

**Costello PTO **\*\*TENTATIVE\*\*** Minutes**  
**Monday, March 11, 2024**

Attendance: Angie Cheel, Chris Tallman, Katie Monhaut, Dr. DiPonio, Michelle Tessoff, Allison Allen, Carolin Connoly, Jamie Kaniartz, Philippe Cicchini, Kali Schmitz, Dana Reimann, Kristen Northey

**Angie Cheek called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM**

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

Angie presented the minutes from the February meeting. Carolin Connoly motioned to approve the minutes and Jamie Kaniartz seconded.

**Treasurer Report**

Chris Tallman presented the treasurer's report. Bank shows nearly 12,000 in savings and 12,000 in checking accounts. Auction ticket money is coming in, some expenses going out. Income 33,029 raised to far this year. We have spent a little more than half of our budget so far this year. Carolin Connoly motioned to approve the report and Jamie Kaniartz seconded. We will have a proposed budget for next school year at the May meeting. This will be pretty much the same as this year except for a few minor changes.

**President Report**

Open positions for next few years. Treasurer, Secretary, Community Service, Green Schools, and Fair will all be open in 25/26 school year. Might be helpful to shadow next year to get a feel for the position and responsibilities. Board nominations are open for the 24/25 school year and will close at the end of the April PTO meeting.

**Principal Report**

Make sure to read the weekly Cardinal Connection for Costello updates. April 3<sup>rd</sup> will be the kindergarten round up. Dr. DiPonio went and read to the preschoolers last week with some Cardinal trait winners. March is Reading Month has been a success. Auction will be this Friday and we are thankful for the committee's work. The Ball for All is not a fundraiser, but the Auction is so please share the word if anyone is interested in attending. Report cards come out tomorrow.

Thank you for all of the celebrations for Principal's Appreciation week.

**Teacher Representative Report**

Mrs. Tessoff inquired about a possible donation to the Athens All Night Party (we have \$200 allocated for this from the PTO).

**Celebrations**

Mrs. Atkinson and Mr. Frank were nominated for teacher and Employee of the Year.

Congrats to Ingrid Peeples whose Glow event picture was shared in the PTO today publication. Way to represent Costello!

Thank you to the Auction Committee!

We have received interest in the Community Service position. Philippe Cicchini and Paula Stevenson will be joining Aimee SooSoo as our auction chairs for next school year. Thank you!

Green Schools-Suzy Powell

Application was submitted and Evergreen status was achieved! Congrats Cardinals!

Old Business- none

New Business

Philippe brought up the t-shirts for the Fun Run for next school year. There was discussion about having the 4<sup>th</sup> graders submit a design for the t-shirt for next year. Something to consider for next year. We would need to create some guidelines for dimensions, color of print. Possible choose a theme (Cardinal Traits). Idea could be to narrow down a winner or two from each classroom to vote on. PTO could vote on top 5 and then let students vote?

Possibly ask Mrs. Myre to help design some ideas?

Ask students from the Athens design class?

Philippe Cicchini motioned to adjourn the meeting and Jamie Kaniarz seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM by Angie Cheek.