**Cider Mill PTA Meeting Minutes - DRAFT**

**January 9, 2018**

Attendees:

Carolyn Lyon, Mary Jones, Kim Hall, Lisa Finn, Annemarie Aronowitz, Amanda Patania, Cheryll Ryder, Alex Frisbee, Deena Miglietta-Wells, Gretchen Jeanes, Nicola Davies, Laura Rowley, Kara Berghaus, Tara Butler, Betsy Rafferty

1. Meeting convened at 9:22am
2. Welcome by Annemarie Arnowitz and Amanda Patania
3. Officer Reports:

President’s Report by Annemarie Aronowitz

* Jr Great Books is starting this week – 60 students participating
* Great Holiday Staff luncheon
* Began Zero Waste Initiative last week

Treasure’s Report by Lisa Finn

* In general, are mainly collected in the first half of year and spend in second half of year
* Membership is winding down, one more payment to receive from MobileArq
* PTA dues to state will be paid from dues collected from parents
* Turnover Shop donated $11,500 to each school’s PTA
* Book Fair – need to look at taking paid orders for books no longer in at book fair
* School Photos - $4900
* Visiting Author – paid
* Teacher Start-Up grants/New Teacher grant – under what was budgeted
* Odyssey of the Minds – money was collected and invoices will be paid
* Accountant fees were paid to file our IRS paperwork
* Keep cash reserves for one year of expenses

Membership Report by Alex Frisbee

* 9 new members
* Total 439
  + 389 parent
  + 50 teachers/staff

Secretary’s Report by Carolyn Lyon

* Presented the minutes from the November 14, 2017 meeting to be approved.
* Motion to approve was made by Carolyn Lyon and second by Laura Rowley. Motion passed.
* She also asked for everyone who is at the meeting needs to sign in on the attendance sheet

Parent at Large by Kim Hall

* BoE meetings 12/7
  + Position were set for BoE, welcomed new elected members
  + Calendar for 2018-2019 approved
  + Acceptance to state award
  + Solar Panel update – save money, installation is weather dependent
  + Andrea Leonardi – SpEd presentation is on BoE website
* BoE meeting 12/21
  + Meetings between paid employees and volunteers need to be posted
  + Sustainablility update – all schools are Green Leaf Schools
    - Zero Waste
    - No Idiling
    - Water Bottle Filling Station
    - Budget Dates
      * Thursday 1/18 7pm BoE meeting
      * Thursday 1/25 7pm Middlebrook Open Meeting
      * Thursday 2/22 – BoE approve budget
      * Monday 3/26 – BoE and BoF Town meeting

1. Principal’s Report by Catherine O’Keefe
   * Thank you to parents involved in PTA and contribution to the school
   * Budget process is underway – really need parent to voice opinions to BoF and BoE
   * Reading Rocks book character day moved to Friday Jan 12th
   * Please alert of conflicts in calendar from one school to another
   * Outdoor/Indoor recess during winter
     + only go outside if the temp is above 17 degrees
     + indoor recess is in the cafeteria for reading, games, kid choice
   * Drop-off procedure for early morning drop off
   * SBAC and MAP testing schedules
     + Both within the month of May
     + State closes window by May 25th
2. Teacher Report by Cheryll Ryder
   * Thank you for Holiday luncheon and holiday snacks – teachers are very appreciative of what PTA does for them
   * Will inform teachers that they can apply for grants. Need to be a PTA member
3. Committee Reports

Gifts and Grants (Mary Jones)

* Presentation by Caroline Duggan, art teacher, for flexible seating grant for art department
  + Would allow for students to work independently
  + Requesting $1850
  + Mary Jones made a motion to approve the flexible seating grant for $1850. Betsy Rafferty seconded the motion. The motion was approved.
* Jason Greasley presented the items that were purchased and still on ordervfrom the PTA grant from June 2017
  + TV studio is being updated with new equipment in LLC
  + Touchboard/screen in LLC – moveable and motorized so it can be used for adults and students
  + Kiosk stands for iPads
  + Fixed sound system equipment – being ordered
  + Flexible seating items – all seating can be moved to configure to needs of what is happening in the LLC
  + Collaborative tables in flex lab, can get custom sized tables for LLC and cores in houses
  + TVs for collaborative tables will be ordered after tables are in

Hospitality (Lisa Finn)

* Bus driver breakfast is on Feb 1st

Class Fun Nights (Deena Wells)

* 3rd Grade fun night is Jan 26th, snow date 2/2
  + request for volunteers was sent out
* 4th Grade fun night is Feb 9th 7-9pm, snow date 2/23
* 5th Grade Fun Night at YMCA March 10th

Lost and Found (Amanda Mitchell)

* Lots of pictures posted recently of items that need to be collected.

Zero Waste Initiative (Nicola Davies/Laura Rowley)

* Stations are set up
* Learning was quick!
* Waste audit:
  + 61% compostable
  + 24% recyclable
  + 13% liquid
  + Less than 2% was trash

PAB (Kara Berghaus)

* Meeting 2nd Wednesday of each month in Wilton Library
* Thinking about being a SpPTA instead of a PAB

WYC

* How to Talk 6-week session funded by WYC at Comstock starts 1/9
* Found on FB and website for monthly newsletter
* “How to Raise an Adult” TED Talk Screening January 24th – must register
  + 10-11:30am Weston Library
  + 7-8:30pm Wilton Library
* “How to Raise an Adult” Book Discussion February 28th

Meeting ended at 10:35am