

## Carlisle PTO Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, May 2, 2017 9:00 am – Community Room, Carlisle Public Schools

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Attendees: Amy Caggiano, Carrie Patel, Emily Richardson, Amy Smack, Liz McIntosh, Niressa Martin, David Model, Jennifer Flannelly, Carren Panico, Diane Troppoli, Carrie Wilson, Dennet Sidell, Jim O'Shea

Amy Caggiano called the meeting to order at 9:10

### Administration Updates

**Carrie Wilson** - MCAS English is all wrapped up, Math is starting today. Wonderful trip to DC over April break with 43 of our 8th graders. Moving ahead with request to take the whole class next year during school time. In the middle of graduation prep, which is on Friday 16th at 6:30 pm, hopefully outside once again this year. Faneuil hall trip with Blue Man group performance, Spirit of Boston cruise, with several other lunches are planned for that week as well. Children Obstacle and Fitness run at Great on May 6 from 9-1pm, money raised goes to Razia's Ray of Hope foundation and is being put on by the Early Act Club members. The Early Act Club is for grades 5 and up and they meet Friday mornings before school to plan events. Hired a Social Studies teacher for 8th grade, candidate for 8th grade Math, hired 3 special educational teachers, 1 specifically for PreK and K, a special education teacher for 2nd grade and another for 8th grade. Jan Liebman is an early childhood special educator who has accepted a full time position for next year. All grades will have a special education teacher this year versus sharing, as in the past.

**Dennet Sidell** - Hosted a workshop where I presented to preschool teachers about preschoolers with special needs. Senior Researchers from Japan spent the day here to see how we implement special education for our students. Chicka Chicka Boom Boom presentation is this week. Open house for new parents this Thursday. We will also be having a screening day for full day K.

**Jim O'Shea** - *13 Reasons Why*, a Netflix series on teen suicide, has lead to the administration sending out online resources to parents, as it's been a hot topic in the school.

David Model - School committee member - getting ready for town meeting and believe the budget will be passed, as we believe it has everything we need to run the school. Lunch price is possibly going to be increased to \$3.50. Looking over the SAC policies from the state and how they should be implemented. Town Meeting and Election day are so far apart this year, due to the article on CPA being on the ballot. State law dictates that there be a set length of time between Town Meeting and Election Day when CPA is on the ballot. Next Wednesday the school committee will be discussing the acceptable use policy, regarding electronics. Up for vote are the policies on committee ethics and committee bylaws. Preparing for the superintendent evaluation. Also the School Committee will be considering a request by Dennet for his kids to attend school here.

### PTO Thank Yous!

- ✓ Debby Merz, Kat Hauser, Carren Panico and Emily DiRocco for all their work on putting together a fantastic Library Book Fair
- ✓ Chris Chiapella for his work on coordinating the Bike Survey and Bike Rodeo
- ✓ Sean Murphy for publicizing all of our news and events
- ✓ Jenn Flannelly for taking Middle School initiates and running with them

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- ✓ Eva Mustafi and Christine Lear for jump starting the eCommunity and training new volunteers
- ✓ Sara Vuckovic for organizing the School Supply Kit sale
- ✓ Liz McIntosh for working with community members on new apparel designs
- ✓ Susie Shaw for organizing the PTO presence at the Kindergarten Registration event
- ✓ Shilpa Goel and Heather Huntress for working together to transition Room Parents

### Ongoing Business

[Approve April 2017 Minutes](#)

[Amy Smack made a motion to approve the minutes.](#)

[Carren Panico seconded the motion.](#)

[The April Meeting Minutes were approved.](#)

### Board Updates

President:

- ✓ COA Discussion – Partnering on the Veteran’s Day Race, Community Center Developments and Interest in Ride Sharing Options -
- ✓ June PTO Event – Invitation to Follow, Please Join Us
- ✓ Kindergarten Introductions - this Thursday evening and Screening on May 22
- ✓ Buddy Benches - in talks with administration and facilities to get a Buddy Bench for the plaza. A parent has already offered to fund the bench.

Exec VP: SAC Elections Update - voting process will be changed to align with the state laws and submissions from the candidates will be sent out via email to the whole school to vote on.

Treasurer: Budget Updates - Almost at fundraising goal for the year. About \$400 from box tops and other money from Amazon, etc keep coming in. Teacher grants and Book Fair came in under their allotted budget.

Publicity: Updates/Deadlines - Looking for ways to promote the PTO, i.e. CE sending out blast thru room parents about the specific CEs for their grade.

Membership: Plans for August 1 Roll Out

Middle School Chair: Recruitment / Status on Open Positions - Need 8th grade Rep, 7th grade Treasurer, 5th grade Rep

Volunteer Chair: Recruitment / Ideas - Continue to push out publicity around recruiting.

Curriculum Enrichment: Updates - All school assembly - looking to bring Improv Boston but waiting on date from administration. All programs have been within budget.

Events: Bike Rodeo & Survey Update (Volunteers, Bathrooms, etc) May 20th on the Plaza from

Popsicles on the Plaza date needs to be moved, as the 16th is 8th grade graduation.

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Fundraising: Carlisle eCommunity, Husky Apparel, School Supply Kits - Husky apparel looking into new logo and possible new distributor. Spring sale will be the Spirit tees and a baseball cap. Update the website to streamline and simplify the buying process. Talk to COA about publicizing Box Tops.

### **New Business**

### **Adjourn**

Amy Caggiano made a motion to adjourn.

Carrie Patel seconded the motion.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.

Next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 6 at 9:00 am in the Community Room