

Cider Mill PTA Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

June 15, 2017

Attendees: Nicola Davies, Amanda Patania, Annemarie Aronowitz, Diane Strickrodt, Carla Palmer, Lisa Finn, Kim Hall, Mary Jones, Jill Wilkinson, Natalia Ramirez, Jen Fila, Kristen Burke, Jackie Couch, Andrea Bates, Yim Lai, Jen Acerra Markey

- Meeting convened at 9:20am
- Welcome by Nicola Davies – Specially convened meeting to vote on 2 key issues. All general business for the year has been carried out so this meeting will not follow regular PTA meeting format.
- Secretary's Report by Nicola Davies
Presented the minutes from the May 16, 2017 meeting to be approved.
Motion to approve was made by Kim Hall and seconded by Annemarie Aronowitz. Motion carries.
- Bylaw Amendment by Nicola Davies
Proposed amendment was announced at May meeting. This date was used as the beginning of the required 30-day notice period to members. Amendments are -
 - Allow President or Two Co-Presidents of Cider Mill PTA
 - Amendment to the standing committees on the board of directors (removing Hot Cider and Volunteer coordinator, adding in Nominating)
 - Remove all mention of Wilton PTA Council as the organization is now defunct.Motion to approve was made by Lisa Finn and seconded by Jackie Couch. Motion carries.
- Vote to Elect Co-President for 2017-18 School Year by Nicola Davies
Nomination of Amanda Patania to serve as Co-President alongside Annemarie Aronowitz.
Motion to accept the nomination of Amanda Patania was made by Nicola Davies and seconded by Kim Hall. Motion Carries.
- Committee Reports
Field Days
Field days were a success. It was noted that obtaining the required number of volunteers was quite hard. The event is very labor intensive, would there be a way of restructuring the day / relying more on High School volunteers and less on parents. 3rd & 5th Grade used the Top Inclusion Models group from the High School and they were highly commended for how they worked with and engaged the 5th graders. Discussion around class picnic's following field days and the value in inviting parents for this time in light of the large number of events at the end of the school year and the increasing number of working parents at the school.

Hospitality Committee at the Art Show

PTA provided refreshment of cheese and crackers, cookies and water for the art show which was a tremendous success. Helping Hands were servers. Parents were very complimentary about the event and charmed by the young servers.

School Supplies

Orders are coming in. Over \$30,000 in orders have so far been received, deadline is June 30th for regular pricing. Good Neighbor donations are going well and we have covered everything asked of us by Wilton Social Services, we will now be able to give donations to Norwalk or Bridgeport schools as well.

Volunteer Recruitment for next year

We are still looking for VP Fundraising, Great Books coordinators for each grade, 5th Grade River Study and 5th Grade Field day. Volunteers are light on our google form of general volunteers. Sending out another email blast would be useful.

Fundraising

Walkathon T-Shirt design competition is over tomorrow. 3rd and 4th graders are invited to submit their design on the theme 'Buzzy Says Just Keep Walking' Winner will be announced before the end of the year.

Summer Book Fair

Expanded book fair this year in the south gym. It wasn't as busy this year and didn't seem to have been promoted quite as widely as last year. Final numbers on sales are not in yet.

Meeting Adjourned 9.50am