

## Costello PTO **\*\*TENTATIVE\*\*** Minutes

Monday, October 11, 2021

Attendance: Jen Ford, Katie Monhaut, Chris Tallman, Debbie Ballios, Dr. DiPonio, Ingrid Peeples, Cindy Kamp, Paul Tennies, Suzy Powell, Jenni Brozowski, Angie Chick, Whitney Northey, Lauren LaPaugh, Kristin Cermak, Michelle Tesso, Melanie Harper, Lindsay Miller, Carla, Blane Hailemichael, Parithas, Mauren Pulcini, Junghee Hyun

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

### **Secretary Report**

Katie Monhaut presented the minutes from the September 20, 2021, meeting. Jen Ford made a motion to approve the minutes and Jamie Kaniarz seconded. The minutes were approved.

### **Treasurer Report**

Mrs. Tallman presented the income report. There has been little activity since the last meeting. Funds were used for the welcome signs and software checks. Income was brought in from Amazon Smile and bank interest. There will be upcoming expenses as field trips resume.

Jen Ford made motion to approve the bank report. Kristin Cermak seconded the motion.

There are some changes to the overall budget. The Fun Run budget will increase to honor commitments from past sponsors. There is also a new line item created to include playground enhancements. We are also showing additional supplemental supplies for teachers, resource room teachers, coaches, and various new positions. We are not sure yet of what classroom expenses will look like this year due to the current circumstances and we might need to adjust as the year goes on. Jamie Kaniarz made a motion to approve the budget and Katie Monhaut seconded the motion.

## **President Report**

Debbie Ballios welcomed all to the meeting. She spoke of a potential fundraiser with Rite Aid. Discussion leaned towards promoting current incentives we already have in place (Amazon Smile, Kroger, etc).

## **Vice-President Report**

Mrs. Ford welcomed everyone. She informed of the status on the directory. There is a sign up and Jenny Martus is helping to create. We are all excited for the Fun Run!

## **Principal Report**

Dr. DiPonio gave a huge shout out to Paul Tennes and Ingrid Peeples for all of their efforts in coordinating the Fun Run. She reported that spirit week has been going well. Parent Teacher conferences will be held on September 27/28<sup>th</sup> and links were sent out last week for parents to sign up.

Costello is in need of more noon aides and health care aids. If anyone has any interest or knows of anyone, please communicate.

The 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be attending camp for the day of October 29<sup>th</sup>. There will also be a Halloween parade on October 29<sup>th</sup> in the morning. More information will be sent home this week. Students should come to school in costume and it will take place in the bus loop.

## **Teacher Representative Report**

Mrs. Tesso will be serving as the Costello Teacher Representative for this year. She is excited for the Fun Run and thanks all for their support. She encouraged parents to sign up for Parent Teacher Conferences.

## **Room Parent Chair**

Mrs. Kaniarz reported she has secured room parents for all classrooms. There will be Halloween parties but parents will not be able to attend. Everything is going well so far!

## **Spirit Wear Report**

Spirit Wear is available for purchase on the website.

## **Ways and Means Report**

Mrs. Roenicke reported that we will have a Restaurant night at Hummus Palace at the end of October. We will also have Mod Pizza on November 17<sup>th</sup> from noon-8 PM.

## **Fun Run Report**

The Fun Run will be held this Friday! We are hoping for good weather. Our school goal of \$17,500 has been surpassed. We are at \$19,000 gross profit as of now! Sponsors this year include TYSL and Stacy Miletti. We have good responses to signs and shout outs. We are anticipating making \$23-24K at this time. Ingrid Peebles will be taking over the Fun Run next year. Students will each receive a pedometer instead of bracelets this year. Melanie Harper has been helping with shout outs. Suggestion was made to order class t-shirts for the Fun Run for next year. SO grateful for all of the work of Paul and Ingrid to make this a success.

A HUGE thank you to Paul Tennes for his work on this fundraiser over the past years.

## **Fair Report**

At this time, we are not sure of the status of the fair. Melanie Harper and Jenni Brozowski both expressed interest in helping chair this event. Might be better to plan later in the spring when an outdoor event could be possible.

## **Auction Report**

Mrs. Monhaut reported that plans are in place for a modified auction to be held in March. There will be a meeting for all parents interested in helping with this event late October/early November. More information will be sent out and posted on the PTO Facebook page.

### **Community Service Report**

Mrs. Elliott reported she is organizing a community service project to partner with Ellie's House. Students will have the opportunity to create cards, purchase items, and assemble care packages,

### **Green Schools Report**

Suzy Powell reported that she is working Amy Miller and emails to teachers will be going out soon. The application for the Green Schools status is due in March.

### **Publicity/Web Coordinator Report**

Kristin Cermak reported that we are still considering canceling our web hosting and just using our school site. Emails will need to be updated with gmail domains.

### **Old Business**

Lindsey Miller reported that the event at the cider mill was misquoted on price and will not be doable.

### **New Business**

Playground Enhancements: We discussed the possibility of purchasing a Gaga Ball Pit for the playground. Estimate of cost is about \$1000-\$2000, possibly cheaper if we find someone who could build it. Lindsey Miller has a potential contact with a buyer for wood at a lower rate. Cindy Kamp made the suggestion of reaching out to the Boy Scouts to help as well. Possible parents could be involved?

Daddy/Daughter dance: Paul Tennes brought up the Daddy/Daughter dance that was previously sponsored by the Girl Scouts. Seeking input for level of interest to hold this spring?

Kristin Cermak made the motion to end the meeting and Jamie Kaniarz seconded. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

The next PTO meeting will be held on Monday, November 8<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM via Zoom.