

Costello PTO Meeting Minutes Monday, May 9, 2016 @ 7 pm

Attendance: Katie Monhaut, Stephanie Fraser, Christy Humphrey, Colleen Moebus, Raquel Schriber, Salwa Haji, Kristin Cermak, Lisa Holzknacht, Grayson McKinney, Amy Miller, Paul Tennes, Jennifer Thomack, Laura Saleski, Steve Dunneback, Tammy DiPonio, Colin Williams and Michelle Williams.

Mr. Dunneback welcomed everyone to the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm.

Secretary Report

Mr. Dunneback presented the minutes for review – need to change auction total from \$30,600 to \$30,060. Mr. Dunneback made a motion to approve the minutes and Mrs. Humphrey seconded. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer Report

Mrs. Fraser reviewed Bank Transactions, Income Statements and the Budget Report through May 9, 2016. Mr. Dunneback made a motion to approve the reports and Mrs. Humphrey seconded. The reports were approved.

Mrs. Fraser then presented the proposed budget for 2016/2017 school year. There will be a vote to approve the budget at the June meeting.

Mr. McKinney presented a request for Battle of the Books. This is a literary program that Costello use to have, a lot of schools in our area participate and he would like to bring it back this upcoming school year starting with the 4th and 5th graders. It challenges kids to read, enhances class instruction, introduces more books to kids while encouraging healthy competition. We would need 10-36 titles, 10 copies each for competition. Most books cost between \$4 & \$10 per book. We would need to pay a guest teacher for the students that do not participate in the actual battle. A fundraiser that could help offset the cost of this program is Barnes & Noble on Rochester is offering to allow our school to be part of their Harry Potter special event night 7/30-7/31 doors open at 9pm. We would need to advertise that we are holding the book fair. We get a percentage of the sales if customers say, they are with the Costello book fair. We need people to set up tables, events, be in costume, etc...if there are \$10,000 in sales, we get up to 20%. There is a theater company that wants to do skits. We can keep earning from purchases for up to the next week.

The Troy School District is offering Grant money, up to \$3000 for new classroom furniture if the school has matching funds. The District is realizing that furniture can affect the learning environment, different spaces for different types of learning. Mrs. Holzknacht did a study relating desks, tables & chairs and collaborating.

Mrs. Fraser will make the proposed budget changes and submit for the next meeting. Please see the attached Budget Changes.

President Report

Mr. Dunneback reported that we need to vote on the 4 positions, President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary for next school year. There will be a list provided with all positions at the next meeting. Please see the attached list.

Vice-President Report

Mrs. Moebus reported teacher appreciation week went well. She organized it but a lot of volunteers made it happen.

Principal Report

Dr. DiPonio thanked Mrs. Moebus for organizing and recruiting volunteers for teacher appreciation week.

Our internal review was last week; Dr. DiPonio has been at Costello 4 years and this was the best one. It is always nice to have people from the outside come in and see our school.

We will have 3 Kindergarten classes next year, and 3-1st grade classes next year. Mr. Rondot is returning to teach 4th grade. Mrs. Marcaccio will be teaching Kindergarten in the LGI room. Mrs. Ballard is teaching 2nd grade. Mrs. Eldridge is teaching 5th grade.

The bench donation was placed into the building account to pay for its installation.

School Beautification update: Mrs. Barnes has spear headed this. A group of volunteers has agreed to pull weeds in front of school. We are being considered for the Lowe's Heroes volunteer program. Mrs. Barnes has contacted Telly's Greenhouses for a 10% discount.

Teacher Representative Report

Teachers felt really appreciated last week. The school picnic & field day are on May 20th, and the all school field trip is May 27th. The kickball shirts were passed out and the game is on Monday, June 13 at 3pm on the ball diamond. This will be an all school assembly.

Room Parent Chair Report

No report.

Ways and Means Report

No report.

Fair Report

No new report.

Auction Report

Mrs. Thomack and Mrs. Cermak met to go over what to start for next year's auction. They are making decisions as to which donation requests to submit online vs letters and which vendors to hand deliver vs mail.

Community Service Report

Mrs. Haji has been trying to schedule the service men coming in to meet with the students during lunches, but they have had changing of the guard so it has been difficult.

Green Schools Report

No report.

Web Coordinator Report

Laura will contact a parent regarding filling this position for next year.

Publicity Report

Amy Miller has volunteered to take over the blood drive for next year. We ended up with more donors this year than last year. The Red Cross had volunteers come in to help this year.

Hospitality Report

Salwa Haji is the chair for this position next year.

Old Business

Colin Williams is in the process of turning our bus loop into a 24' X 16' butterfly garden. It should be a self-sustaining, natural area. He is planting different perennial plants, applying mulch and will use wood as a border. Milkweed is the primary plant along with lilacs, and different butterfly bushes. Colin, the members of his troop, adults and family have been helping him prepare the ground. He will also be placing a plaque in the garden. He is requesting a donation to finish this project. This will fulfill the Green School certification for Costello. It will cost around \$200 for the peat moss, mulch and plants. Mr. Dunneback made a motion to grant \$200 to Colin Williams and Mrs. Fraser seconded. Motion passed.

New Business

It was requested to place trash receptacles for mother nature supplies in the girl's restrooms.

The next Costello PTO meeting will be held June 13, 2016 @ 7 pm

Mrs. Schriber made a motion to end the meeting and Mrs. Moebus seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.