorating volunteers for Teacher Appreciation Week.

Spirit Wear Report

No news.

Ways and Means Report

Mrs. Roenick reported BW3 is set for MLK Day, Jan 20. Skateworld is set February 5, from 6:15-8:15. Chipolte, Big Beaver and Crooks, is set for March 25 from 4-8. They are giving us 33% back.

Fun Run Report

Mr. Tennis reported the event grossed \$26,185 with a net revenue of \$24,260.50. Online donations accounted for \$17,110 and cash donations accounted for \$8,675. The Getmovin online platform assessed service fees of \$2566.60. There were \$1092 in 10% donor processing credit to offset this fee to account for a net return of \$15,635 of online donations. A \$450 site fee was paid for the 2021 event prior to receiving a check from Getmovin.

To date, \$990.82 in costs have been incurred. \$148.50 for yard sign materials, \$369 for the DJ and \$473.32 for movie night supplies. Stacy Milleti provided a \$400 donation for the movie night and TYSL donated \$500 for costs. (The student who obtained the \$500 was given credit for the funds). In the future, Mr. Frazier would be more than happy to DJ any even we have.

There are still anticipated costs related to the Limo lunch and kickball events. There are budgeted funds to support these events.

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. Please contact her if you have any ideas for rooms. Fair Baskets are due to school February 28. Mrs. Elliott is looking for someone to help because she will be out of town the week before the Fair.

Auction Report

Mrs. Monhaut reported the committee is starting to meet weekly. Donations are rolling in but we are always looking for more. We received 20 park hopper tickets from Disney. We are pushing tickets sales for people to bid on the fabulous packages. Early bird ticket specials end January 31.

Community Service Report

No new report.

Green Schools Report

Mrs. Miller reported our application is due to the state on March 1st. The DTE presentation will be in April.

Web Coordinator Report

Mrs. Cermak reported she can't upload to the website right now. We currently pay \$20 a month for an outdated website. She is working to resolve this.

Publicity Report

Mrs. Cermak is making updates as they arise.

Old Business

None

New Business

Mrs. Erffhas been a Costello ASD teacher for 4 years. Our ASD teachers have grown from 4 to 7 during this time. They try to organize community based learning for the kids by doing more community outings. Morse reached out to us to do something together. Last year, we did a movie day together. This year, they'd like to see Frozen 2. AMC on John R works with us by keeping the lights on, sound down and letting the kids be themselves. Transportation is cumbersome; it will cost \$300 for better transportation for our students. We put it to a vote. PTO funding was approved for transportation.

Project line item-projector and sound system in cafeteria. Dr. DiPonio reported a company came to the school and gave us a quote of \$5000. It would be permanently mounted in the cafeteria. Looking for PTO to pay ½ and the rest would be from the building account. We are looking to roll it in out before the end of the year. There will be a discussion and vote at the next meeting, February 10.

Painting of the playground blacktop, how do we get it done? There has been a work order in to the district since September. We are still waiting. If we want it sooner rather than later, PTO will have to pay for it. Is this a cost we want to incur knowing the district has it on their list?

It was suggested a handbook for new parents would be helpful at the Kindergarten Parent meeting. We use to have something similar at the New Parent Dinner but went away from it to be greener. Dr. DiPonio is going to work with current Kindergarten parents to create something.

Mrs. Ballios made a motion to end the meeting and Mr. Tennes seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 P.M.