

Cole PTG Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2016 @ 9:30am

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

With 12 attendees present, Cheryl Osborne called the meeting to order at 9:37am. A motion to accept the April minutes was made by Sally Miranda, was seconded by Mrs. Osborne and unanimously approved.

Presidents' Report:

- Due to the large number of activities and events this spring, it was decided that an updated calendar would be distributed on the Cole-L.
- The final **Fun Fest** of the year will be on Friday, May 20th. Plans for next year were discussed in order to increase attendance. Ideas included the Kona Ice truck, a new name, and the addition of outdoor activities (e.g., glow balls for kickball game).
- **Year books** will be distributed Friday, June 17th.
- The total **Stop & Shop** revenue for 2015-2016 was \$2,685.
- **Cole Mile** will be Friday, May 27th, with a rain date of June 3rd. The Challenged Athletes Foundation will participate, as customary every three years. Surplus Cole apparel in youth sizes will be distributed to faculty children. Budget needs for the event are still being determined.
- **Apparel sales** at the 5th grade parent night were very successful. It was decided to sell at lunch with Fun Fest tickets on May 18-20th. An additional email to the Hanaford and Eldredge listservs will be sent as well.
- The **Nominating Committee**, composed of one PTG Board member, and three other committee members, met last week, and will hold a vote for 2016-2017 PTG officers at the June meeting.

Principal's Report:

- **Staff Appreciation** activities in early May were reported to be successful. Refreshments at the staff meeting, Department of Education Blue Ribbon pins, and lunch were appreciated by faculty and staff. Two picnic tables were provided to the teachers by the new Interact Club.
- **PARCC testing** was reported to have gone well, with snacks provided to students from the PTG.
- Mrs. Meyer noted a **Parenting Awareness Workshop** on coping with stress and anxiety in middle school will be on May 24, 2016 @ 7pm.
- **8th grade graduation** will be on June 21st @ 11:00am, with refreshments traditionally provided by 7th grade parents. Leslie Varone will contact volunteers to provide a table with drinks and flowers. Cookies may be made by Consumer Science students.
- Mrs. Meyer presented information on a new site based management model by Education Commissioner Ken Wagner and Governor Gina Raimondo. The **Department of Education** is hosting an informational meeting on May 19th in Providence, and parents from around the state are encouraged to attend. Discussion of a current legislative bill increasing access to computer science classes may be held.
- A number of faculty/staff **retirements** will be acknowledged at the June PTG meeting.

- A Rotary Interact Club will kick-off at Cole in the fall, with a focus on Service Above Self. Caroline Bradshaw will serve as the faculty adviser, and Jen Stern and Holly Gray will be parent organizers.
- Mrs. Meyer noted the great choices and behavior of Cole Middle School students!

Treasurer's Report:

- After an overview of income and expenses from the current year, it was determined that a small budget surplus would exist.
- Checks waiting to clear include Class day, graduation, the 8th grade dance, parent awareness event, etc.
- Income still pending includes enrichment activities, Fun Fest, and final apparel sales.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50am.

The next Cole PTG meeting will be on **Wednesday, June 8, 2016 @ 9:30am.**