

## **Costello PTO Meeting Minutes May 18, 2020**

Attendance: Chris Tallman, Laura Saleski, Tammy DiPonio, Ingrid Peeples, Kelsey Kavulich, Lindsey Maliepaard, Lauren Brezenski, Janet Matichuk, Mike Frazier, Julie Eldridge, Lauren Henderson, Debbie Ballios, Keri Elliott, Angie Cheek, Aimee SooSoo, Katie Monhaut, Mr. Tennes, Jennifer Ford, Erin Roenicke, Lindsey Miller, Kara Greenwalt, Amy Miller, Allison Allen, and Jamie Kaniarz.

Mrs. Ballios called the meeting to order at 7:31 P.M.

### **Secretary Report**

Mrs. Ballios presented the minutes from the February 10<sup>th</sup> and April 13<sup>th</sup> meetings. Change needs to be made to February 10, Publicity Report – change Mrs. Ballios to Mrs. Cermak; April 13, names in Attendance. Mrs. Matichuk made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Tennes seconded. The minutes were approved.

### **Treasurer Report**

Mrs. Tallman presented the Bank Transactions, Budget Report and Income Statements through May 16, 2020. We have quite a lot of our budget left from this year. Mrs. Martus has \$15,000 worth of receipts to turn into us. Mrs. SooSoo made a motion to approve the reports and Mrs. Kaniarz seconded. The reports were approved

The Proposed Budget for next year is the same as this year. There are too many unknowns with fundraising and spending to make significant changes. We may need to have a contingency budget depending on when school starts. We may not have our big fall fundraiser, the Fun Run. We will have a soft number of \$20,000 to carry over from this year. The Executive Board needs to get together to decide what is a “need” and what is a “want”. There are many things in the air. We are not sure what businesses will look like for auction donations. We may need to push the budget approval to fall.

### **President Report**

Mrs. Ballios made a call for Executive Board nominations for the 2020/2021 School Year. All were in favor of Mrs. Ballios as President, Mrs. Ford Vice President, Mrs. Tallman Treasurer and Mrs. Saleski Secretary again next year.

Ken Malone and Paul Gorshek are trying to get Troy Youth Soccer League to give us soccer goals for our playground.

Dr. Machesky held an open forum. Everything is currently questionable. All unnecessary spending has been frozen. We may have a \$400-\$700 per student hit and they are working to try to lower the budget. The District is not filling retiring positions; we will shift between schools. There are 2 hopeful options, the state \$1.2 million rainy day fund or a federal bailout.

### **Vice-President Report**

Mrs. Ford gave a “Shout Out” to Tammy for her thoughtfulness and hard work for teacher appreciation gifts. She had Yard Signs and gift bags made. She was touched by the level

of thoughtfulness. It was a great gesture! Dr. DiPonio used her PTO funds. Square 1 Art is running behind but will be delivered soon. We will be selling 1<sup>st</sup> Day School Supplies until July 1 and have sold 43 so far. This is a service to parents for school supply shopping. The kits are delivered to school, kids pick them up in the library and take them to their classroom at the Meet and Greet prior to school starting.

### **Principal Report**

Dr. DiPonio thanked Mrs. Ford for being so helpful passing out signs to the teachers. She wanted to make sure our teachers felt appreciated by parents and students. Thank you teachers, we love you! Please watch for emails regarding enrollment. We are 2 months into online learning. Who knew? There are lots of zoom meetings going on and it is great to stop in on them. The teachers will pack up the classrooms and we will have a pick up in the car loop of students' stuff left behind. Anything not claimed will be held in lost and found for next year. If anyone needs anything, please reach out to her.

We have a few announcements within the building. Mrs. Callas and Mrs. Dagenais are retiring. Mrs. Bosio is taking a leave of absence. Mrs. Chick is moving from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 1<sup>st</sup> grade. Mr. Mike Thomas is transferring to 1<sup>st</sup> grade from Hamilton. Mrs. Maliepaard is moving from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. We still need another 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher.

### **Teacher Representative Report**

Miss Eldridge sent out a gigantic thank you on behalf of all of the teachers and staff members for teacher appreciation. The visits and gifts made them feel special. Everyone still misses the kids and would rather be in the classrooms than at home.

### **Room Parent Chair Report**

Mrs. Monhaut reported the Classroom Parents are dealing directly with teachers. Jaime Kaniarz is taking over as Room Parent Chair next year.

### **Spirit Wear Report**

No new report.

### **Ways and Means Report**

Mrs. Roenicke reported we earned \$97 from Panda Express. We also had a pretty good turnout at Noodles but we haven't heard anything yet. Over the summer, do we want to try to continue having restaurant nights at some of the local, smaller restaurants? Maybe ask the Auction Committee who donates to us in order to support those who support us. If you think of a restaurant, please let her know.

### **Fun Run Report**

Mr. Tennes is looking for someone to start shadowing him and take over the Fun Run.

### **Fair Report**

Mrs. Henderson needs Dr. DiPonio's guidance regarding the Fair Baskets. With restricted access to the building and a limited number of staff members, what is the solution for the baskets? Video drawing with a porch drop off? One basket per family? One ticket per student for each basket since not everyone may have had a chance to purchase tickets or put them in baskets? Move the tables outside for an online reveal? Mrs. Ballios pointed

out, not everyone is going to be happy with the decision we make; we are volunteers. Contact Mrs. Henderson if you have ideas.

### **Auction Report**

Mrs. Monhaut reported there are a lot of question marks regarding next year. Usually we have already placed a deposit on a venue for next year. We are working with families regarding certain baskets, honoring items people won, possibly extending timelines or giving refunds if necessary. We have to make decisions as a committee, call San Marino Club to see what kind of cancellation policy they have and talk to Dr. DiPonio to see when would be a good time to have it next year.

### **Community Service Report**

Mrs. Elliott is not sure if we will be able to collect school supplies for inner city schools; it will depend on library days. Dr. DiPonio said library days are probably not going to happen. We can possibly send out emails as we get farther into summer and make it feasible. Or maybe we could do a used book drive in the fall.

### **Green Schools Report**

No new report.

### **Web Coordinator Report**

No report

### **Publicity Report**

No report.

### **Old Business**

None.

### **New Business**

Mr. Gunn has discussed planting a tree with a plaque in memory of Mr. Kobal and the contributions the family has made to Costello. Our Scout Troop did plant a tree but it isn't doing well.

Will TFEE need the donation basket this year?

Are there any projects we need to close the loop on? Will we have updates prior to summer break?

Audio/Video equipment in the cafeteria was being installed prior to shut down but not sure if it is completed.

Black top repainting - Maintenance was going to pay for repainting. As a general rule, if we wait for maintenance, things are done at a slower pace. If we want to pay for it, it will be done more quickly.

Dr. DiPonio believes CARE sign up is currently on hold.

Mrs. Ballios made a motion to end the meeting and Mrs. Saleski seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.