

## **Cider Mill PTA Meeting Minutes**

### **October 18, 2016**

#### Attendees:

Carolyn Lyon, Mary Jones, Kim Hall, Lisa Finn, Lara Paschalidis, Jen Acerra-Markey, Annemarie Aronowitz, Gretchen Jeanes, Amy Palma, Yim Lai, Lisa Davi, Emily Galligan, Chirstine Genereux, Kevin Smith, Nicola Davies, Cheryll Ryder, Jennifer Mitchell, Cheryll Ryder

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

#### President's Report by Nicola Davies

- Thank you to Kristin Wallace for coordinating 5<sup>th</sup> grade river study
- Games and Ball collection – didn't get too much response, few donations from Hot Cider, got some games and balls from Minks to Sinks (free)
- There is an evening CM PTA meeting this week on Thursday 10/20 at 7pm at the Wilton Library
- WYC presentation Privilege and Pressure at 10am on Friday
- WYC presentation Cyber Child on November 1<sup>st</sup> 10am
- Continue to register for Stop and Shop rewards program

#### Treasure's Report by Lisa Finn

- Walk-a-thon close to budget might be close to \$28,000 – checks still coming
- Membership dues were increased for this year – total amount is over budget
- Flexible seating grants were paid

#### Membership Report by Lisa Finn

- Total members 448, an increase of 84 members from September 13<sup>th</sup> meeting (364)
- 448 is made up of 417 parents and 31 teachers
- Increase from September 13<sup>th</sup> – 69 parents and 15 teachers
- 448 members = 355 families

#### Fundraising Report by Gretchen Jeanes

- Walk-a-thon is September 20<sup>th</sup>
- Lots of parent volunteers coming to help
- Participation rate is 80% - lower than last year
- Mrs Wilson from Cannondale has 100% participation

#### Secretary's Report by Carolyn Lyon

- Presented the minutes from the September 13, 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

- MAP testing
- SBAC results were discussed
- Comprehensive review on district policy – a few at a time

- Creating a 5-year budget plan and 5-year district plan
- Gifted identifying program was also discussed

4. Principal's Report by Dr. Jennifer Mitchell

- Email for enrichment classes were sent to families
- Renzulli Learning System is during WIN block but SRBI and intervention can be scheduled during that time as well, Going to schedule a parent info night to go over Renzulli program
- BOE presented a draft idea of gifted education and identifying gifted students but doesn't need to offer gifted programming – 3 criteria: behavior, academic achievement, ability testing
- Halloween parades – 8:30 to 8:45 and 9:30 to 9:45
- Presentation about new report card will be at the November PTA meeting

5. Teacher Report by Cheryll Ryder

- Thank you for Start-Up Grants
- Book Fair – teacher recommendation

6. Committee Reports

Gifts and Grants (Mary Jones)

- Start-Up Grant up starting now - \$100 for returning teachers, \$200 for new teachers
- Water Bottle stations – have been purchased, received invoice, installing them this week, Nicola Davies made a motion and Gretchen Jeanes and 2<sup>nd</sup> motion to add an additional \$1000 for the price increase in the stations. Motion passed

Visiting Author

- Book group - 31 students will meet during lunch/recess in October
- Author coming November 14, 15, 16

Book Fair

- Teacher picks will be featured on a table at the book fair along with Teacher wishlist

Odyssey of the Minds

- 9 teams – each team has co-coaches
- Each team has up to 7 students

Hospitality

- Next event is breakfast for Veterans Day
- December event is breakfast

School Pictures

- Retakes will be taken on October 28th