

Carlisle PTO Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, November 7, 2017 9:00 am – Community Room, Carlisle Public Schools



Attendees: Jim O'Shea, Amy Caggiano, Carren Panico, Emily Richardson, Diane Troppoli, Carrie Patel, Sean Murphy

Amy Caggiano opens the meeting at 9:05

Jim - Storm put us out of commission for two days, due to down lines and unsafe conditions in the town. Phone system has been worked on and seems to be working well. The Halloween parade was rescheduled and went well. The door decorating contest was a big hit with the students. MCAS scores should have been received by all parents by now. The school as a whole performed quite well as always. 75-80% of our students exceeded or meet expectations. Public hearing for budget will be in December at the School Committee meeting. Projections for kindergarten next year are around 50 students. We had a survey sent out about diversity and inclusion with 164 people responding. We had a lot of good suggestions and a lot of talk about the multicultural festival. Want to take the dialogue from the survey and bring it out into the community. Today is lock down training for faculty and staff with drill coming up soon for the whole school.

The Science Fair Club has replaced the traditional Science Fair. Middle School students meet with Dr Marsh for middle every other Wednesday at 6 pm to work on their projects.

Challenge Day for 7th grade occurred on November 6. We moved it to the beginning of the school year to help bring the seventh graders together and foster bonding between the students.

Administration Updates: PTO Thank Yous!

- ✓ Emily DiRoccco and her 6th grade team for an amazing Spaghetti Supper
- ✓ Liz McIntosh for kicking off the Fall Apparel Sale
- ✓ Sara Vuckovic for organizing the Gift Card Sale
- ✓ Sean & Linda Murphy for their Communications Outreach
- ✓ Niressa Martin for continuing to assist families with Husky Directory Membership
- ✓ Carrie Patel for leading the Grants Process
- ✓ Diane Troppoli & Chris Chiapella for organizing a fantastic group of volunteers (Rebecca, Kate, Margot & more) for the Bike Fair - Great publicity from the Mosquito
- ✓ Diane Troppoli for working with the COA on Saturday's Veteran's Race
- ✓ Eva Mostoufi, Christine Lear, Kim Boschi and Christine Stevens for their work on the Carlisle eCommunity

Ongoing Business

Approve October 2017 Minutes -
Carren Panico made a motion to approve the minutes.
Emily Richardson seconded the motion.
The October Meeting Minutes were approved.

Board Updates

President: Compost Bins/Rowan O'Connor Request - Stephanie Blunt brought forward a sip and shop at J.McLaughlin in Concord Center with a percentage of proceeds going to the PTO. Concerns brought up about exclusiveness, as it is a high-end store. Rowan O'Connor is a Boy Scout who is looking for funding for his Eagle Project. He is looking to rebuild the compost bins for the school and his goal is for funding is \$1400.

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Exec VP: Faculty & Staff Grants Vote - 18 total grants submitted for a total of \$47,000. The school took 7 off the table and we funded 11 grants with 7 being fully funded and 4 of them being partially funded.

Treasurer: Budget Updates - School Supplies brought in \$9600 year. This increase was due to refunds given due to delivery issues on their side.

Publicity: Update and deadlines - PTO news deadline in Nov 15th and Buzz deadline is Nov 22. Looking to send out another focused blast to the parents about membership.

Membership: Husky Directory Status, Gift Certificate/Raffle for New Members - Only at 59% right now with \$5600, last year at this time we were at \$8000.

Curriculum Enrichment: Updates - Received 12 applications for CE. Bubble Science traveling workshop was applied for by Kindergarten (third CE program for K). CE has taken on Think Give for fifth grade and will be an ongoing program in the future, possibly being rolled into the school budget. Tufts choir in January or February in place of the all school assembly.

Events: December Professional Development Day Activity - Altitude for Elementary and possibly Laser Craze for middle schoolers.

Fundraising: Apparel & Gift Card Sales, Carlisle eCommunity - Apparel sale ended yesterday, sales a little bit down from last year. Few new pieces available this year including a full zip hooded sweatshirt. Meeting every week to discuss the Carlisle ECommunity site and working to get more sponsors.

Volunteer Chair: Veteran's Race Update & Next Steps for Attracting Volunteers - This Saturday is the race with the first race starting at 9 am with registration opening at 8 am. Still need a few more volunteers to help with registration.

New Business

Kim Sperry brought forward a program, which recycles textiles. We will be looking into it as a fundraiser.

Adjourn

[Amy Caggiano made a motion to adjourn.](#)

[Carrie Patel seconded the motion.](#)

[Meeting was adjourned at 10:48 am.](#)

Next meeting will be on Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 9:00 am in the Community Room