

Costello PTO Meeting Minutes February 12, 2018

Mr. Dunneback called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

Dr. Machesky came and spoke about the new preschool building, GRSP programs within the elementary schools, moving away from media centers, bond usage, phasing out School of Choice, new housing throughout the district, and the start of A.L.I.C.E training this Summer.

Secretary Report

Mr. Dunneback presented the minutes from the January 8th meeting. Mrs. Cermak made a motion to approve the minutes and Mrs. Miller seconded. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer Report

Mrs. Fraser presented the Bank Transactions, Income Statements and Budget Report through February 12, 2018. Mrs. Ballios made a motion to approve the Bank Transactions from November thru February 12 and the Budget Report. Mrs. Cermak seconded. The reports were approved.

President Report

Mr. Dunneback reported that Screenagers went well. The middle schoolers liked it. There was a small but effective follow up here as well.

Vice-President Report

Mrs. Kobal reported Principal appreciation week is this week. Dr. DiPonio received flowers today and lunch from the Kabob Hut will be served on Wednesday. An International Night was discussed at the last meeting. She is getting together next week to plan something for the Fall, possibly a Friday night.

Principal Report

Dr. DiPonio thanked everyone for the lovely flowers and the upcoming goodies. It's nice to read all the notes from the students. Mrs. Fragomeni's class put together a book. Kids are giving her rocks with their names on them become Costello rocks. We had the peer visit on January 23rd. Superintendents from different districts and cabinet members came in to highlight the district. Teachers opened up their doors. The best part of the day was just doing what we do every day. Collaboration across the building and grade levels is amazing. It makes Costello the way it is.

We took a delay in starting Cardinal Nesting this year. Nesting last month was written to take care of diversity within the building and to take care of some of the things happening in the building and on the playground.

Our enrollment is currently at 363 students, not including the 45 preschool students.

Oakland schools gave us the GSRP encouraging us to use our spaces in a different way.

Upcoming dates: February 14th count day and parties, 26th Teachers College for K-2 at Troy Union, 28th early release at 1:10 P.M., March 9, Auction and no school for Teacher workday, March 14 Kindergarten round up, March 22 conferences.

Teacher Representative Report

Mrs. Thudium reported the teachers are not ready to create their lists for 1st Day School Supply and are asking for more time. Mrs. Kobal will call and see how long we can wait.

Room Parent Chair Report

Mrs. Monhaut reported Valentine's Day parties are Wednesday. The parties will be low key with the teachers running them the last hour of the day. Students are bringing in Valentines. We will have discussions after Spring Break about end of year events.

Spirit Wear Report Report

No Report

Ways and Means Report

Mrs. Cermak reported the last day to turn in box tops is Friday, Square 1 Art is due the 21st and the last day to purchase presale tickets for Skate World is the 22nd.

Fun Run/Fair Report

Mr. Dunneback reported the Fair is bringing back the jail this year. Someone will be able to be arrested up to 3 times and pay to bail themselves out.

Auction Report

Mrs. Thomack reported we have over 200 donations so far, 12-13 table sponsors and have sold 161 tickets. We need at least 17-18 tables and stuff to put in the goodie bags. There is still time to buy ads. We have a new after party location, Old Detroit Burger Bar. We are trying 'buy it now' on some items.

Community Service Report

Mrs. Saleski reported that tomorrow is the last day to make valentines for seniors. Mrs. Gnyp-Whitmore will deliver them this week.

Green Schools Report

Mrs. Miller reported there is a donation bin by the Costello sign for used clothes, shoes, and small appliances. It does make money for Costello.

Web Coordinator Report

No report

Publicity Report

All events are on Facebook page.

Old Business

Athens Student council came in to connect with the kids. Candy grams, penny wars, all came from that.

New Business

No new business.

Mrs. Fraser made a motion to end the meeting and Mrs. Cermak seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 P.M.