

PTO Meeting Minutes

May 25, 2017

Calvin Coolidge Elementary School

Attendance: Jenn Luke, Rachel Reeve, Amy Clouter, Kelly Finneran, Sam Gardner, Christine Maloney, Leslie Terra, Blake Jarvi, Jessie Quintero Johnson, Rebeca Buelna, Darcy Wingard, Lisa Haskins, Sai Cherala, Katie Evans, Amanda Tanaka

Previous Meeting's Minutes Approved

SSMA (Shrewsbury Schools Music/Theater Association) – Mark

- The SSMA is a vital, active, parent support organization of all Shrewsbury Schools' performing arts (K-12). The SSMA has been raising funds and volunteering support to our schools' performing arts directors and teachers over 60 years! 100% of funds raised go directly benefit their beyond-curriculum programs and efforts including concert attire, student trips, theater assistance, composer master classes, visiting coaches, music, student recognitions, purchase of / maintenance of instruments or theater equipment, college scholarships, and so much more!
- SSMA works with the elementary schools at their request
- SSMA students help run the 4th grade concerts at Coolidge
- In 5th grade the students participate in Band/Chorus/Orchestra (BCO) period during the school day
- Website: myssma.com

Treasurer's Report

- Earnings
 - \$55.88 STEM
 - \$4163 Spring Fling
 - \$387.12 School Store
- Allocation Requests
 - Sneakers for PhysEd class: \$80 for four pair (Payless or Savers)
 - Paint for Buddy Bench: \$50
 - Spirit of Shrewsbury Color Run: \$1000
- Treasurer's Report Approved
- 2017–2018 Budget discussion
 - Set aside some of the extra funds for the playground savings

Principal's Report

- Mrs. Clouter shared that it has been a privilege to lead this school for 11 years
- **New Principal** Tiffany Ostrander, savvy, skillful, experienced, engaging principal in district for 5 years
 - Community questions/comments to share with Ms. Ostrander
 - Value the kids that come from Coolidge, they are empathetic, well-mannered and respectful
 - Great community of family atmosphere
 - Important for the Principal to make personal connection to the kids and engage with the kids, share own personal stories with kids so they can engage back
 - Why Interim position?
 - Important that people of Shrewsbury to have a voice in the process, not rush the interview at the end of the school year
 - There is a lot of complexity in this role and it is important to transition cleanly with interim
 - Parents and faculty to have a voice in the process, not enough time to search and interview and then also learn how things run

- Floral position being held for Ms. Ostrander while determining if Coolidge position is a match
- Coolidge principal needs to interview for open staff positions, make schedules, etc now for next year
- Both Mrs. Clouter and Ms. Ostrander are each doing two jobs during this transition
- Around January Dr. Sawyer will check in with staff, parents, and community to find how things are going and then determine if we need to start the process to look for permanent principal

Teacher's Report

- Completion Ceremony June 19th
 - Friday after school the 16th to set up for completion, need volunteers 3:15 for 45 minutes (8–10 people)
 - Volunteers (with CORI) needed on 19th around 2:10 for ice cream social
- Student Council working on the Buddy Bench

President's Report

- Jessie Quintero Johnson has agreed to be secretary (minutes and newsflash) for the 2017/2018 school year
- Katie Evans has offered to help with the blog

Enrichment Committee Report

#	Activity	Contact	Price	Grade				Confirmed date	
8	Weather or Not (High Touch High Tech)	Rita Advani	\$ 513.50	K				3/29/2017	
9	Eleanor Roosevelt	Sheryl Faye	\$750.00	K	1	2	3	4	4/11/2017
10	Boston Museum Program	-	\$ 555.00					4	4/14/2017
5c	April Jones Prince	April Prince	\$ 250.00	K					5/5/2017
11	Acton Discovery Museum (Matter)	-	\$840.00			2			5/9/2017
12	Artemas Ward	Marcia Smith	\$ 250.00				3		5/19/2017
13	Beekeeper	Barbara McPhee	\$ 400.00		1				May?
14	Broadmeadow Brook (Audobon Society)	Cheryl Mongeon	\$423.00		1				June?
		Total Spent	\$7,919.78						
		Carry-over from 15-16	\$347.50						
		Remaining Balance	\$79.72						
		Average per presentation	\$494.99						

Committee Reports

- **Coolidge T-Shirts, Jenn Luke:** sold 70ish shirts so far, ordered 200 total
- **Family Night at Bravehearts, Amanda Tanaka:** Worcester Bravehearts: We are all set for June 23rd. Fireworks, \$8/ person in boxed seats with hats (children under 2 are free). Our PTO will benefit from the 50/50 raffle
- **Open House/Visiting Day at summer's end:** Friday, Aug 24, 2017 - 5:00–6:30 flyer went out to 3rd graders and got overwhelming response
- **Teacher Appreciation Luncheon: Katie Evans,** Wednesday, May 24th
- **Donation from Dick's Sporting Goods** – Rebeca received a \$50 donation and numerous coupons for the store. She gave it to Ms. Pacheco to possibly purchase sneakers or other helpful items.
- **Tracks for Technology, Blake Jarvi:** Rebeca Buela will shadow Blake This has raised \$20,000 over the past 4 years for technology.
 - Initially created to raise funds for the interactive whiteboards
 - iPad carts to share with all grades

- K garden project, plants and pests information
- 1st grade videos
- 2nd grade diorama bibliographies
- Google translate on iPad for non-English speaking students, while they are learning English
- Subscriptions to online learning
- School based funds for whole year \$12k, the Tracks for Technology fundraiser helps supplement and keep pace
- Tech can get outdated and need replacement

Fall Fundraisers/Programs

- **KidStuff Coupon Book** – Is anyone willing to run this program
- **Spirit of Shrewsbury** – Consideration of doing a color run for this event. Jenn Luke will coordinate it. Would need several volunteers in order to make this happen. Could be a tremendous fundraiser for the school.
- **School Supplies** – There is a company SchoolKidz who puts together supplies for kids. It would include everything that is on the supply list and would cost \$26.83 (or \$21.79 if non brand name items could be used). Supplies would be delivered to the school color coded for each grade. Jenn will sign up for next year, aim to include with report cards with the supply lists