

## **Cider Mill PTA Meeting Minutes**

### **February 11, 2020**

Attendees: Carolyn Lyon, Tammy Thornton, Jess Christ, Andress Pettibone, Dina Olmstead, Kevin Smith, Sabeth Albert, Katie Froehlich, Jennifer Falcone, Catherine O'Keefe, Manisha Patel, Kara Berghaus, Amanda Patania, Chandra Ring, Cara Schwartz, Jen Cawajal, Juan Vaga, Jen Bell

1. Call to order, 9:20am
2. Welcome by Carolyn Lyon and Meghan Russo
  - Big thank you to Claire for leading 3rd and 4th grade Fun Nights
  - Any interest in PTA positions for next year, please contact Carolyn or Meghan
  - Minks to Sinks (Andress Pettibone) - looking for new members. Huge tag sale on Danbury & School Roads. All proceeds go to Family & Childrens Agency. Membership requires 16 hours worked during the sale set-up/event and 2 out of 3 meetings per year. Anually first weekend in May and October. Contact Andress or Sarah McCall.
3. PTA Teacher Representatives Report (Ms. Katie Froehlich)
  - LLC - STEAM Lab experience - goal is for students to tinker and explore, self-selected and self-directed, with access to more than 20 different project areas throughout the lab and then followed-up with creating on-line feedback and reflection.
  - 4th Grade Biomimicry project being evaluated by teacher panel - winner will be able to create a real prototype. April PTA meeting will be held in STEAM Lab for parents to see it!
  - Mood Meter - social/emotional learning in the classrooms has been deployed and is starting to motivate and inspire us as educators to engage with students with these new tools, and even make curriculum connections. Next phase: Metamoment, being your best self, will roll-out in March.
4. Principal's Report (Dr. Jennifer Falcone)
  - Lunch on shortened days - planned days will not have lunch served, even though it has been seriously considered given logistical challenges. Unplanned days will have lunch if possible.
  - Visiting Author - Andrea Davis Pinkney confirmed (after Spring Break), tied in with Wilton Reads. Will need volunteers for read-alouds, etc.
  - Fun Nights - kids had a blast, but may need to a few, more structured activities for them
  - Second series of Enrichment Clubs starts this week
  - Concert schedules - Carolyn raised the issue of consecutive concert dates falling on same day of the week (recently, multiple concerts on Tuesdays) and asked that future concert calendars consider staggering on different days of the week, if possible.
  - SAFETY PROCEDURES (Mrs. Catherine O'Keefe) - REUNIFICATION DRILL across district - March 11th 1-2:30pm. Need 20-25 parent volunteers at Cider Mill to help conduct the drill and train staff in new procedures. In the scenario that we would need to reunite parents/guardians with their children at the school, the drill is meant to practice what works/doesn't work if an emergency should ever warrant this.
5. Officer Reports:
  - Treasurer's Report by Manisha Patel
    - Revenue/Fundraising - Membership 5 new teachers, Book Fair net +\$5,470, Photo Day income \$4,300, Donations: Turnover Shop \$10,500, Company Match donation \$200
    - Expenses/Programs and Admin - 5th grade yearbook expense \$4890, ad income \$1050, Fun Nights \$1,460
    - Cash balance \$47k (\$25k for operations, \$22k for reserve)

### Secretary's Report by Jen Bell

- Shared minutes from 1/14/2020. Jen made a motion for approval. Seconded by Carolyn. Approved.

### Parent At Large's Report by Ritu Malik

- Genesis program has been successful as it shows us savings in terms of cost avoidance. BOE proposed bringing in more certified staff to work with the children and reduce some paraprofessional staff. Projecting 20 children to be part of the program.
- Middlebrook renovations - BOE proposing to complete in two phases: phase 1 - \$530k for carpet removal, high efficiency LED light installation, and restroom repairs. Phase 2 spread over the next 2-3 years, including asbestos abatement.
- District enrollment projection for next 5 years: Cider Mill will most likely have higher enrollment, Middlebrook will see decline of about 100 students, and WHS will see a decline of 100-200.

## 6. Committee Reports

### Cider Mill's Got Talent (Jessica Christ)

- 40 performances (30 on waitlist), including 22 5th grade groups or singles - videos are being collected now. Event will take place on April 26th at Middlebrook Auditorium.

### Hospitality (Sabeth Albert)

- Bus Driver Breakfast on Thursday (2/20) at Comstock to coincide with their meeting date
- March 18th Soup & Salad for Staff - signup genius will go out for donations

### SEPTA (Kara Berghaus)

- Literacy Event - Feb 19th 7-8:30pm Dr. Chuck Smith will be presenting and the Literacy Review Committee will be there to answer questions and hear feedback and concerns. Parent survey will also be going out soon to provide feedback on literacy practices. Food will be served.
- ESY - Extended School Year services for those with IEP - roundtable discussion with the three coordinators will be on Feb 20, 9-10am at Miller Driscoll
- March YMCA Health & Wellness community-wide expo event - physical wellness and mental health - tentatively March 22

### WYC (Vanessa Elias) - register at wiltonyouth.org

- Screening of movie "Like" about social media March 4th at 10am and 7pm
- "Raising the Touch Screen Generation" on March 24th

### Wilton Education

- \$34,500 raised for Wilton Reading Rocks. Highest participation house was Belden Hill who will earn free homework night and extra recess

## 7. Meeting ended at 10:15am

Date of next PTA General Meeting: Tuesday, March 10, 2020, 9:15am