

## **Costello PTO Meeting Minutes Monday, November 13, 2017**

Attendance: Steve Dunneback, Laura Saleski, Stephanie Fraser, Julie Eldridge, Amy Miller, Katie Monhaut, Paul Tennes, Tammy DiPonio, Dawn Leonard, Allison Allen, Gail Kobal, Jennifer Thomack, Grayson McKinney, and Jennifer Ford.

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

### **Secretary Report**

Mr. Dunneback presented the minutes from the October 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mrs. Leonard made a motion to approve the minutes and Mrs. Monhaut seconded. The minutes were approved.

### **Treasurer Report**

Mrs. Fraser presented the Bank Transactions, Income Statement and Budget Report through October 31<sup>st</sup>. Mrs. Leonard made a motion to approve the reports and Mrs. Allen seconded. The reports were approved.

### **President Report**

Mr. Dunneback thanked everyone for attending our meeting. In an effort to make the all school field trip more relevant, the teachers would like to split it up. A lengthy discussion regarding how to split up the current allocation amount ensued. Mrs. Fraser made a motion to change the line item and amend future budget reports to "Annual Field Trip" and Mrs. Allen seconded. The motion passed. This item will be addressed again in May when we discuss the 2018/2019 budget as well as the per pupil allocation for enrichments.

### **Vice-President Report**

Mrs. Kobal reported the Costello Student Directories were sent out Friday.

### **Principal Report**

Dr. DiPonio thanked the Fun Run committee led by Mr. Tennes. It was neat for the kids to run to Hawaii and made it fun for the kids. We watched a video on why the students enjoyed the Fun Run. Kids enjoyed their ice cream sandwiches on Friday and were able to eat them before lunches. The book club is reading *Wish Tree*. Kids gave up recess and meet wherever they can find space. Dr. DiPonio twittered Katherine Applegate, the author, and she responded. The kids are picking the next book. They Skyped with Hamilton because they are reading the same book.

### **Teacher Representative Report**

Miss Eldridge thanked the PTO again for providing busing for 5<sup>th</sup> grade camp. Thank you cards and Science Alive pictures were distributed from Mrs. Holzkecht's class.

### **Room Parent Chair Report**

Mrs. Monhaut reported we held our Halloween parties and we are getting closer to the perfect solution. Mrs. Leonard, Mrs. Harper and Mrs. Burt helped coordinate the activities. Room parents are going to work with teachers at each grade level with regards to the rest of the parties. Our all school sing along will be held on Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, from 2:45 - 3:15 P.M. There will be an over flow room in the cafeteria with a live broadcast. The classroom parties will be held from 3:15 - 3:45 P.M. Our consistent school snack for this party will be cookies and milk. A sign up genius will be sent to room parents to send to parents.

### **Spirit Wear Report**

Mrs. Allen reported we are still receiving and filling orders through the website. A parent stated other schools that use the web service are raving about it. Mrs. Allen said they are currently designing shirts for Science Olympiad.

### **Ways and Means Report**

Mrs. Leonard reported Skate World is Thursday. The last day to register early is tomorrow. Parents night out at Life Time is December 15<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 9 P/M. It is \$15 per child and \$10 for each additional child. The PTO is not in it for profit. She will double check on ages. An additional \$100 in Box Tops were turned in after the contest ended. She hasn't heard back from Granite City to see what we had earned from our restaurant night. California Pizza changed they run restaurant nights. Schools have to have X amount of people confirming they are coming. If there aren't enough people committing, they cancel it. Noodles will not offer 50% of the bill this time so she is checking with Chipotle to see what they will offer us.

### **Fun Run/Fair Report**

Mr. Tennes reported we grossed \$25,420 around \$22,000 net. There are still some things out there. 7% of that went to online fees; the website took \$1800. He is going to look at other sites. We held 93% of donations, 70% of the money came in from the website. Around \$1600 was spent on leis, Paws, student/classroom incentives, pizza party, bracelets and ice cream sandwiches. He is going to talk to Mrs. Allen about the 26 Superstar T-shirts. Mrs. Martus will be turning in receipts for pizza parties and ice cream to help plan the budget for next year. His goal is to get costs down to 10% next year. He knows where to clean and tidy things up. With more time and planning, the community support is out there. All in all, it seemed to be very successful.

### **Auction Report**

Mrs. Thomack reported stuffing is the name of our game until January. We sent out 400 letters about 2 weeks ago. We have received our first donation. There are 200 online applications that Mrs. Fraser will submit. Parent packets are going out the first of December. Invitations will go out the following week. Parent packets are coming home in folders. The committee will keep packets in the office for people to pick up and hand out to help spread the word. We lost a lot of family service or experience donations over the last couple of years so we have some holes to fill. We need that ask.

### **Community Service Report**

Mrs. Gnyp-Whitmore reported she is waiting for an email response with our total number of books and stuffed animals our school donated. She should have this information in two to three weeks.

### **Green Schools Report**

Mrs. Miller reported there are a couple of things in the works. A representative of the Disabled American Veterans contacted her in September regarding setting up bins for clothes, textiles and shoes. DTE will be giving their presentation in March or April.

### **Web Coordinator Report**

It was reported our webpage was hacked. The PTO meeting dates, Auction forms and donation letters have been updated. The PTO officer page has been fixed. Mrs. Schriber is posting where auction donation letters were sent. She will post minutes and budget once everything else is fixed.

### **Publicity Report**

Mrs. Cermak had nothing new to report.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

The next Costello PTO meeting will be held January 8, 2018 at 7 P.M.

Mrs. Miller made a motion to end the meeting and Mrs. Thomack seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 P.M.