

Costello PTO Meeting Minutes April 9, 2018

Mr. Dunneback called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

Dr. Machesky gave us the State of the District.

Secretary Report

Mr. Dunneback presented the minutes from the February 12th meeting. Mrs. Fraser made a motion to approve the minutes and Mrs. Cermak seconded. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer Report

Mrs. Fraser presented the Bank Transactions, Income Statement and Budget Report through April 9, 2018. Mrs. Kobal made a motion to approve the report and Mrs. Cermak seconded. The reports were approved.

President Report

Mr. Dunneback reported the Troy School District is teaming up with Peachjar to send home school-approved flyers digitally. The more time and information they have the easier they can get the word out. There won't be any paper fliers to come home from private companies.

Vice-President Report

Mrs. Kobal reported she was able to extend the deadline for the school supply list until April 16.

Principal Report

Dr. DiPonio thanked everyone involved in putting together the auction and fair. There were lots of new families.

We had 18 unit vents replaced over Spring Break.

April is Autism Awareness month. This month's nesting will involve autism awareness.

Girls on the Run and Costello Running Club – We are looking at 2 different programs. Funding is available for the boys club but not for the girls club. The girls are already learning from their experience.

Check in and check out system – we have some students that need mentors in their classrooms. This is something we are considering. Can we pair up students with different adults in the school? Troy Union has a similar program.

M-step starts tomorrow for 5th graders, and the end of the month and May for 3rd and 4th grade.

Teacher Representative Report

Mrs. Thudium reported the teachers thought maybe they could help promote the classroom baskets more to the students. Some of the kids don't seem to understand they can win them. The teachers also feel they may be on display too long before the fair. Parents raised questions about Field Trips this year. A discussion followed regarding the decision to no longer have an all school field trip. Instead, each grade will have their own field trip to better supplement learning in the classroom. One example is 3rd grade going to the nature center and having a scientist come into school to perform a dissection instead of Mrs. Thudium. The 2nd grade is also going to nature center.

Room Parent Chair Report

Mrs. Monhaut reported the Valentine's Day parties were low key and seemed to have gone well. It was left up to room parents and teachers to plan. Teacher appreciation week is the 2nd week in May. Mrs. Monhaut will send the list of volunteers for door decorating to Mrs. Kobal.

Spirit Wear Report

Mrs. Allen reported they are working on a staff/teacher design. Orders continue to come in here and there. They have been able to do other shirts if there are different groups or organizations that are interested. She will send an email to Miss Eldridge regarding 5th grade camp sweatshirts for next year.

Ways and Means Report

Mrs. Leonard reported Skate World was profitable. Square 1 Art should be here next week. We had 135 students participate, 74 orders placed and should earn a profit around \$500. We received a \$291.96 check from Kroger. Box Top classroom winner was Mrs. Tessof, followed by Mrs. Marjamaa and Mrs. Marcaccio. We made around \$505.90. The yearbook is done. Mrs. Ford will set up box tops and Square One Art starting next year.

Fair Report

Mr. Dunneback reported tickets sales for the fair were the same as last year. We saved on wax hands, tattoo artist and prizes. We earned \$3450 from the classroom baskets and \$300 from the cookie walk. Mrs. Henderson is taking over the fair next year.

May 25 will be the family picnic, kickball game and fun day.

Auction Report

Mrs. Thomack reported we made \$28,838 this year compared to \$24,095 last year.

Live - \$9575 last year, \$13575 this year

Silent - \$8540 last year, \$9,000 this year

Wagon and 50/50 - \$900 last year, \$1100 this year, minus 50%

Mackinaw Island - \$1350 both years

Joker's Wild - \$1450 last year, \$1800 this year

Next year's auction will be March 1 at San Marino Club. The ticket prices are going up a bit but a sit down dinner and drinks are included.

Community Service Report

Mrs. Gnyp-Whitmore reported some students delivered the Valentine's Day cards to the seniors.

Green Schools

Mrs. Miller reported the Blood Drive will be May 16 and information went out today.

Web Coordinator

No report

Publicity

No new report.

Old Business

Waste baskets in the stalls of the 5th grade, girl's bathrooms.

Me and My Guy dance is almost full 12 more spots open.

Science Olympiad is June 2.

A.L.I.C.E - Mr. Tennes is willing to come into a meeting and provide an hour overview of the program. It was decided the PTO meeting will start ½ an hour earlier and the A.L.I.C.E training overview will follow. The 2018/2019 PTO Budget will be presented in May to be voted on at the June meeting.

New Business

PTO elections will be held in May. Mr. Dunneback is stepping down as President and he nominated Mrs. Debbie Ballios as PTO President for the 2018/2019 school year.

Currently Costello is projected to have 3-5th grade, 2-4th grade, 3-3rd grade, 3-2nd grade, 3-1st grade and 2 Kindergarten classrooms.

Mrs. Fraser made a motion to end the meeting and Mrs. Kobal seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 P.M.