

Costello PTO Meeting Minutes Monday, October 8, 2018

Attendance: Paul Tennies, Ingrid Peeples, Debbie Ballios, Julie Eldridge, Chris Tallman, Jennifer Ford, Laura Saleski, Kristin Cermak, Erin Roenicke, Kara Greenwalt, Val Thudium, Veronica Pala, Janet Popa, Dawn Leonard, Katie Monhaut, Gail Kobal, Amy Miller, Michael Guthrie, Lauren Brezenski, Aimee SooSoo, Wendy Malone and Tammy DiPonio.

Mrs. Ballios made introductions and called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Mr. Mark Dziatczak, Deputy Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, presented a State of the District. He discussed our vision, assessment results, new website, sinking funds, landscaping and the millage on the November ballot.

Secretary Report

Mrs. Ballios presented the minutes from the September 10 meeting. Mrs. Pala would like her husband's comments added to the minutes from last meeting. Mrs. SooSoo made a motion to approve the minutes and Mrs. Monhaut seconded. The reports were approved pending the addition.

Treasurer Report

Mrs. Tallman presented the Bank Transactions, Budget Report and Income Statements through October 5, 2018 and reported we are on track with previous years. We currently have a balance of \$19.23. She is looking at changing our account at the Credit Union. Mrs. Miller made a motion to approve the reports and Mrs. Kobal seconded. The reports were approved.

President Report

Mrs. Ballios reported several teachers asked for more light covers. In fact, she received requests for 27 covers. The teachers are going to be told to limit the number of light covers they can have per year.

Vice-President Report

Mrs. Kobal reported the Student Directory is almost done. She signed an agreement with 1st Day School supplies for next year. They are creating a catalog for teachers to review. They are offering a new line of backpacks as well as 3 sets of headphones.

We had 111 kids purchase school supply kits last year.

We currently have 34 families and Girl Scout Troup signed up to represent 27 different countries at International Night. Volunteer families are meeting on Thursday. There will be a live DJ and 7 groups will do or teach a dance. Guests will receive a passport and go to each table to collect stickers for their passports. There will be a picture area if kids want to dress up in the clothes and pose for pictures. She is looking for a couple of volunteers to man a PTO table to explain what we do and our upcoming events. They could probably use another greeter. She will ask for NHS students or have Mrs. Cermak post a sign up genius.

Mrs. Kobal also attended the Presidents Council Meeting last month. Krispy Kreme is no longer guaranteed to be nut free.

Principal Report

Dr. DiPonio reported our enrollment is currently up to 395 students. Our teachers work incredibly hard. There are goal meetings before and after school. It always goes back to the why and it is to make the kids successful.

The 5th graders are leaving for camp on Monday at 7:30 AM, returning on Wednesday.

Teacher Representative Report

Mrs. Thudium reported Halloween is coming. Parties start at 3. The parade will go Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 5th, 4th and 3rd to the bus loop. Party hosts should arrive to school at 2:45 PM but please talk to the teacher to make sure they aren't needed earlier. The teachers' request parents do not send kids in clothes they have to take off in order to put costumes on.

Room Parent Chair Report

Mrs. Monhaut reported she is sending an email to room parents regarding party details. Krispy Kreme can no longer guarantee peanut free products due to the change in their facilities. The ingredients have not changed but the expansion of their business and facilities makes it impossible to provide a guarantee. Classes will offer glazed doughnuts, cider & water and paper products.

Spirit Wear Report

No report.

Ways and Means

Granite City is next Wednesday. Families must have the flyer that was emailed. The MSU and U of M inflatable guys will be out next Friday to announce the winner of the Box Top contest.

Fun Run Report

Mr. Tennies reported the Fun Run is Friday. Registration numbers are consistent with previous years, 128 people so far which is 30% of the school. We have one family donating bottled water for the run and Stacy Miletti is sponsoring the all school campout on Friday, October 26. Dr. DiPonio will campout on top of the school and families will be able to campout on school grounds. More information is coming. Fun Run volunteers should be to school at 9:10 Friday morning for a short conversation. Changes were made to the incentives this year to try and reach a wider spectrum of kids. For every \$25 in donations, a student will receive a raffle ticket for a limo ride. Also if you reach your goal level by Wednesday, you will be entered into a raffle to be the student to start the Run by blowing the horn on the Fire Truck. \$275 in donations registers a student for the Super Star tournament.

Fair Report

No report.

Auction Report

Mrs. Cermak reported they are meeting with the San Marino Club at the end of the month and one thing they are discussing is who is catering the meal. We hired a new printer and are getting the invitations set. The cost this year is \$45 per person, no more drink tickets. If people would like to reserve a table, it is \$50 per person for a total of \$500 to reserve a table of 10. We are always looking for donations and unique experiences.

Community Service Report

Mrs. Ballios reported Mrs. Whitmore has an E-blast set to go out tomorrow. We are collecting new or gently used clothing for Foster Closet of Michigan from October 15-25.

Green Schools Report

Mrs. Miller reported she is trying to set dates for activities with the teachers. There is really no report at this time of year.

Web Coordinator Report

Mrs. Cermak will post updated minutes once Mrs. Saleski sends them.

Publicity Report

No new report.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Dr. DiPonio reported the classroom t-shirts will be different this year. The company that usually makes them for us is really no longer creating them any longer. Mrs. Allen is looking to see what she can create.

Next PTO meeting is November 12th at 7 PM. Mrs. SooSoo motioned to end the meeting and Mrs. Cermak seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.