

## **Cole PTG Meeting Minutes**

March 9, 2016 @ 9:30am

Officers in attendance: Alexis Meyer, Sally Miranda, Holly Gray, Cheryl Osborne and Leslie Varone

Sally Miranda called the meeting to order at 9:32 am with a review of the February minutes. A correction to the specific time of the March meeting was made. A motion to accept the amended minutes was made by Cheryl Osborne, was seconded by Sally Miranda, and unanimously approved.

### **President's Report:**

- **Spring enrichments:** Sheri Shunney reported that a change in payment to vendors is proceeding as planned. Parents will still send forms and checks to the front office, but checks should be made payable to the appropriate vendor instead of CMS. Five dollars per student will be given back back to the PTG from each vendor. It was noted that all vendors must have current BCI checks and proof of insurance on file.
- A. SPOT Tennis will be on Mondays and Wednesdays beginning April 4th (\$85=1day, \$150=2 days)
- B. Girl's Leadership Collaborative (GLC): Mondays (\$175/session) sign up will be online
- C. One on One Basketball: Tuesdays and Fridays (\$69=1 day, \$120=2 days)
- D. Improv workshop with Bethany Verret: Mondays (\$80/session)
- E. Chess Master Connections: Mondays (\$125/session)
- F. All That Matters Yoga: Mondays (\$75/session)
- G. Mr. Dion's Running Club (6:30am, day to be determined)
- There will also be **Club Activities** this spring including tennis and Ultimate Frisbee.
- The upcoming **Fun Fest** will be March 18, 7-9 pm. There will be a movie, Wii room, tattoos, DJ and activity in the gym such as dodge ball or hungry hippos (to be organized by Betsy Aulisio and Cheryl Osborne). Future ideas discussed included floor hockey and human foosball.
- **Staff appreciation:** The first week of May is Staff Appreciation Week, which will include a breakfast, lunch (coordinated by Bethany Fain and Heather Roberts) on May 3, and gift to the school from the PTG. Mrs. Meyer suggested refreshments be provided at the faculty meeting on May 2 at 2:10pm. Blue Ribbon lapel pins for faculty and staff were discussed as a possible gift from the PTG.
- **BCI Checks** must be done annually by anyone volunteering in the schools. Forms are available in the front office, and staff are able to witness and submit paperwork to the EGPD.
- **Apparel Sale** locations and opportunities were discussed. Possibilities include April 7 at 5th grade parent night, and April 13 at 6th grade parent night. "Moving up" ceremonies at Eldredge and Hanaford, as well as the drama production in May were also mentioned. A new apparel sale coordinator will be needed for next year.
- **School Kidz Supply Lists 2016-2017:** Higher quality supplies were ordered this year and the program remains popular with teachers and parents. Teachers will need to submit supply lists by March 26 for the upcoming school year.
- **Stop & Shop fundraising** is on track for \$2,000 expected income this year.
- **The Cole Mile** is scheduled for May 26, and will include the Challenged Athletes Foundation.

### **Principal's Report:**

- Mrs. Meyer and Mr. Seger recently returned from the National Association of Secondary School Principals conference in Orlando, Florida. Topics covered included blended learning with technology, social/emotional learning, and mindfulness.
- Mrs. Meyer shared that a No Guns in Schools Bill will be presented to the House and Senate Judiciary Committees in the coming months.
- Unified Basketball begins in late March, and Mr. Scott is participating in the Special Olympics Polar Plunge to raise money and awareness.
- Details were shared about upcoming NECAP Science (8th grade) and PARCC testing, which will take place in mid-May.
- New by-laws for the National Junior Honor Society are in place, and qualifying 7th and 8th grade students will receive a packet of information and invitation to an informational meeting. Sixth graders, as in years passed, will be given information in their advisory meetings.
- Other topics covered included the successful hiring of long term substitute teachers, the course selection process for 8th graders, and financial aid for the upcoming Washington DC trip.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

- Fun Fest actual profit is \$1300 each time.
- The PTG has received \$135 on enrichment, so we may not hit the \$900 budgeted.
- \$1,827 on apparel sales so far this year, which exceeded budget.
- School wide fundraiser raised \$1,643, which fell short of \$3,000 budgeted. Other income will cover the difference.
- Only \$244 has been spent on teacher grants. A notice was just sent out to remind teachers to use them.
- Principal's fund balance will be used during testing.
- Overall profits are lower. Going to see how apparel sales and the next Fun Fests do. The PTG won't be spending \$550 on directories, and have made more on Stop and Shop than expected, so budget should balance out.
- There was a discussion of PTG selling concessions at talent show vs. student council selling.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:07am.

The next Cole PTG meeting will be on **Wednesday, April 13, 2016 @ 7pm.**