

In attendance: Chris Cadorette, Cassie Wills, Renee Grzankowski, Carrie Stoner and Cat Fair (Quorum established)

Location: Calais Elementary School

Call to order: 6:02 pm

1. Treasurer's Report and Financial Update

For the final time, Cassie Wills presented the Expense Report for the 2017-2018 year. The most recent deposits were made from the Pancake Breakfast in which the PTNO profited \$455.17. Cougar Wear has made \$127.20 to date and box tops \$162.00. The PTNO ended the year with \$7,642.54 in checking and \$813.68 in savings.

Cassie handed over all the group's financial documents to Renee. Cassie and Kelly MacMartin will need to be removed on the checking account and Renee will be added by Carrie. Cassie was recognized for her 11 years of service to the Calais Elementary School and the PTNO and was presented with a commemorative plaque.

2. Cougar Wear Update

Chris has been in contact with our rep at Tournament Designs who has indicated a final invoice is forthcoming, as well as the remainder of the profit from this fundraising effort. There were a few minor errors, the rep has been in contact with Chris and the families, and has ordered the missing items. He will be mailing them directly to the families free of charge.

3. Voting Results for Officers in 2018-2019

There were 18 ballots cast, the results are: Laine Cadorette is President, Chris Cadorette is Vice President, Renee Grzankowski is Treasurer and Carrie Stoner is Secretary.

4. Artist-in-Residence Grant—Dinah Yessne

Dinah was unable to attend the meeting but a copy of a draft application to the Vermont Arts Council for an artist in residence for 2018-2019 school year was handed out. Chris would like to hear Dinah's proposal and vote on its submission after her input is heard. Cat has not approved the submission as of yet and it is due August 2018. The PTNO will hold a special session over the summer to finalize this application.

5. New Business

School Board Position filled by Chris Cadorette. Chris will stay as VP for PTNO and be the newly selected school board member for Calais. This will impact the activity of his role next year but will also help align the goals of the PTNO with the town and the school.

6. 2017-2018 Reflections

Was a great year for fundraising but there was a lack of a larger project to help drive our volunteers and community. As part of the special meeting, the PTNO will identify a “large” need area, and set a fundraising goal to help fill that need, keeping in mind the PTNO mission statement: To provide community-wide activities that enriches the lives of the students and community of Calais.

7. Plans for 2018-2019

The group discussed large projects which would benefit the school as a whole. Carrie suggested a Winter Carnival or perhaps bringing back Fun Fitness Friday. The concerns brought up about Fun Fitness Friday were funding and time away from classroom teaching every Friday for 6 weeks. Cat said she is currently working on a grant that will cover about \$2600 and when asked, assured the group that 4 to 5 Fridays away from the classroom would be supported and CES is committed to helping students engage in activities that promote personal health. Cat suggested that if the PTNO could contribute \$2000, which would guarantee that Fun Fitness Friday would be able to happen. After offering this information Cat had to leave. With a quorum established the three remaining PTNO members voted to grant the \$2000 to the school towards bringing back Fun Fitness Friday in 2019. This money is designated to support FFF and if for some reason that doesn't happen, the money will go back to the PTNO. Renee suggested that ice time at the Civic Center could be obtained as long as it was done ahead of time. She said that as soon as dates were established, she would try to book time. Burke Mountain or Bolton was discussed for Downhill Skiing and either Craftsbury Outdoor Center or Morse Farm for Cross country skiing. First in Fitness was brought up as a possible forth option for swimming. Future planning between Cat and the PTNO will need to take place over the summer which will be added to the July special meeting agenda. During that July meeting, we will also discuss a proposal to get each classroom teacher a gift card toward classroom supplies. This proposal would give the teachers three or four options for a \$100 gift card to a local store to help stock their classroom for the 2018-2019 academic year. The store options may include Capitol Stationers, The Drawing Board, Bear Pond Books, The Book Garden and Woodbury Mountain Toys. Once each teacher selected the option that would be most appropriate for their classroom, the PTNO would purchase the gift card from the business and present it to the teacher. This would help support our local businesses as they have helped support the PTNO with many raffle donations. We will also discuss if this will be offered to the school “specials” teachers including: Library, Art, Music and Gym as well as the support staff for Math and Literacy. All this would be decided at the July meeting.