

Cider Mill PTA
General Membership Meeting
March 8, 2016
Draft Minutes

Attending: N. Davies, L. Schwamm, H. Morrissy, J. Lee, L. Finn, M. Koutsoukos, C. Lyon, L. Rowley, J. Acerra-Markey, G. Yerrall, S. Kress, K. Baldwin, Y. Lai, J. Mitchell, M. Reis.

President's Report:

There were 2 Reflections winners at the state level. Fun nights had very good attendance- 250 5th, 140 4th, and 160 3rd. March 28th will be the Board of Finance town meeting at Middlebrook, hoping to provide babysitting to allow more parents to attend. Would like to get the students excited about exercising their right to vote, which might inspire parents to get out and vote. Odyssey of the Mind competition will take place April 2 in Bristol, CT.

Secretary's Report:

Motion to adopt and approve the minutes from January PTA meeting made by Hillary Morrissy. Seconded by Carolyn Lyon. All approved. Motion carried.

Teacher Representative's Report:

Thank you to the PTA and volunteers for Fun Night, BoxTops competition was a huge success. Report cards will be out in the next few weeks.

Principal's Report:

Next week is the science CMT for 5th graders. Testing schedule will be SBAC in the spring but pushed back to May- the State has shortened the SBAC testing time by removing the literacy performance test. After school clubs remain in the budget and they have been hugely successful. Helping Hands had a courageous conversation with the lunch chaperones about lunch room behavior and recess. Overall theme of three R's are being enforced-- Responsibility, Ready to Learn and Respect. Finally, Caroline Duggan (art teacher) will be coordinating an end of the year art show that will highlight a piece of work from every student.

Officer Reports:

Treasurer's report (by Nicola Davies)- might need to change the spirit wear vendor and think about how we sell it, our sales are down this year.

Membership report- 480 members, 391 families, 51 teachers/staff, 429 parents.

Committee Reports:

Gifts & Grants- Gym teachers are requesting \$900 to bring Zumba instructors to teach every class. Motion by Carolyn Lyon to approve request. Seconded by Nicola Davies. All approve. Motion carried. Carolyn Lyon on behalf of the Cider Mill Yearbook requests \$400 to purchase digital cameras for each house so that photos can be taken

of spontaneous events rather than scrambling to get a parent photographer to school. Cameras will be kept with a teacher and must be signed out. Motion by Carolyn Lyon. Seconded by Jen Acerra-Markey. All approved. Motion carried.

Guest Speaker – Jason Greasley – Technology Instructional Leader. Presentation highlighting the use of technology within our schools and the impact it is having in the classroom and on our students.

Further reports tabled for technology presentation by Jason Greasley.

Upcoming events:

March 11- Book Swap, collection 8th-10th.

April 6- Scott Driscoll Internet Safety presentation at Middlebrook, 8.30am & 7pm

April 19- next PTA meeting

April 19- PTA Sponsored Pizza and Paint art night 6pm – 8pm