**Cider Mill PTA Meeting Minutes**

**Oct 17, 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 Davies, Diana Yeager, Phoebe Chang, Jen Lalor, Susie Travers

1. Meeting convened at 9:20am
2. Welcome by Annemarie Arnowitz and Amanda Patania
3. Presentations by Board of Education Nominees
   * Glenn Hemmerle
   * Andrea Preston
   * Deborah Low
   * Gretchen Jeanes
4. Officer Reports:

President’s Report by Annemarie Aronowitz

* Walkathon was a great success and everyone had a great day walking around the track
* All chairs are full – Great Books leaders were found for grades 3, 4, 5
* Asking for anyone who has a decorating background and wants to help spruce up teachers’ lounge to be part of this committee
* Book Fair Nov 16, 17, 20, 21 – volunteer sign-ups will be out soon

Treasure’s Report by Lisa Finn

* Walkathon money reported – exceeded budget
* Membership money doing well – close to budget
* Spirit Wear – close to budget
* Mabel’s Labels and Bows from Jennifer Angerame – thanks for support
* All water bottle filling stations are installed and paid for

Membership Report by Alex Frisbee

* 84 new members
* Total 415
  + 368 parent
  + 47 teachers

Secretary’s Report by Carolyn Lyon

* Presented the minutes from the September 12, 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

* 9/28 – Bruce Likly stepped down as chair, new chair, vice chair and secretary were voted in
  + Enrollment
  + Looking into for future years - repurposing areas in buildings for other uses that can be locked off from the main areas of schools
  + MD - $36,000,000 – under budget, ahead of schedule
  + Digital roll out – at CM all students learned about digital citizenship
  + Policy 6141 – usage of tech and data
    - Apps and other software/websites are vetted and researched prior to being used in classrooms. Teachers have access to already reviewed items
    - Create inventory of textbooks
  + Scorecard – good in nation and state, but not so good with our ERG
    - CM scores are based on 5th grade – met or exceeded except for ELA (82 vs 83)
    - Meeting climate scores with parents and teachers, but not with kids
      * Helping Hands is a way to help with student climate score
* 10/12 – Meeting held at MD (no audio – notes based on agenda)
  + Discuss District strategic goals
  + Update on Curriculum review
  + Update and review Policy 6141 about usage of tech and data

Fundraising

* Nominated and approved Shannon McDonald as the new VP of Fundraising
* Nomination made by Annemarie Aronowitz, motion second by Lisa Finn, approved during morning meeting, voting will continue at evening meeting

1. Principal’s Report by Catherine O’Keefe

* Thank you for all effort for the Walkathon!
* Map testing completed – teachers have scores. Parents will have scores when all testing is completed in the district, hopefully by end of this week.
* Purchases for LLC grant were made, new items will be rolled out in a thoughtful manner
* Creating a 3-D “Giving Tree” (Shel Silverstein) for the holiday giving tree
* Fundraising for Puerto Rico – all money to Save The Children (district wide initiative)
  + $1 for Hat day
  + Pay it Forward – students can do chores at home for money

1. Teacher Report by Cheryll Ryder
   * Thanks to the BoE Nominees for attending the meeting
   * Thanks to the PTA for Walkathon
   * Veterans Day celebration Nov 10th – staff looking forward to the day
2. Committee Reports

Gifts and Grants (Mary Jones)

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

Walkathon (Lisa Finn)

* Raised more than $28,000!

Turkey Trot (Amanda Patania and Michelle Krupa)

* Nov 9, raindate 13th
* Flyer going home this week

PAB (Kara Berghaus)

* Meeting 2nd Wednesday of each month in Wilton Library
* Thursday, Oct 19 - Parent Social at WEPCO
* Sensory screening Nov 6th at Prospector Theater – Inside Out

WYC

* Program – Civility: Teaching Children Respect, Tolerance and Empathy in Complicated World, Oct 17 at 10am in Wilton Library and tonight
* ADHD talk with Alan Schwarz on Nov 10th 10-11:30
* Free Play presentation on Nov 15th 8:30-11
* Would like to have a WYC rep attend CM PTA meetings
* Found a treasurer
* Found on FB and website for monthly newsletter

Meeting ended at 10:10