

Carlisle PTO Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, December 5, 2017 9:00 am – Community Room, Carlisle Public Schools



Amy Caggiano called the meeting to order 9:05

Administration Updates

Carrie Wilson: Entering the concert season beginning today. 1st – 5th grade. Middle school group will perform Thursday night. The following week we have Middle school concert during the day for upper grades. Incredible musicians! Katie Greer will join Middle School, local cyber safety expert, working with 5/6 graders and then 7/8. Parent presentation this evening at 7:30.

Friday attending Challenge Success local meeting. Talk about thoughts on homework, wellbeing of students and results of study. Organization out of Stanford.

8th grader – Susannah Snell, Ambassador Project 351 State Ambassador – she will travel to meet on MLK weekend. Strengthen leadership at the 8th grade level, represents Carlisle during day long (volunteer) work day. Ambassador will bring a project back to work on as a school. Susannah selected based on teacher referrals based on leadership characteristics.

School Advisory Council survey coming to end of the posted Communication Survey. Take data and review carefully and focus on areas to push to improve on communication flow. 25% of the families have responded.

Jim O'Shea:

Posting position for middle school principal, close applications by first week of January. PTO to provide names of search committee before the 12/20 – mix of parents, 4 or 5 parents, 4pm orientation, late afternoon and evening – Mondays/Tuesdays

World language committee – meeting on Thursday, Nicole Baker is retiring in two years and they've seen a trend in world language course selection moving away from French. Taking the opportunity to look at other school programs, lots of different options to consider. Having conversations with Concord Middle School and CCHS.

Thank you for the PTO grants.

Softball parents and talks about the fields, make some improvements to the field. Talking about Spalding and Banta, with the town.

160 responses to Diversity and Inclusion survey. Data analysis is being done on the survey results and reporting will be communicated to the parents and address the sense that we're one community. Celebrate the Diversity – Expand on the Cultural Festival

Had opportunity to see the Curriculum Enrichment presentations – bat was outstanding and so was owls! Amazing presentation. Comparing and contrasting bats and owls.

Working on digital citizenship curriculum. Maya Berry and Nick Greenwood are discussing what skills and information CPS should be providing.

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David Model: School Committee Meeting 12/13, discuss public budget hearing. Rachel Levy will present on elementary art and Carrie Patel will present on PTO grants, joint town facilities committee to discuss air conditioning and process in general, energy committee is also attending to discuss solar cells on town land (transfer station, Banta, school parking lot), timeline for middle school principal search

Carren Panico: Question on how tenure is determined...is the process available to the public? Who is measuring and what are they being measured on – process and criteria. Are they asking the kids about the teachers (student input)?

Eva Mostoufi: Are any student input taken in other districts?

David Model to discuss questions with School Committee and school legal team.

PTO Thank Yous!

- ✓ Liz McIntosh for organizing the Holiday Apparel Sale
- ✓ Sara Vuckovic for organizing the Holiday Gift Card Sale
- ✓ Sean & Linda Murphy for publicizing our Events and keeping the website updated
- ✓ Emily Richardson for working with Heather Huntress on publicizing our Curriculum Enrichment programs directly to classrooms
- ✓ Debby Merz for kicking off the annual Library Book Sale gift certificates for the holidays
- ✓ 7th grade play co-chair for getting that off the ground and running!

Ongoing Business

Approve November 2017 Minutes

ER made a motion to approve the minutes, CP second, all in favor

Board Updates

President

Exec VP - Grant Update, Notepads

Treasurer: Budget Updates and Next Steps w/Taxes

Fundraising: Apparel, Gift Cards, Carlisle eCommunity, Bay State Textiles

*SV: Sold \$12,347 in gift cards, profit totaled \$607.27. To consider process with both checks and online, and ways to improve next year.

*AC to schedule call with Bay State Textiles, SV to attend call.

* Carlisle eCommunity – need CE photos and other PTO content to publish to site to show tie-in to fundraising and school.

Publicity: Updates/Deadlines

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Membership: Husky Directory Status and NOA Gift Certificate Winners, New Contest with 'Home' Sign

Curriculum Enrichment: Updates

*ER to work with Publicity and update the website, also send Room Parents a note before each program to send out to parents. AC, ER and CH to work together on process for CE publicity for 2018-19 academic year

Volunteer Chair: Summer Camp Fair Volunteers Needed

*DT looking for a summer camp fair coordinator and volunteers. Will ask RB to make the summer camp fair flyer. AC asked if RB would consider becoming the 'Artist in Residence' for the remainder of the year. DT to follow up with RB.

*AC to contact COA and determine number needed and timeline for COA valentines. Event to take place in January. Request out to 2017 volunteers to see if interested in managing event again.

Events: December Professional Development Day – Altitude on 12/13

*AC contracted with Altitude to host a fundraiser on 12/13. Flyers went home in backpacks. If 'Carlisle PTO' mentioned, we receive 15% of proceeds for day.

New Business

Adjourn

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

*AC Correction – January meeting is January 2.