

**Costello PTO **\*\*TENTATIVE\*\*** Minutes**  
**Monday, February 12, 2024**

Attendance: Jen Ford, Chris Tallman, Angie Cheek, Katie Monhaut, Dr. DiPonio, Brittany Dwyer, Erica Filipucci, Amanda Haverty-Harris, Carolin Connelly, Jamie Kaniarz, Keri Elliott, Michelle Tessoﬀ, Lauren LaPugh, Kamal Nagarajan, Dana Reimann, Philippe Cicchini, Suzy Powell, Melanie Harper, Ingrid Peebles, Kristen Northey

**Jen Ford called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM**

**Review and Approve minutes, Budget, Principal and Teachers Report**

Jen presented the minutes from the January meeting. Jamie Kaniarz motioned to approve the minutes and Carolin Connolly seconded.

**Treasurer Report**

Chris Tallman presented the treasurer's report. Bank statement shows almost \$12,000 in savings. Lots of expenditures this past month. A lot of items for the Ball for All, field trips, auction and fair. Ball for All basically pays for itself. Check will be written for chosen charity from Penny Wars.

The budget report shows we have spent about half of what we have allotted so far this year. Keri Elliot motioned to accept the report as written. Carolin Connolly seconded and motion approved.

**President Report**

Open positions: looking for someone to take over the Fun Run/shadow next year with Ingrid. Chris Tallman has one more year and we will be looking for a new treasurer. Secretary, Community Service, Fair Baskets, all have one more year.

Thank you to Amanda Haverty-Harris for all of her hard work for organizing the Ball for All. Thank you to Keri Elliot for organizing the Penny Wars and providing opportunities for students to be involved in community service projects.

Budget lines should be reviewed prior to the May meeting so we can adjust and plan our proposed budget for next year.

**Principal Report**

Make sure to read the weekly Cardinal Connection for Costello updates. Congratulations to Mrs. Tessoﬀ and class for receiving Troy Foundation Excellence in education grant. Students will be running a mobile "book" business to promote and share book recommendations.

The Ball for All was fabulous and an amazing night for all. Thank you to Amanda for her energy and time. 350 attendees!

Cardinal Power ticket winners were treated to slurpees. Bugs on Wheels has been a hit with the kids. Miss Dabrowska brought the program to Costello and all students will experience it in class.

This Wednesday will start the 5<sup>th</sup> grade Upstander program. March 14<sup>th</sup> will be half day of Parent Teacher conferences by invitation. School handbook us updated on Cardinal Connection. Kindness spirit week is this week, lots of fun activities going on.

### **Teacher Representative Report**

Mrs. Tessoff shared some thank you notes from students for the Bugs on Wheels program. Thank you for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade field trip to Henry Ford.

### **Celebrations**

Ball for All

Penny Wars

Angie Cheek for staff appreciation and putting the Kindness week together

### **Committee Reports for January**

Community Service- Keri Elliott

Keri reported that Penny Wars went really well, and the 5<sup>th</sup> graders won. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade has voted to give the money to the Ronald McDonald house. \$1924.95 was raised.

Auction- Aimee SooSoo/Katie Monhaut

Katie Monhaut reported that the auction will be on March 15<sup>th</sup> at the American Polish Cultural Center. Ticket forms were sent home last week, and early bird pricing will most likely be extended for a week.

Green Schools-Suzy Powell

Suzy Powell reported that Green Schools position will be open after next year. This is a collection of information that support green initiatives and submitting the application for the certificate and recognition.

Ways and Means-Kristen Northey

May 15<sup>th</sup> Skate World

## Fair-Melanie Harper

Date will be April 20<sup>th</sup> from 11-3. Olympic theme. Running similar to last year, indoors and outdoors. Things will kick off after spring break with the baskets, ticket sales, etc. Sign ups for volunteers will be sent out as well. NHS kids are already signed up (80 students are signed up for now). Melanie and Jenny will both be out of Costello after next year. Idea of volunteer shirts and community service connection. Looking for a magician. Volunteer aprons were suggested as well. Multipurpose

Staff Appreciation week is the week of May 6<sup>th</sup>. Angie will be working with Ingrid and different events will be held each day. Volunteers will be needed. Please let Angie Cheek know if you are available to help.

## Old Business

## New Business

Ingrid Peoples asked about ideas for top earner prizes for Fun Run winners. School will have a celebration event for all looking for feedback/ideas on top prizes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM PM by Jen Ford.