

Cider Mill Council
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PTA Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 9, 2014
9:15 a.m.

Attendees: Melissa Kennedy, Nicola Davies, Cynthia Dempster, Ginna Yerrall, Barbara Massey Bear, Maria Koutsoukos, Lisa Smith, Kristen Schestag, Jhonna Reuter, Susan Price, Carolyn Lyon, Soo Young L Whitney, Becky Shroyer, Sharon Kress, Dr. Mitchell, Katie Froehlich, Kristin Baldwin, Yin Yan Lai, Stacy Hirsh-Meltzer, Renee Anderson, Vanessa Elias, Jackie Shaw, Jennifer Markey, Cecilia Gargano, Jamie Lu, Laura Rowley, Deb DeFeo, Abigail Russel, Shannon Denneen, Meire Mouracade, Gretchen Jeanes, Heather Borden Herve, Marilyn Garvin, Rocio Fields, Madhavi-Sharma Vallabhoyosula, Ritu Malik, Chandler Sheridan, Shirin Dorne

Lisa Smith called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m.

Opening Statements

Meeting will be moved upstairs. September 30th meeting scheduled to discuss new schedules. The plan is to have a day and a night meeting. We are still looking for volunteers. Volunteers are down. Next year, flyers will go into backpacks instead of online.

Principals' report

Dr. Mitchell: Third Grade was introduced to the new technology. Kids are very excited. Thank you.

Literacy and Math Night are coming up. There has been a problem with Edline. The system is still being updated. Third grade students are still receiving Miller Driscoll information and sixth graders are still receiving Cider Mill information. Chartwells is also having a problem with zero balances even though there may still be money in the account.

Dr. Smith has a nutrition report survey regarding the thoughts on lunch/recess. It closes Friday. Please complete it.

Lisa- Jason Greasley is working to get a demonstration scheduled with the Ipads and digital library. More information will be in the Hot Cider.

Treasurer's Report

We need to draft a budget for each of the chairs and committees. There will be new procedures. Please read information posted on the website. There will be a request form for book fairs, etc. to request cash box as well the amount of bills and change needed. The deposit forms can be inputted into Excell. The expense reimbursement form includes the area to what the money is being used for as well as for vendor payments. PTA does not reimburse sales tax. There is a tax exempt form online. Budget Request

form. Anything on the PTA budget should have a budget form field day, fun night, etc. Gifts and Grants. We need meet to set the amounts for gifts and grants. Cash flow. Please see Budget attached.

Secretary's Report

Request to approve the minutes from May's meeting. Nicola makes a motion to approve the minutes. Johnna seconds the motion. Motion carried. One abstention. Minutes were emailed out. Please include your email if you did not receive it. Please make sure you sign in each time.

President's Report

Ipad meeting to be scheduled. Look for it in the virtual backpack. You can check out ebooks, magazines, etc. The print subscriptions will be digital. You can access at them and check them out. Children will be able to check them out through Cider Mill Library. They will be given a log in through Follett Shelf Destiny to check it out. Some may be checked out one at a time. The meeting will give more information

Membership

The budget is currently 400 memberships. Memberships are \$10. Membership plus the handbook are \$15. Handbooks will be given to those who are already members. We are currently at 130 members. There will be PTA forms and handbooks at Open House. Half of that money goes toward the National PTA Council and the rest goes toward PTA programs. PTA membership gives the opportunity to vote. There will be extra handbooks to purchase.

Fundraising Report

The Walkathon will be held on October 8th during school. The kids will walk 4 times around the track with music. We have 980 students and 249 forms back. This year's average donation is down from \$43 last year to \$38 this year. Forms are due back September 17th to receive the free T-shirt. Once the form comes in, the paper apple goes up on the class tree. The Art banners were kept from last year, but we will need a committee to make them for next year. Next week will be all the last minute forms. This is our primary fundraiser for the year.

Teacher's Report

Kristen Baldwin states thank you for everything. The picture day reminders are coming out. Thank you to the new laminating helpers. The teachers are meeting with the room reps. She will ask the teachers to send out reminder notice about walkathon and memberships. Please email her if there are any questions.

Lisa- There is still an open position on the Executive Board. We're looking for a Parent at Large

Committee Reports

Thank you to Nature's Classroom Volunteers.

Picture Day:

Forms will go out next week and extras will be in the office. Fourth grade room reps are still looking for volunteers. If there are more than 2 children buying pictures, the 3rd child will be half off. If you order online, you must bring it with you on photo day to show you have a paid order. Wilton has a high percentage of people buying pictures, so every order will receive a class picture.

Question Regarding Tools for Schools: Can you donate things to the classrooms for cleaning?

Answer: Dr. Mitchell They can't use Clorox wipes in the classrooms. All the products are green with one glass cleaner and one cleaner. The district provides brown paper towels, so regular paper towels and tissues are accepted and appreciated. No baby wipes because it does not get off the allergens. They have to keep control over the chemicals being used. Schools must be compliant. No hand sanitizer. Walk throughs begin in late fall.

Final Notes:

Please make sure you see the list of open volunteers positions. There are many opportunities.

Meeting adjourned 10:00.