**Cider Mill PTA Meeting Minutes**

**Nov 14, 2017**

Attendees:

Carolyn Lyon, Mary Jones, Kim Hall, Lisa Finn, Annemarie Aronowitz, Amanda Patania, Michelle Krupa, Cheryll Ryder, Alex Frisbee, Deena Miglietta-Wells, Gretchen Jeanes, Deborah Low, Jeanine Andreassi, Andrea Preston, Glenn Hemmerle, Mandy Mullaney, Shannon McDonald, Catherine O’Keefe, Yim Lai, Jill Wilkinson, Juliet Craig, Swathi Pampalkar, Nicole Davis, Diana Yeager, Phoebe Chang, Jen Lalor, Susie Travers

1. Meeting convened at 9:20am
2. Welcome by Annemarie Arnowitz and Amanda Patania
3. Presentation Heather Priest – Zero Waste Initiative
	* Already in place at MB
	* Recycling in place at MD, next year doing entire project
	* CM starting program on Jan 2
		1. Laura Rowley and Nicola Davies Co-Chairs of this new committee
			1. Volunteers will be scheduled for lunch shifts like the library volunteers
		2. needs to have a staff person to be a contact person
		3. Stations will be set up
			1. Donation put into a refrigerator - perishable, packaged, not eaten/opened
			2. Recycle
			3. Compost – need waste captains
4. Officer Reports:

President’s Report by Annemarie Aronowitz

* Had evening meeting on 10/17 – 4 other parents attended
* Book Fair – 11/16, 11/17, 11/20 (6-8pm too), 11/21
* Visiting author 11/29, 11/30 books for sale
* Jr Great Books program – email needs to be
* CM Talent Show –
* Turnover Shop – 11/16 4:30-6pm 75% off of “expired” items for PTA volunteers and staff

Treasure’s Report by Lisa Finn

* More Walkathon money coming in – more company matches
* Received our first MobileArq check
* Form 990EZ was filed last week – for last year’s numbers

Membership Report by Alex Frisbee

* 15 new members
* Total 430
	+ 381 parent
	+ 49 teachers/staff

Secretary’s Report by Carolyn Lyon

* Presented the minutes from the October 17, 2017 meeting to be approved.
* Motion to approve was made by Carolyn Lyon and second by Kim Hall. 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 10/26 and 11/9
	+ New courses were passed for the high school
	+ Signed a solar contract as a district
	+ Initial discussion on the budget – open to input from community
	+ DMC report
		- intent to improve SpEd services in district
		- working on identifying reading issues in students
		- improving timing to get status of how SpEd students are doing and not waiting for 3 year testing
		- Social/Emotional and Executive function is getting more attention
	+ Discussion about the anti-semantic incident at MB
		- Training by the ADL for teachers
		- School climate discussed

Fundraising

* Nothing to report
1. Principal’s Report by Tim Gallo
* Veterans Day – Bring a Vet to School Day – very successful, big Thank You for that day
* Snow Day – a missed day, pushes the day # to the next day back
* Concerned about drop off for orchestra – safety concern
	+ Drive around loop
	+ Band to North side
	+ No drop off in parking lot
1. Teacher Report by Cheryll Ryder
	* Thank you for Veterans Day – teaching moment
	* Turkey Trot, Walkathon- Thank you!
	* Will remind teachers at meeting about joining PTA if they want to
2. Committee Reports

Gifts and Grants (Mary Jones)

* Start-Up grants for teachers – Nov 15-Dec 1
* Returning teachers $100, New teachers $200

Hospitality (Lisa Finn)

* Veterans Day reception
* Teachers Holiday lunch – December 12th, potluck donations will be requested

Bingo Night (xxx)

* Flyers out tomorrow
* Permit is done

Turkey Trot (Amanda Patania and Michelle Krupa)

* Successful, lots of parent
* Raised $5,500

Class Fun Nights (xx)

* 3rd Grade fun night is Jan 26th, snow date 2/5
	+ request for volunteers will be sent out

Box Tops ()

* no report

Lost and Found (Amanda Mitchell)

* 120+ sweatshirts
* 20+ coats
* 10 lunch boxes
* Everything will be set up in the lobby during conferences. Setting up Wednesday
* Need better idea for sorting
* All being donated after Thanksgiving

PAB (Kara Berghaus)

* Meeting 2nd Wednesday of each month in Wilton Library
* Sensory screening Nov 6th at Prospector Theater – Inside Out – successful!
* Dyslexia meeting – administrators attended
* Town Hall meeting – Andrea ?? SpEd district admin
	+ Discussion of SRBI procedure – looking at 3 tier system

WYC

* ADHD talk with Alan Schwarz on Nov 10th 10-11:30 – very successful and thoughtful
* How to Talk sessions funded by WYC at library
* Free Play presentation on Nov 15th 8:30-11
* Found on FB and website for monthly newsletter

Meeting ended at 10:26