

## **Cider Mill PTA Meeting Minutes**

### **September 10, 2019**

Attendees:

Tammy Thornten, Andress Pettibone, Amanda Patania, Chandra Ring, Lauren Monin, Jacqueline Cox, Mandy Mulkinney, Nicole Northway, Elizatbeth McKay, Sabeth Albert, Dina Olmstead, Amy Capalbo, Jen Cawajal, Ritu Malik, Michelle Krupa, Jennifer Malloy, Kara Berghaus, Manisha Patel, Carolyn Lyon, Meghan Russo, Jennifer Bell

1. Call to order, 9:19am
2. Welcome by Carolyn Lyon and Meghan Russo
  - Voted in new Treasurer, Manisha Patel. Motion brought by Meghan Russo and seconded by many! No opposition. Approved
  - Thanks to Sabeth Albert and committee for the Back to School breakfast - really appreciated by the staff
  - Thanks to Amanda Mitchell for organizing and driving the Spiritwear sales
  - Thanks to Jackie Couch, Amanda Patania, Michelle Krupa for organizing and delivering school supply kits
  - Thanks to Amanda Patania for picnic table assembly
  - We will address powerschool issues with Superintendent this week
  - The four candidates for the Board of Education will present themselves at our Oct PTA meeting
3. Principal's Report (Dr. Jennifer Falcone)
  - Thank you again for the breakfast, and thank you also for fixing the issue with missing school supplies and strings booklets
  - Next, tackling the zero waste effort in the cafeteria
  - Open Houses - previous years' feedback on getting all the open houses coordinated with Miller-Driscoll and getting them in earlier was addressed with the schedule this year. Open to further feedback if needed
  - Excited to get the sensory paths in place that were donated last year by PTA
  - Clubs are up and running - info went out to families yesterday
  - School Store will be run by the Math Club, but still need help with organizing the parent volunteers. Will be one day per week going forward. \$10 limit per day
  - Any topics of interest or need, please let us know...Happy New School Year!
4. PTA Teacher Representatives Report (Jacqueline Cox and Katie Froehlich)
  - Jacqueline Cox (3rd grade teacher Belden Hill) and Katie Froehlich (4th grade teacher in Kent) both attending today and then alternating going forward
  - Thank you for the welcome breakfast, start-up grants, classroom community supplies, and for coordinating the room parents!
  - PTA would love specific updates, news, highlights from specific classes or grade-level, curriculum, etc.

5. Officer Reports:

Membership Report by Julie Fowler

- 287 total members (169 parent members, 44 families, 6 teachers)

Treasurer's Report by Manish Patel

- 2019-2020 budget distributed. Approved in May.
- Walkathon t-shirt budget increased by \$600 to \$3100 but will be covered expenses within same program
- Zero Waste budget added of \$400
- \$1400 enrichment program for 4th grade drum orchestra
- \$1600 expense for communal classroom supplies
- Motion to adopt changes by Manisha. Tammy 2nd. Passed.
- Last year's budget closed. Details distributed.
- Please send all treasurer e-mails to [cidermillptatreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:cidermillptatreasurer@gmail.com)
- Will be sending out instructions and budgets to committee chairs
- Checks and balances in place for treasury accounts, including double check for PayPal balances and transfers

Fundraising by Amanda Patania

- Walkathon will be Oct 3, Rain date Oct 4
- Information to be distributed shortly. T-shirts being printed
- Please donate!

Secretary's Report by Jen Bell

- Presented the minutes from the May 14, 2019 meeting to be approved.
- Motion made by Jen and second by Sabeth. Passed

Parent at Large by Ritu Malik

- Will come in summaries of future BOE meetings

6. Committee Reports

Gifts and Grants (Michelle Krupa)

- Start-up grant paperwork will be distributed to mailboxes

Hospitality (Sabeth Albert)

- Meet the Teacher Breakfast on 8/22 went well. Thank you to all who donated. Next event is Veterans' Day assembly breakfast on 11/11.
- Need more committee volunteers!

Spirit Wear (Amanda Mitchell)

- Held first sale at Meet the Teacher but made half of last year because we had no volunteers during Nod Hill/Cannondale session. Held sales again at Open House. Online store will open on 9/10
- No more Belden Hill Medium shirts

#### Lost and Found (Amanda Mitchell)

- Both locations are clean and ready. Photos posted and location details on CM FB page and in Hot Cider.
- Please label everything! Labels fundraising available
- Bus Depot also has a lost and found

#### Picture Day (Chandra Ring)

- Finalizing volunteer schedule. Please contact Chandra if you are interested in volunteering
- 7 teachers will be missing on photo day - class pictures will be done on make-up days

#### Zero Waste (Laura Rowley)

- Big thanks for the perseverance of the team in continuing to educate the community on zero waste efforts
- First zero waste week will begin Oct 21st
- Need further clarification on how to manage recycling and composting in the cafeteria and staff lounge. Where to put what?...Good news is that people are aware and kids are engaged!

#### SEPTA (Kara Berghaus)

- Newly created organization last year, partnering with all of the 4 PTA's in the district
- Literacy, Social/Emotional Learning, Transitioning are our 3 key lanes of focus
- Parent Kick-off on Sept 18 at Comstock 7pm
- Membership is online
- Oct 27 bake sale at Village Market

#### WYC (Vanessa Elias)

- Sept 26/Oct 7 - College Frenzy 2.0
- Nov 13 - The Resilience Formula
- Registration for these events at Wilton Library (on-line)

#### 7. HELP NEEDED - OPEN POSITION

- Need volunteer to run Bingo Night, Thurs evening Dec 12!  
If interested, please contact Amanda Patania

#### 8. Meeting ended at 9:58am

Date of next PTA General Meeting: Tuesday, October 8, 2019, 9:15am