**Cider Mill PTA Meeting Minutes**

**September 13, 2016**

Attendees:

Carolyn Lyon, Mary Jones, Kim Hall, Meire Mouracade, Eva Puorro, Lisa Finn, Nicole Jackson, Joanna Warren, Lara Flanagan, Lara Peschalidis, Melissa Pennussi, Debbie Corrigan, Lisa Huff, Jen Acerra-Markey, Eliza Brown, Annie Lam, Margo Silvian, Annemarie Aronowitz, Gretchen Jeanes, Jackie Couch, Cara Schwartz, Chandra Ring, Natalia Ramirez, Amy Palma, Jill Wilkinson, Michelle Baronowski, Michelle Tarantino, Lisa Bregman-Burba, Cristin Wallace, Denise Moraes, Cheryll Ryder, Jo Champlin, Brenda Breitenbach, Jill Bakken, Jennifer Mitchell

1. Meeting convened at 9:18am
2. Welcome by Nicola Davies, Introductions of Board Members
3. Officer Reports:

President’s Report by Nicola Davies

* Thank you to Jackie Shaw and Jackie Couch for handling all school supply kits - might be changing vendor for next year
* Thank you to Lisa for hospitality- staff breakfast, Membership google form
* Room Rep meeting was a successful
* All PTA room reps and Committee Chairs now need to be a PTA member

Treasure’s Report – Lisa Finn and Michelle Tarantino presented the budget for 2016-2017

* Income primarily comes from Walk-a-thon donations
* There is a decrease in budget because of enrollment
* Membership budget increased because of increase in membership fee and the switch to MobilArq
* Book Fair money is split fall book fair and spring book
* Expenses – teacher grant was done in Spring, this year moved to fall
* Great Books – money coming in should equal money spent and should be a wash
* Lisa Finn made to approve the budget, Jen Markey second the motion. Motion passed

Membership Report by Lisa Finn

* Discussed the two types of memberships family and individual membership
* To date we have 364 members, last year total 481; 16 are teachers, 104 are family membership
* Total number of families is 296.
* $6,645 total, extra donation $320
* Those using MobilArq need to update what info is shown in their profile.

Fundraising Report by Gretchen Jeanes

* Discussed the Walk-a-thon forms - Deadline is 10/7 for student gets a t-shirt, donation deadline is 10/14
* Posters will be at the classroom doors to display which kids have donated
* Posters will be in the cafeteria for house competition
* Bingo Night to be organized for a fall event
* Purchase Mabel’s Labels to help cut down on Lost and Found
* Stop and Shop card program gives money to the school

Secretary’s Report – Carolyn Lyon presented the minutes from the May 10, 2016 meeting to be approved. Motion to approve was made by Carolyn Lyon and second by Nicola Davies. Motion passed. She also asked for everyone who is at the meeting needs to sign in on the attendance sheet

1. Principal’s Report by Dr. Jennifer Mitchell

* Reviewed school calendar – school still on trimesters, conference will be in middle of 1st trimester, at this time there will be no written communication coming home in regards to student progress before conference
* Reviewed the “3 R’s” - respectful, responsible, ready to learn
* New standards based report card - teachers will be trained in September and used this year, there will be a parent meeting and handbook to review report card process
* Learning Commons will be integrated into classroom curriculum, Jason Greasley and Lisa Hibbard, technology teachers, will be in the classroom to help with technology integration
* Special area classes are increased in time gym, art and music meet 2x in 6-day cycle
* Buzzby, new school mascot, PTA purchased costume for school
* Helping Hands will be up and running in the next couple weeks, core group is selected by admin, after school program is open to all students
* Teachers will be bringing classes to the library to choose books since there is no actual library time in the schedule
* Balls are in the gym are available to bring to recess, balls provided by school for recess have disappeared, kids can bring their own balls from home, Games are also welcomed for use in cafeteria, Donation effort for balls and games to be taken on by PTA.

1. Teacher Representative Report (Cheryll Ryder)
2. Committee Reports

Gifts and Grants (Mary Jones)

* Flexible seating grant request by Mrs. Rome and Mrs Cirillo– balls, wobbly stools, seat cushion, standing desks, bean bags, etc, Discussion about other schools are doing this to help all students. Mary Jones made a motion to approve the grant up to $500 for each teacher for a total of $1,000, Lisa Finn second the motion. It was approved.
* Water Bottle stations – purchase of stations stalled over the summer. Will hopefully be purchased soon

Nomination

* Pizza and Paint need a volunteer to coordinate with Carol Duggan
* Landscaping need a volunteer to weed the outside a garden
* 5th Grade Fun Night coordinate event with YMCA

Yearbook (5th grade) - Veena Dzik needs 5th grade parent volunteers from Cannondale especially

Great Books – Runs during January and February once a week during lunch/recess for kids discuss a short story, Needs to be publicize more and maybe added to also be an after school activity

Visiting Author – book group will meet during lunch/recess in October Author coming November 14, 15, 16

1. Additional/New Business

Odyssey of the Mind meeting – September 21st at 9am and 7pm