

Costello PTO Meeting Minutes October 12, 2020

Attendance: Debbie Ballios, Laura Saleski, Chris Tallman, Jennifer Ford, Tammy DiPonio, Lindsey Malipaard, Julie Eldridge, Katie Monhaut, Jon Harris, Douglas Barbosa, Allison Allen, Kristin Cermak, Janet Maldovan, Amy Miller, Jordan Williamson, Kathy McNeilly, Nancy Davis, Kelsey Kavulich, Ingrid Peeples, Shriyan Kar, Angie Cheek, Maren Pulcini, Michael Guthrie, Veronica Pala, Lauren Brezenski, Erin Roenicke, Sophia Fu, Jamie Kaniarz, Janet Matichuk, Keri Elliott, LG, Veronica Pala, Jen DeGrandchamp, Lauren Henderson, and Paul Tennies

Mrs. Ballios made introductions and called the meeting to order at 7 P.M.

Secretary Report

Mrs. Ballios presented the minutes from the June 8, 2020 meeting. Mrs. Monhaut made a motion to approve the minutes and Mrs. Kaniarz seconded. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer Report

Mrs. Tallman presented the proposed budget for the 2020/2021 school year, line by line, explaining each item. Mrs. Ballios explained we will not be doing our 2 primary fundraisers this year – Fun Run and Auction. Mrs. Elliot made a motion to approve the budget and Mrs. Cermak seconded. The budget for the 2020/2021 school year has been approved.

Mrs. Tallman presented the Bank Statements, Income Statement and Budget Report through October 11, 2020. Mrs. Allen made a motion to approve the reports and Mrs. Saleski seconded. The reports were approved.

Mrs. Reigling is a CPA and is reviewing our reports from last year. She is preparing our report to file with the IRS which is due December 10.

President Report

Mrs. Ballios further discussed our fundraising options this year. We really want to support restaurant nights, box tops, and the Kroger card. Instructions to sign up for Kroger Rewards can be found on the agenda. The Auction is definitely a no go; not sure if Fun Run is feasible. Our teachers have been pulled in several different directions; we want to let the teachers know how much we appreciate them and that they are working really hard. We are doing little things on a semi regular basis to say thank you to our teachers. Please send an email to Debbie if you have ideas. Mrs. Matichuk mentioned a Benefits App fundraiser that Larson uses. The school can earn 2-20% of purchases.

Vice-President Report

Mrs. Ford thanked everyone for being on the meeting; lots of new faces this year. Thank you Mrs. Tallman for all of your work on the budget. We have open jobs on the PTO. It is a great way to get involved and meet new friends. You can team up with people to take on a job. We need someone to take over Fair. She is still in charge of Box Tops and will be sending an

email regarding our fall drive. Some products do still have box tops but it is primarily on an app now. Thank you to all the teachers and staff – you are amazing!

Principal Report

Dr. DiPonio thanked everybody for attending this evening. It is a great way to be together. It is nice to see who is out there and get to know everyone. Thank you Mrs. Tallman for taking all the time and care with our budget; it is in great hands. The PTO are volunteers working full time jobs. Thank you Costello teachers for working so hard. They are trying to reach all of the students and strive for that every day.

Teacher Representative Report

Miss Eldridge wanted to thank everyone so much for the outpour of love. It is challenging for the teachers trying to reach virtual and in seat students. The 5th graders had their first virtual Field Trip - Indian Experience.

Room Parent Report

Mrs. Kaniarz reported we haven't had the opportunity for traditional room parent sign up yet. Our teachers are absolutely amazing. Our administration is truly amazing. She is reaching out to teachers to see what they need. Some have asked for parents to help facilitate breakout sessions or zoom readers.

Spirit Wear Report

Mrs. Allen reported the website is live for spirit wear orders. They will not be delivering them to school, most likely porch delivery or pickups. Costello masks are available to order. She is trying to get the website address sent out with the new newsletter.

Ways and Means Report

Mrs. Roenicke explained what she does with Ways & Means. She is working on Restaurant Nights. October 28th from 2-10 PM Zoyo is giving 20% of sales to PTO. McVees is interested in doing a restaurant night, hopefully mid-November. She has submitted a request for Chipotle. She tries to keep schedule them in the middle of the week so parents don't have to cook and restaurants not as busy. Take out option will be included. She hopes to see everyone there!

Fun Run Report

No new report.

Fair Report

Mrs. Henderson is our previous Fair Chair. We don't know whether or not it's going to happen this year. She has all the contact information, will walk anyone through the process and definitely willing to help out. Her youngest kids are in 5th grade next year. We will have to see what companies are still in business and what they have to offer. Unfortunately, it is a wait and see situation. We didn't lose out on much money last year. Vendors were very understanding last year.

Auction Report

Mrs. Monhaut is sad to report there will be no auction this year. For those that are new, it is such an amazing night! It is an Adult only-parents, community members with ton of prizes, raffles, silent and live auction. Typically we raise \$25,000-\$30,000 and takes place in March. We are looking for new people with new ideas.

Community Service Report

Mrs. Elliott has some thoughts for ideas we can do for Community Service Projects. A parent reached out to let her know Troy First Responders were doing a gift card drive but only were only collecting until the end of October. What about the Giving Tree this year? We have previously done one. Maybe we can do a Virtual Giving Tree by having an Amazon wish list. Typically, our Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts do Christmas Caroling at a retirement community but we can't do that this year. We may make holiday cards instead. Maybe we can make a contest to see which class can make the most cards to send to Pine Ridge. If we have an abundance of cards, she knows of more senior facilities. If anyone has any ideas, please feel free to email her.

Green Schools Report

Mrs. Miller has nothing new to report at this time. She is waiting for when more kids back in seat.

Publicity/Web Coordinator Report

Mrs. Cermak reported the PTO Website is up to date. She will switch tonight's minutes from pending to approved and start posting information from tonight's meeting on Facebook.

Old Business

Parents have bags of pop tabs to turn in from last year, what can we do with them? Mrs. Elliott said she will collect them and turn them in. Mrs. Ford suggested Mrs. Cavalier or Mrs. Martus to send out an email with information regarding box tops and pop tabs.

Picture day is scheduled for November 18 & 19.

New Business

It was suggested to potentially offer a speaker at meetings if there is not much to talk about this year due to the pandemic. We can have a speaker to offer support or suggestions to parents. This is a challenging time for families. This Thursday there is a Community Conversation on bullying. Information regarding this was previously sent to Costello families. The conference is free and open to people and educators.

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

The next Costello PTO meeting will be held November 9, 2020 at 7 P.M.