

Carlisle PTO Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, June 6, 2017 9:00 am – Community Room, Carlisle Public Schools



Attendees: Amy Caggiano, Carrie Patel, Emily Richardson, Amy Smack, Liz McIntosh, Niressa Martin, David Model, Carren Panico, Diane Troppoli, Chris Chiapella, Sara Vuckovic, Suzanne Bohs, Susie Shaw, Scott Triola, Eva Mostoufi, Christine Lear, Sean Murphy, Shilpa Goel, Debby Merz, Carrie Wilson, Dennet Sidell, Jim O'Shea

Amy Caggiano called the meeting to order at 9:06

Administration Updates

Carrie Wilson- Music concert in school today and then community concert tonight at 6:30. Choir concert last week for 4-8th grades. Ten of our 8th grade students competed a science competition last week. Five came home with second place medals and one, an honorable mention. 8th grade graduation will be held on the 16th, Friday night at 6:30pm. Step up day is on the 19th beginning around 10 am, for all the kids to meet their new teachers. We hired three new teachers for 8th grade. Anne Spiegel for Math, Mickey Kilmarton for Social Studies and a Special Education teacher, Jessica Montague. Report cards will come home on the last day of school.

Dennet Sidell- Improv Boston came to perform for both the elementary and the middle school students. Last week was the Kindergarten performance of Chicka Chicka Boom Boom. Kindergarten screening, also happen last week and was an all day event this year. Thank you to the PTO, who helped out with snacks and refreshments. At 7 am this morning we had a meeting for the parents of our 4th graders who are transitioning to 5th. We had a good turnout with thirty one parents attending. Sharing days will be coming up and we will stagger them so hopefully there will be enough parking for everyone. Interviewing for a new choral director as Tara Callahan is moving.

Jim - We had an incident of hate speech in 8th grade in a closed group chat. Parent group meetings have happened. We had a facilitator come in to work with the 8th graders on working together towards forgiveness and how to move forward. Nancy Anderson will be filling in for Claire Wilcox and Lori Aquavella with take over for Nancy. Amy Smack will be taking over for Lori. We are looking to see how we can be a teaching facility and bringing in student teachers to work in the classrooms. Slight increase in enrollment and we are looking into how to move things around to fit everyone.

David Model: Vote for school committee is coming up on June 13th. We have been very happy with this first year with Jim O'Shea. We will be formally evaluating him next week. Bill Fink has retired and we now have two seats open with 4 people running. Our next meeting is on June 19th at 3:15. We will be completing the evaluation on Superintendent O'Shea and welcoming the new officers to the committee. This will be our first year coming up with no formal agreement with Minuteman. We have four 8th graders moving to Minuteman and we will be responsible for transportation of those students to the school. Dennet's request to have his children attend CPS has been acknowledged and will be voted on soon, as there are a few issues we are still considering.

PTO Thank Yous!

- ✓ Chris Chiapella for a fun Bike Rodeo
- ✓ Susie Shaw for organizing the PTO's presence at the Kindergarten Screening AND our first Spring Newcomers Coffee at Clark Farm Market
- ✓ Heather Huntress and Suzanne Bohs for hitting a home run with the Teacher Luncheon

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- ✓ Emily Richardson for her recommendation on working with local artist Gail Fitzpatrick to have her Carlisle prints made for retiring faculty and staff
- ✓ Liz McIntosh for reinventing the Husky Apparel sale
- ✓ Sara Vuckovic for working with teachers and managing the School Supply Kit
- ✓ Karen Fardig for running Popsicles on the Plaza
- ✓ Niressa Martin for delivering our Youngest PTO Member – Congratulations to Niressa and Ken on the birth of their son!
- ✓ ALL OF YOU – for volunteering your time this past year!

Ongoing Business

Approve May 2017 Minutes

Amy Caggiano made a motion to approve the minutes.

Emily Richardson seconded the motion.

The May minutes were approved.

Board Updates

President: Buddy Benches - A CPS family donated and will be rolled out in September

Exec VP: SAC Elections Update - survey will go out for voting by whole school next week

Treasurer: Budget Updates/End of Year Status - Raised a little bit more, but also spent a little bit more on shirt sales. CE came in under budget, as did the grants committee.

Publicity: Last communication was sent to Claire, will send out last push about PTO at the end of the year. Need to roll out the Family Five, asking each family to give five hours a year. Push the Family Five out in the Mosquito before the beginning of the year.

Membership: Plans for August 1 Roll Out, Back to School Night need a real push.

Middle School Chair: Recruitment / Status on Open Positions- middle school chair still needed

Volunteer Chair: Recruitment / Status - Possible ski/sports swap in the fall.

Curriculum Enrichment: Updates/Year End Review - One more meeting with our committee to go over all the events from this year and begin planning for next year, expect budget to remain about the same.

Events: Bike Rodeo & Survey Update - About 30 families came to the Rodeo and were very enthusiastic about the day and very grateful. Still have not received the results from the survey but will be along soon. Like to look into starting a committee, possibly from the parents who came this year, to help put this on again next year and make it a community event.

Fundraising: Carlisle eCommunity, Husky Apparel, School Supply Kits - numbers up over last year and will run again in the fall for those who missed it. Supply kits sale 433, up a little bit from last year, sold most in the last week.

New Business

Vote in new 2017-18 PTO Slate

Amy Caggiano made a motion to approve the new board members.

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Carren Panico seconded the motion.

The 2017-18 board members were approved.

Adjourn

Amy Caggiano made a motion to adjourn.

Carren Panico seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25

Next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 5 at 9:00 am in the Community Room