

## Carlisle PTO Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, April 4, 2017 9:00 am – Community Room, Carlisle Public Schools

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Attendees: Carrie Patel, Emily Richardson, Amy Smack, Diane Troppoli, Eva Mostoufi, Debby Merz, Carren Panico, Skip Campbell, Sandy Eisenbies, Sara Vuckovic, Chris Chiapella, Margot Frost Stuart, Susan Bacher, Cisca Erasmus, Shannon May Lavery, Christine Lear, David Model, Jim O'Shea, Carrie Wilson.

Carrie Patel called the meeting to order at 9:04 am. Carrie Patel is running the meeting because Amy Caggiano is in Italy.

### Administration Updates

Jim O'Shea – MICCA performance received bronze and silver medals. Will be at the book fair to read in pajamas. Looking for a tech integration specialist. Claire Wilcox is retiring. DEM looking at student growth; mechanism was very cumbersome. They are looking to use something different. More meaningful evaluation system. Jim has started a superintendent's blog. (Concord has one). Going to School committee looking at making lunch fees increased – maybe a dollar for Middle School and .50 for elementary school. Salad bar has been well received. Looking to do organic lunches at end of this year. May involve Clark Farm at end of the school year; working on developing that relationship. Most schools have cost of \$3. to \$4.50. People will want to provide feedback – something will be sent out. Parents are always welcome to contact Jim with ideas. (Could kids grow vegetables indoors and then have them used in school lunches?) Would like to stay at 18 for class sizes. 2<sup>nd</sup> grade is on the cusp of adding another class/section. Lots of great candidates.

Dennet Sidell – (not present) but also involved with interviewing process for candidates. None of administrators will be at COA breakfast tomorrow.

Carrie Wilson – In the middle of hiring – have 6 people retiring this year. Hired social studies for 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Mr. Quaden is retiring. Candidates may do a stint in front of a classroom. Looking for 3 special education teachers. MCAS going beautifully. PARCC is gone. Fifth and seventh graders have started this week. It is more stream lined and scaled down. 8<sup>th</sup> grade science fair is tonight, all encouraged to attend, 6-8 pm. Planning for next year, getting classes ready, graduation week. Only 47 days left. Going to Washington DC with 42 8<sup>th</sup> graders over April vacation. Also going to VT with the band. Thank you for monitor in the hallway – it has messages and weather report.

### PTO Thank Yous!

- ✓ Diane Troppoli, Jenn Saak, Suzan Baldoumas and Liz McIntosh for volunteering to help out with Summer Camp Fair – was very well done- people thought they had to pay for raffle or entry to summer fair. Had great raffle prizes, most a free week of camp.
- ✓ Chris Chiapella for organizing the Bike Rodeo and Survey – April 24-May 8<sup>th</sup> is the survey window. It's only about 5 questions and very basic.
- ✓ Debby Merz, Kat Hauser and Emily DiRocco for their work on the Library Book Fair – coming up next week. Still have some volunteer slots. This Friday help is needed to help set-up in early afternoon. 12-2 pm. A bright yellow sheet came home in backpacks. Pajama night flyer will go out this Friday.
- ✓ Sara Vuckovic & Liz McIntosh for their planning and preparation for the School Supply Kit & Husky Apparel/Spirit T-Shirt Sales – Apparel & school supplies sale starts May 1-June 5
- ✓ Susan Shaw for organizing the PTO presence at the Kindergarten Registration event
- ✓ Carrie Patel for attending Challenge Day on behalf of the PTO

### Ongoing Business

Approve March 2017 Minutes

[Carrie Patel made a motion to approve the March Meeting Minutes.](#)

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Second-Chris Chiapella

Vote – March Meeting Minutes were approved.

### Board Updates

President – Amy Caggiano is in Italy.

Exec VP: Update on Challenge Day Participation - It was fabulous, great day. It should have been called emotional day. Went over a lot. Go to [Challengeday.org](http://Challengeday.org) to see more information. What it means to be a man, a woman, anti-bullying. What society expects from you. They were very supportive of friends. Very visual for kids to see they're all in this together. Timing was not great – they are hoping to continue this program in the fall. Funding for the school is closed. They want to put it in the school budget for next year. The program really resonated with a lot of kids; pushed them out of their comfort zone. They brought a card home. Did program at the FRS.

Treasurer: Budget Updates – Carren Panico – quiet month – received 2 donations. One from Jill Goldman and one from the Carlisle Artisans. Ecommunity had some activity. Camp fair brought in \$2200. Could camp fair be moved to gym? Gave a survey to exhibiting camps.

Publicity: Updates/Deadlines

Membership: Plans for August 1 Roll Out

Middle School Chair: Recruitment / Status on Open Positions?

Volunteer Chair: Recruitment / Ideas

Curriculum Enrichment: Updates

Events: Bike Rodeo & Survey Update

Fundraising: Summer Camp Fair Recap, Carlisle eCommunity Next Steps, Husky Apparel, School Supply Kits

### New Business

**School Committee Candidates** – We had presentations from the School Committee Candidates: Skip Campbell, David Model, Shannon May Lavery, and Christine Lear. The League of Women Voters is hosting a session for School Committee candidates on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 3pm at Town Hall. Five members are on the committee – there is one person retiring. It's a 3-year term.

Skip Campbell wanted to find out what parents want from school committee members. Family moved to Carlisle in 1995 and lived here until 2005. Married in 2000 and worked in finance. Moved to Toronto and stayed there. His sister is April Cyr and parents are here. Got MBA in Toronto. Moved back to Carlisle and has 3 boys. He has finance and budget experience and experience with hiring and firing and reviewing people who are highly qualified for what they do. He presently works within a consensus environment. Has been responsible for public communications.

Dave Model – in town since 2004, moved here from CT. Adopted 2 kids from China, both started at CPS in the pre-K. Joined the finance committee-spent 9 years on that committee. This town depends on residential taxes. Budget

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is very important, second, this school's faculty is a self-directed workforce. Because we are in a rich town and we have a strong focus on education, we are creating the next generation of leaders. He feels leadership is more than just academic excellence.

Shannon Lavery – Presently a very happy customer of the Carlisle School; has a 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grader. She has a Master's Degree in Education with a specialty in integrating technology into education. She has had some teaching experience and has served as a substitute teacher in the CPS.

Christine Lear – Moved to Carlisle in 2003 and has a 5<sup>th</sup> grader. She would want to give more opportunities for parents to understand what happens at school committee.

There was some discussion of the scope of the school committee's job. They have purview over the Superintendent and the budget.

### **Adjourn**

Next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 2 at 9:00 am in the Community Room

Minutes respectfully submitted by Emily H. Richardson, PTO member