

Costello PTO Meeting Minutes January 8, 2018

Attendance: Steve Dunneback, Laura Saleski, Tammy DiPonio, Gail Kobal, Jennifer Thomack, Amy Miller, CS Nickerson, Chris Tallman, Julie Eldridge, Dawn Leonard, Shannon Burt, Katie Monhaut, Jen Ford, Paul Tennes, Kristin Cermak, Lauren Guthrie, Val Thudium, Melissa Duggan, Kathy McNeilly, Debbie Ballios, Angela Gnyp-Whitmore and Raquel Schriber.

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

Secretary Report

Mr. Dunneback presented the minutes from the November 13th meeting. Mrs. Leonard made a motion to approve the minutes and Mrs. Cermak seconded. The minutes were approved.

Mr. Nickerson presented his concerns regarding drop off in the morning. Dr. DiPonio has sent out several emails regarding this procedure. Mr. Dunneback requested that Mrs. Cermak add a post to our Facebook page regarding morning drop off procedures.

Treasurer Report

Mr. Dunneback presented the Bank Transactions, Income Statements and Budget Report through January 8th. On the Budget Report, the Movie Mile and the differential in the 5th grade transportation need to be changed. Mr. Dunneback made a motion to table approval of the Bank and Income Statements until the next meeting and Mrs. Leonard seconded. The motion was approved. Mr. Dunneback made a motion to approve the Budget Report and Mrs. Leonard seconded. The Budget Report was approved.

President Report

Mr. Dunneback thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He recommended attending "Screenagers: Growing up in the Digital Age" as part of Tech Talks held at Athens tomorrow night. Preregistration is advised, 1400 people have registered so far. There will be follow up question and answer sessions held at various schools.

Light covers have been removed from the media center in preparation for the new preschool. They are available to any teacher who would like them. Athens Charity Week kicks off February 10th. Last year \$155,000 was raised. The Euchre Tournament is on the 10th and a Carnival Night has been added for kids in the auditorium on the 13th. There will be all kinds of activities offered throughout the week. It is all run by Athens Student Council. A parent wondered if their student council could talk to our student council. Dr. DiPonio will reach out to our student council staff.

Agendas and minutes are not printed at the President's PTO meetings. Mr. Dunneback would like us to go paperless as well.

Vice-President Report

Mrs. Kobal is looking for ideas of how to reach out to our minority families. Can we do an international night? We have so many different nationalities to celebrate at Costello. The

high school has Indian and Asian Clubs. Maybe we can get some cultural groups to come here from the high school.

Principal Report

Dr. DiPonio thanked everyone who donated to the giving tree. We were able to help 3 families. Thank you to Mr. Tennes for bringing up the Moonbeams for Sweet Dreams event. She took it to student council and they became the ambassadors. There was a lot of participation and it was a good experience.

Great opportunity for parents to learn and understand everything going on in classrooms. Facilitators from NY will be here to discuss the Teachers College. This is for adults only and childcare will not be provided. Fliers have gone out and will go out again. This is offered January 23rd for 3rd-5th grade parents at Morse and February 26th for K-2nd grade parents at Troy Union. The times are 6:30 P.M.-7:45 P.M.

Mr. Myrick and Mr. VanHoezen have been sending out monthly PE calendars.

Always looking for lice head check volunteers. We really try to be diligent.

Our current enrollment is 365. The District is going through studies and trying to redistrict.

The removal of the Computer Lab was a fast moving decision. Oakland Schools offers grants to open up Great Start Readiness Programs. It is a lottery. Children can receive preschool programming for free. We have been on the waiting list. We had 3 days to make a decision and decide where to place it in the school. Costello is a more centrally located building. There are 3 GSRPs in the district. These computers will not be used as part of the future strategic technology plan. We had to look at what are we getting in return.

Teacher Representative Report

On behalf of all the teachers, thank you to the parents for the holiday parties. The wonder movie went very well. The rest of the field trips are in the planning stages.

Room Parent Chair Report

Mrs. Monhaut reported the holiday parties seemed to go well. Consistency with snack and grade level activities all went well. We have had a lot of positive feedback. It was very nice that the live feed was available in the Cafeteria. Several parents have commented we need more time set aside for the parties. It was also mentioned the Halloween party needs to be at the end of the day.

Spirit Wear Report

No report

Ways and Means Report

Mrs. Leonard reported we made over \$200 at our Granite City restaurant night. She is looking at BW3 for February. There were about 10 kids at Lifetime Fitness and the kids had a blast. We had a profit of \$580 for Skate World. Our next Skate World night is

February 22nd 6:15 P.M.- 8:15 P.M. Box tops classroom challenge will start in February. Should receive a Kroger check Dec \$335.

Fun Run/Fair Report

The Fair is all set. Mr. Dunneback hasn't heard back from Creative Arts. Celebrate Diversity will be the theme for the poster contest. Mr. Fraser needs someone to shadow him to take over the kitchen for next year. Mrs. Kopal will run the Cookie Walk this year.

Auction Report

Mrs. Thomack reported we are beginning weekly meetings. We have about 50 donations, 3 table sponsors and 2 tickets sales so far. Teacher and staff BOGOs are going out this week. We will have a new auctioneer this year. As we lose kids to Larson, we lose a lot of large donations. We need more large donations for the live auction. We have had people inquire if they buy 10 tickets, can they reserve a table?

Community Service Report

Mrs. Gnyp-Whitmore reported we collected 734 stuffed animals and 464 books for donation. Fliers are going out to the classrooms to make Valentine's Day cards for residents at a local Senior Living facility.

Green Schools Report

Mrs. Miller Green reported our school application is due in March. A water cooler has been purchased for the staff to help reduce water waste.

Web Coordinator Report

Mrs. Schriber reported she was able to put the ticket form for the auction on the website. She is still working on the PTO website. She will be attaching the minutes, budgets and ticket donors.

Publicity Report

Mrs. Cermak is adding posts regarding the auction and restaurant nights.

Old Business

What happened to the girls running program? Dr. DiPonio reported there is no teacher to facilitate the program; we would need a parent to volunteer.

New Business

Mrs. Burt announced the Me and My Guy dance will be held on Friday, April 20 at Petruzzello's. Costello has 16 students in grades 3-5 participating in Science Olympiad. Each kid competes in 2 events against other schools in Troy and other surrounding areas. They are asking for \$100 donation to support entry into the competition on June 2. Mr. Dunneback made a motion and Mrs. Kopal seconded. The money will come out of the miscellaneous donations line of the budget.

The next Costello PTO meeting will be held April, 2018 at 7 PM.

Mrs. Leonard made a motion to end the meeting and Mrs. Cermak seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 P.M.