**Cider Mill PTA Meeting Minutes -**

**January 10, 2017**

Attendees:

Carolyn Lyon, Mary Jones, Kim Hall, Lisa Finn, Jen Acerra-Markey, Annemarie Aronowitz, Yim Lai, Kevin Smith, Nicola Davies, Cheryll Ryder, Jennifer Mitchell, Mary Jane Reis, Maggie Kelly, Meire Mouraide

1. Meeting convened at 9:20am
2. Welcome by Nicola Davies
3. Officer Reports:

President’s Report by Nicola Davies

* Welcome to meeting
* Thank you to Turnover Shop for PTA donation - $11,250

Treasure’s Report by Lisa Finn

* Walkathon – final numbers in - a small increase from last month
* Membership revenue should be coming in from MobilArq next month
* Turnover Shop donation was received
* Book Fair – approx. $14,000 came in, payment needs to go out to Main Street
* Spirit Wear – sales lower than budget, hoping it goes up for end of school year events
* Bingo Night – success!!
* Great Books – 3rd grade book expenses
* Start-Up Grant money to reimburse teachers
* Odyssey of the Minds – money will be going out in the next few months
* Cash – reserves enough for one year

Membership Report by Lisa Finn

* 3 new members since November – 466 total
* 425 – parents, 41 – teachers, 363 – families
* Money in budget is higher since the fee is higher

Fundraising Report by Gretchen Jeanes

* No report

Secretary’s Report by Carolyn Lyon

* Presented the minutes from the Nov 15, 2016 meeting to be approved.
* Motion to approve was made by Carolyn Lyon and second by Jen Markey. Motion passed.
* She also asked for everyone who is at the meeting needs to sign in on the attendance sheet

Parent at Large by Kim Hall

* Budget meeting
* Learning commons presentation
* Standard Based progress report
* Superintendent comments to Hartford about unfunded mandates
* Solar project update – BoS project, maintenance falls on BoE
* Change in calendar – a professional day was added to October

1. Principal’s Report by Dr. Jennifer Mitchell

* Thank you for the holiday brunch hosted by the PTA
* Entering budget season – Thursday 1/11 CM presenting to the BoE
* Wish more families would engage in the budget process
* Next year – down 2 classroom sections, total of 40 sections for the school, will start to impact other areas of classes such as World Language
* District is supporting 1:1 device such as Chromebooks at CM – hopefully more information coming at the BoE meeting on Thursday
* Learning Commons coming along and next meeting will be in the
* Progress Report was well received, more questions about grading versus meeting standards, concern about amount of “N”s, but it was only the 1st trimester,
* MAP results coming out today

1. Teacher Report by Cheryll Ryder
   * Thank you for the brunch – it was all yummy
   * Thanks you for the Start-Up Grants! Wanted to know if the deadline could be extended
   * Calendar change – South house 4th grade orchestra/music concert was changed since it originally conflicted with a budget meeting – now on January 24/25
2. Committee Reports

Gifts and Grants (Mary Jones)

* Start-Up Grants deadline grant extended to Jan 31st
* Discussed adding 2 more water bottle filling stations to the north side of school
* Discussed Furniture/Painting/Dressing up the space for teacher lounge
* Discussed Drop down screen/Audio-Visual equipment for Learning Commons

Reflections

* National PTA art initiative – performance art and creative art
* 28 entries for this year
* Judging started yesterday
* Entries in the library starting today
* First place winners will be submitted to the state

Hospitality

* 2 new ideas
  + soup and salad bar in March
  + Teacher appreciation week – dessert bar not going over too well, instead of health and wellness day – yoga, massage, etc

PAB

* The ABCs of IEPs Jan 26 10-noon at the Wilton Library

Family Bingo Night

* Insane!!
* Capped off at number of registration
* Thinking of another night in March

Great Books

* 90 kids signed up
* Parent meeting Friday Jan 13th
* Starting book groups next week

Box Tops

* Check coming $280 to school
* March 1st next deadline
* Helping Hands to help with next competition – late January/beginning Feb

Fun Nights

* Dates on the calendar
* Kids need to be pre-register

WYC

* 1/21 presentation on Raising a Resilient Child

Meeting ended at 10:30