

Carlisle PTO Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 3, 2018 9:00 am – Community Room, Carlisle Public Schools



Attendees: Carrie Wilson, Jim O'Shea, Amy Caggiano, Carren Panico, Liz McIntosh, Emily Richardson, Diane Troppoli, Sara Vuckovic, Eva Mostufi, Debby Merz

Amy Caggiano opens the meeting at 9:03

Administration Updates

Carrie Wilson- Student council hosted a tea with the COA with about 30 students from the Student Council. They served tea and played board games with local residents. Tomorrow is the annual CPS breakfast for the COA where the administration cooks breakfast for the senior residents of Carlisle. MCAS are underway and going smoothly. The 7th and 5th grades had their first test in LA yesterday. All testing will be on computers this year. Schedules will be coming out in our Friday blast to allow parents to know when the tests will be happening. High school placement for eighth grade is finished and we have started some of our transition trips to CCHS. The trip to the aquarium, blue man group and Faneuil hall lunch all in one day is planned already for 8th graders. Graduation is 22 June, with the 20th a community service day. After graduation 8th graders will be back in the school working with the elementary students. Nick Greenwood submitted a grant to Google and this Friday Google will come and all 4-8th grade classes will have a chance to use the Google expedition 3D glasses, in concert with their subject matter. Updating of the school's Action Plan will be presented to the school committee next week.

Jim O'Shea- The last day of school is June 27th. Strategic planning meeting for CCHS had good attendance and we got a lot of good feedback from the community on what they would like to see happen at the high school. Ipass was opened to the parents to have access to the system, but we found it wasn't meeting our needs so we are looking at other systems, possibly Aspen which is used by CCHS. I attended the CCYouth services breakfast they had regarding substance abuse amongst high school schoolers. Chief Fisher from Carlisle was also in attendance. It was brought to everyone's attention that some of our middle schoolers are aware/involved with alcohol and marijuana. Lunch survey will be going out in an attempt to improve the options in the lunch room. As well, a survey on foreign languages will be going out after vacation. Mrs. Baker, French/Spanish Teacher, will be retiring this year. We are looking to see if the languages we teach here, will still be available to continue with at CCHS. Flex schedule for foreign languages will return to fifth grade as the one day a week language that is happening now has not lead to a lot of retention amongst the students. Looking forward to the book fair next week, especially the pj story time on Tuesday night.

PTO Thank Yous!

- * Sports Sale Volunteers led by Kieran Joshi
- * Camp Fair Volunteers led by Diane Troppoli

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- * Book Fair Volunteers led by Debby Merz
- * Spring Fundraisers – Sara Vuckovic and Liz McIntosh
- * Every.Single.PTO.Volunteer => #TogetherWeCanPTO

Ongoing Business

Approve March 2018 Minutes

[Approve March 2018 Minutes - Amy Caggiano made a motion to approve the minutes. Carren Panico seconded the motion. The March Meeting Minutes were approved.](#)

Board Updates

President – Multi-cultural fair will be put on in May, scaled down a bit from past fairs. Free of charge this year as well. Jill Goldman will be donating all proceeds from the 8th grade photos she takes to the PTO this year. Recruitment is main priority right now. Kindergarten screening coming up in May – refreshments and a PTO presence during the screening.

Treasurer – slow month with really just the Camp Fair money coming in.

Publicity: Need a chair to run this very important position.

Membership: Husky Directory Updates, Raffle Item Winners, Kindergarten Registration Appeal

Curriculum Enrichment: Updates + Publicity – The Graphic Artist from past years is unable to come back this year and Ms. Levy has researched other GA's to come and found two from VT to come down, but their fee is \$750 vs the \$400 we had originally budgeted for this program. Board agreed to cover the extra cost.

Volunteer Chair: Recruitment for 2018-19 - Found an Events Committee Chair as well as two parents to join the Events committee. We have a few parents interested in the CE chair position. Middle School chair is needed as well as 6-8 class reps.

Fundraising: Summer Camp Fair – good attendance with about 75-100 people showing, even got some Concord residents. Sports Sale that ran at the same time brought in \$180.

Apparel Spring Sale- Question out to Jim about which logo we will be running with in the future. Sale will start May 5th-26th and we will have a table at the teacher carnival.

School Supply Kits- All the grades list are in, publicity is all set and ready to go. Sale ready to go on May 5th until June 15th.

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Bay State Textiles – Still working on how to move forward with this as far as the administration and town are concerned.

Carlisle eCommunity – still on hold until we can get some people to run it.

New Business

April Library Book Fair- Two Authors this year Marcella Pixley and David Biedrzycki, David will be here Monday signing at 3 o'clock.

Kindergarten Registration/Screening – May 21

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon – May 15

Adjourn

Amy Caggiano made a motion to adjourn.

Carrie Patel seconded the motion.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am.

Next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 1 2018 at 9:00 am in the Community Room