

Costello PTO Meeting Minutes Monday, September 12, 2016 @ 7 pm

Attendance: Steve Dunneback, Lisa Oswald, Lisa Holzknecht, Tammy DiPonio, Lauren Guthrie, Wendi Abdel-Hameed, Kathy McNeilly, Melissa Duggan, Kristin Cermak, Daxesh, Patel, Paul Tennies, Raquel Schriber, Jennifer Thomack, Allison Allen, Kaumudi Kulkarni, Shams Alshaaban, Laura Saleski, Amy Miller, Gail Kobal, Magda Woloszyn, Katie Monhaut, Keri Elliott, Dawn Leonard, Wendy Malone, Mike Stetaniak, Sal Haji, Wen Li, Karen Russo, Lauren Laicu-LaPaugh, Lana Hemmila, Veronica Pala, Chris Tallman, Val Thudium, Tom Matichuk and Janet Matichuk.

Mr. Dunneback welcomed everyone to the meeting and made introductions. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm

Secretary Report

Mr. Dunneback presented the meeting minutes from the June 13th meeting for review. Mrs. Leonard moved to approve the minutes and Mrs. Thomack seconded. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer Report

Mrs. Fraser explained her tasks, the transparency of online banking, and that Dr. DiPonio and Mr. Dunneback also have access to the PTO account. Bank Statements are available online and she prepares them every month for the meetings. The PTO will need someone to take over her position next year.

Mrs. Fraser reviewed the Bank Transactions and Income Statements through September 12, 2016 and the PTO Budget Report for 2016/2017. Mrs. Leonard made a motion to approve the reports and Mrs. Schriber seconded. The reports were approved.

President Report

Mr. Dunneback reported his PTO duties, attending the President's meeting and reporting back to the PTO. Mr. Dunneback is outside every morning if anyone ever needs to speak to him.

Vice-President's Report

Mrs. Kobal introduced herself to us and reported that she is working on the directory.

Principal Report

Dr. DiPonio thanked everyone for attending the meeting and encouraged everyone to get involved. Her door is always open.

Teacher Representative Report

Mrs. Holzknecht plans the all school field trip. Last year we went to the DNR and riverboats. Currently, she is also the Fun Run coordinator but is looking for a parent to take over and shadow her. It is in the morning. We made \$14,000 last year, doubling the prior year. It is mostly data entry once the contributions roll in. The Fun Run will be held October 14 this year.

Room Parent Chair Report

Mrs. Monhaut introduced herself. She created poster boards at curriculum night for parents to have the opportunity to be involved. Room parent meeting is September 29 at 7pm. Class contributions are collected to help support everything we do in the classrooms: gifts, parties, auction basket.

Ways and Means Report

Mrs. Leonard explained her position: Kroger, Hollywood Market, restaurant night set ups, box tops contests, family nights.

Noodles – Sept 26

Granite City – Oct 18

Skate World – November 10

Square 1 Art–kids make a picture and then parents order the picture on mugs, bags etc. Last year, we earned \$1000 from Kroger just for buying our weekly groceries.

Target no longer donates to schools. Kroger sign up does expire. She sends out a new flier twice a year. Restaurant nights the kids love to see their friends. She tries to choose restaurants that give 20% to the school. Concerts are ice cream nights.

Any additional help would be great.

Fair Report

Mr. Dunneback runs the fair. This year it will be held March 18 from 10 am – 2 pm. Lauren Henderson is shadowing Steve this year. We have carnival games, inflatables, wax hands, cotton candy, drawings, and cookies. There is always a chance to volunteer. The fair is not really a fundraiser; his goal is to break even.

Auction Report

Mrs. Thomack reported that the auction will be on March 3rd; get your babysitter now. It is always the first Friday of March. This is the event where we come together without children. It is held at Petruzzello's. It is our biggest event. We brought in \$30,000 last year. This is what we do so we don't have to sell cookie dough. Packets go out starting in October. Invitations will go out to parents in November as well as 100 people in the community. We already have 4 table sponsors and receiving donations. There are classroom baskets at the Fair, but Auction takes care of them. Like the Costello PTO Facebook page. As we receive donations, we give shout outs on the page.

Community Service Report

Mrs. Haji reported we've done a lot of military outreach programs. We collected items and the kids put together care packets and wrote letters. She has become involved in a homeless shelter at Warren and 9 Mile for the veterans and is hoping to host a holiday dinner there. We have brought in some military personnel for lunch with the kids. We've done videos for Veterans Day so the kids understand more what the day is about.

Green Schools

Mrs. Miller introduced herself. She will maintain our status as a Michigan Green School. There are many things already happening. She is looking at what to keep in place and what we can do to become more energy efficient. March 1 is our submission deadline.

Spirit Wear Report

Mrs. Ciurla explained Costello Spirit Wear. We have classroom T shirts but she is in charge of Costello gear such as T-shirts, hair bows, jewelry, sweatshirts, and sweatpants. Order forms will be sent out soon.

Publicity/Web Coordinator Report

No report.

Hospitality Report

Mrs. Haji reported that the PTO will be hosting a dinner for the new families on Friday. There will be pizza, salad and cookies.

Old Business

None

New Business

Raffle

The next Costello PTO meeting will be held October 10, 2016 at 7 pm.

Mrs. Schriber made a motion to end the meeting and Mrs. Cermak seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:11pm.