

**Cider Mill PTA Meeting Minutes – DRAFT  
February 14, 2017**

Attendees: Nicola Davies, Laura Rowley, Kevin Smith, Chuck Smith, Jennifer Mitchell, Yim Lai, Mary Jones, Kim Hall, Lisa Finn, Jen Acerra-Markey, Sharon Kress, Salys Magnusson, Maria Rodreiguez-de Arraiz, Meire Mouracade, Margo Silvian, Sharon Kress, Jessie Adams, Michelle Tarantino, Cynthia Dempster, Jill Wilkinson, Annemarie Aronowitz, joanne Daversa, Gretchen Jeanes, Mary Jones, Margot Levy, Amy Palma, Michelle Baronowski, Lara Paschelides, Christine Genereux, Yim Lai,

1. Meeting convened at 9:20 a.m.
2. Welcome and President's Report by Nicola Davies
  - a. Thank you to Kevin Smith and Chuck Smith for joining us today
  - b. Thank you to the Jeanes and McDonalds for a successful 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Fun Night with about 120 kids – Lauren Catalano was a big help.
  - c. 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Fun Night is coming March 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - d. Thank you to the support for the Bergin family with 26 gift cards being delivered.
  - e. Earnings from Shutterfly were \$122, Mabels Labels were \$61, and Stop & Shop's A+ program has raised \$826 with only 120 participating thus far.
3. Principal's Report
  - a. BOE has been participating in Library Learning Commons ("LLC") activities, and there were 50 participants from across the state who came to learn more and see demonstrations in and experience the LLC space.
  - b. WEF is holding a 3/24/17 "Prom" as a fundraiser for expanding LLC at all schools.
  - c. Student empowerment is fantastic with six different groups working through the principal to raise money for different things, including: recess materials, food pantry help, a humane society, and other causes.
4. Teacher Representative Report – nothing new to report
5. Officer Reports

Treasurer's Report by Lisa Finn

- Membership check for \$135 received from MobileArq.
- \$7,000 paid to Main Street for Book Fair, with a net profit of ~\$7,000
- Great Books expense of ~\$1,500 offset by fees collected from participants
- 3 additional teacher grant requests were fulfilled for about \$300

Membership Report by Lisa Finn

- 467 members with one new teacher and one new parent member

Fundraising Report by Nicola Davies

- Nothing to report beyond items mentioned in President's report

Secretary's Report by Nicola Davies

- Minutes presented from January 10, 2017 meeting.
- Motion by Nicola Davies to approve minutes, seconded by Kim Hall. Motion carried.

Parent at Large Report by Kim Hall

- Two BOE meetings since last meeting, both with budget featuring prominently. All budget materials are on the district website.
- 1/12/17 meeting: Jen Mitchell mentioned holiday basket program which served 53 families. Kevin Smith discussed legislative priorities for district which included the regional calendar, required training that is irrelevant/inappropriate, deferred implementation of student privacy, and burden of proof for special education.
- 1/26/17 meeting: Held in Cider Mill LLC. Bus contract discussed, and recommendation is to not bid out the service for two main reasons – we are one of few districts with seatbelts, and our cost is relatively low with current vendor. In addition, continued focus on how DMC report can be implemented further to manage and improve costs.

6. Committee Reports

Gifts and Grants by Nicola Davies

- The school's video camera is broken, and they are unable to film big events/assemblies. The school has asked for a new video camera, microphone and dolly for an approximate cost of \$1,709. Nicola Davies made a motion to approve up to \$1,800 for the purchase of this equipment. Lara Paschalidas seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Spring Book Fair by Amy Palma

- The second summer reading book fair will take place the week of June 5<sup>th</sup>, and only books and journals will be available for purchase.

Girl Scouts – Bronze Award Project by Amy Palma

- Troop is collecting items for “birthday bags” for the Wilton Food Pantry. The list of items requested can be found in a Good Morning Wilton article, and there are two donation bins at Cider Mill. Collection ends Friday 2/24.

Book Swap/Book Collection by Nicola Davies

- There will be no book swap this year, however, books will be collected and donated to Read to Grow, a non-profit that provides books for underprivileged kids.

Box Tops by Jen Markey

- Contest going well – over \$200 from just half the school, with rest to be counted.

7. Any Other Business – none reported

8. Meeting Adjourned at 10:40 a.m.