

Costello PTO Meeting Minutes Monday, February 11, 2019

Attendance: Val Thudium, Tammy DiPonio, Chris Tallman, Laura Saleski, Debbie Ballios, Gail Kobal, Shannon Burt, Katie Monhaut, Allison Allen, Kristin Cermak, Dawn Leonard and Julie Eldridge.

Mrs. Ballios called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM

Secretary Report

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

Treasurer Report

Mrs. Tallman presented the Bank Transactions, Budget Report and Income Statement through February 9, 2019. Mrs. Leonard made a motion to approve the reports and Mrs. Ballios seconded. The reports were approved.

It was decided a budget meeting will immediately follow the April PTO meeting.

President Report

Mrs. Ballios reported the Carnival at Athens is geared for small children. From the President's council meeting... Preschool has 400 spots with 230 filled so far. Troy residents will be first. There is a BW3 restaurant night for Larson on Wednesday; you must have a flier. The flier is on Costello Facebook page.

Vice-President Report

Mrs. Kobal reported for Principal Appreciation week we will have Veggie trays, lunch tomorrow, potluck breakfast on Thursday and Mrs. Dagenais decorated the teachers' lounge and made a muffin tray.

Principal Report

Dr. DiPonio reported we currently have 365 students. It looks like there will be 3 Kindergartner Classrooms next year. We need noon aides. Teachers College in New York is the most powerful learning and training our teachers can receive. Teachers come to Troy a couple times a year to different buildings in order to follow up and teach. Teachers are facilitating the Valentine's Day parties. Science Alive will be February 25 and 26 – thank you PTO. We will have a visiting author March 12 and conferences March 21. Kindergarten round up is April 10.

Out of 1600 schools in Michigan, Costello is ranked #10. We are #5 for best public elementary school teachers out of 1605. YAY Costello!!

Costello has a family of 6 where the Mom has been diagnosed with cancer and had surgery. Is there anything we can do to help fundraise as a PTO? It was decided that some of the parents could post the fundraising website on their personal Facebook pages to help people know.

Teacher Representative Report

Mrs. Thudium reported nesting will be on our early release day, February 27. Class photos of the students in their class t-shirts will be Feb 28th. The 3rd grade concert will be on April 30th.

Room Parent Chair Report

Mrs. Monhaut reported the Teacher led Valentine's Day parties will be held on Thursday. Information regarding the end of the year parties will be sent out as we get closer.

Spirit Wear Report

Mrs. Allen reported classroom t-shirts went out and only 1 shirt in the whole school was incorrect. Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Dagenais will start earlier next year now that we know the other company is not available.

Ways and Means Report

Mrs. Leonard reported we should receive a Kroger check at the end of month. She went to Troy Escape for Family Night pricing, it would be \$20 per person. It was discussed this would be too much. She will look into ice skating at Royal Oak, Fraser, Rochester Hills or Birmingham. She has a list she would like to try scheduling for restaurant nights. She will look into Oberweis or Zoyo for the concerts.

Square 1 Art went out today and is due March 6.

Fun Run Report

No report

Fair Report

Mrs. Henderson needs someone to work in the cookie walk room and she is looking for a karaoke system. Someone suggested asking the AV Club at Athens.

Auction Report

Mrs. Cermak and Mrs. Monhaut reported we have sold 170 tickets so far. There may not be dinner options for walk ins this year. More people are attending this year than last. We are still receiving donations.

Community Service Report

No report.

Green Schools Report

Mrs. Monhaut reported that Mrs. Miller is completing the Michigan Green Schools application due March 1. Also, the Blood Drive will be on April 17 from 2-8 PM.

Web Coordinator Report

Mrs. Cermak reported she is updating the Auction information...who is coming and donors. Facebook page is gearing up for box tops. She posts from Larson and Athens pages.

Publicity Report

No new report.

Old Business

Project Line suggestions – lockers, swings, lunch wagons, steps for smart board, risers LGI, repainting – looking to have done during summer we don't have to pay for, mural would be PTO board, books to match curriculum, free library, LINKS program is looking into free library, furniture for library,

New Business

Mrs. Burt thanked us for Science Olympiad shirts. They are a heather gray and have been designed and ordered.

The next Costello PTO meeting will be held April 8, 2019 at 7 PM.

Mrs. Leonard made a motion to end the meeting and Mrs. Ballios seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.