



September General Meeting
Tuesday, September 18, 2018

Attendees:

Kimberly Kaufman

Donna Alagna

Crystal Kaplan

Jenn Winkelmann

Courtney McCormick

Nancy Morin

Steve Gimbelman

Marian Castner

Colleen Procyk

Justine Buzzaetta

Kirsten Connor

Vanessa Bulia-Rahman

Ms. Garibay

Mr. Osmond

Mr. Rigby

Mr. Hopkins

Ms. Lyons

Mrs. Pilitzer

Ms. Reynolds

Mr. Marasco

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Administration Reports

Superintendent– Ms. Garibay: Welcome back everyone! It been a great start to school year. Everything has been up and running, and it was a smooth transition in the 2018-2019 school year.

Exciting things are happening-Colts Neck Referendum, October 2nd, process assessment, which occurs every 3-4 years, the strategic plan is finishing up, coursework and curriculum, the community members involvement into how to shape years to come over the summer, in June and July-closing out the year, reflecting and then the plan for next year.

Communications Coordinator, Terry Pilitzer: Thank you to the PTO for funding the Colts Next signs. We completed the back-end work replenishment program, turn in and receive new device, which is more cost effective. We have enhanced the parent portal and it is more transparent.

Superintendent – Ms. Garibay: We are migrating to a new website, which will be more user friendly.

Business Administrator- Mr. Marasco: Welcome back! Much gratitude for the Legacy gift. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me.

Director of Curriculum - Erica Reynolds: Thanks for all your hard work with the Legacy gift, we appreciate it!

CRES Principal – Mr. Osmond: Thank you and welcome! Our PTO is amazing! Perks of the garden and stage equipment from legacy gifts. New things are coming this year, much gratitude. The school year is off to great start with back-to-school-night. It was well attended. The students were each given a t-shirt commemorating the CRES 50 celebration. Former colleagues, including the founding principal are talking about doing a social event in March to celebrate 50 years. We are looking forward to celebrating the past, present, and future! CN Initiative needs love. Facilities both seen and unseen need updating. The building is accessible to you for a tour, please reach out to us. If you have any questions as well, please reach out. Thank you for great start to year!

Cedar Principal – Colin Rigby: Welcome! I appreciate the time and efforts of the PTO and its members. The 6th grade transition went great. The 6th graders are able to sit where they wanted. We have 19 new students. Back-to-school-night is next Thursday. Participation in Stokes trip on October 3-5 is going well, 95 out of 110 students returned their permission slips. Field day is October 12th. Thank you and wish you the best.

Superintendent – Ms. Garibay(On behalf of CRPS Principal, Mrs. Barr):
The Kindergarten playdate was something new this year. Colored arm bands were handed out. It was an hour of unstructured meet and play. There are 25 new students. There are a lot of new families moving into Colts Neck. The CRPS is a busy place. It is packed, which is a good thing, and welcoming new families.

Superintendent – Ms. Garibay:
What happens next, the Colts Next Initiative. From August up to now, we have been concentrating on voting. Yesterday, I received an email that you can use a mail-in ballot. We are sharing the special election and costs with the regional school district. There is a handout for parents, which is available here and at the back-to-school-nights. It takes the information on website and condenses it into paper form. We hope to empower people with information. Regarding security, we are moving forward with class III officers and upgrades. Officer Pevonis is located here and Officer Walsh is at the middle school. They are both familiar, friendly faces to the students and are flexible with our hours. But we can do more, the security vestibule and bathrooms are done. The architect has been with us throughout the whole process. Thank you to parents for following the new policy on dropping things off at the schools. But we would like to do more, the referendum replaces doors and locks, windows, and changes to swipe access cards.

Health & Safety-

New Air filtration and ventilation and AC. We have pockets of AC, but not the complete school. Lighting, reconfiguration and separating bus lanes on campus. A path to connect two campuses.

Environment-

Some original systems, use to vote or 2% cap. Improve one thing then later would have to do another.

Facility enhancements-

Auditorium, all of programs are worthy of designated space. There is only one stage at Cedar drive located in gym and need to use folding chairs. The gym is shared with other activities. I would like to create a community space. It could be source of revenue. We would charge speakers and companies that want to use facility. Currently, I feel that it is lacking. You don't know what you are missing out on until you have it. When we have it, we will be questioning how we went on without it.

William Hopkins, Architect: The book provided to BOE identifies systems in all three buildings that are 50 years old and if they are efficient and still in good shape. We looked at how they are functioning. I am here for technical support. I looked at the project from different angles, and all the things in the buildings I want to take care of.

Mary Lyons, Phoenix Financial Advisor: Just because it is old does not mean it is not good. I worked on prior referendums and worked with other schools and planning bonds. It is a great time to do with a 2 percent cap, low interest rates, and state still giving aid.

Any specific questions?

Colleen- What does Cedar drive look like?

Ms. Lyons-The photo is behind you. It will be completed in 3 years.

Ms. Garibay- There will be limited impact to schools.

Ms. Lyons- Sell bonds by end of 2018 to get ahead of rate increase. The debt services will get started for next calendar year. And we can invest and earn interest.

Mr. Hopkins-Northern Burling bond is at 364. Project is at 4, so if we get anything less than that, it is better. Construction is intended to start and not to stretch out past summer 2019. We need to separate project. We need to pick and choose. The entire building needs HVAC. To replace it all at one time is not good a strategy. So half the building will be done one summer and the other half of building will be done the next summer.

Colleen-Sounds like if bid passes, schools will not have AC for 3 years?

Mr. Hopkins-Not necessarily, to take apart entire building in one summer is a risk. We have safe guards in place.

Colleen- Getting AC that is what people are going to look at.

Mr. Osmond- Part of the building will get ac, we will have to strategical work with building AC.

Colleen- Is debt service guaranteed?

Ms. Lyons- The state pays up to 40 percent of eligible project. It has been actually paying 34 percent the last 8-9 years. Ballet say 40 percent. Taking from what is the baseline, it has never been less than 20 percent in 20 years. An interest rate of 4 percent is high relative to current market. That leaves some cushion.

Kristie- How are overages determined?

Mr. Hopkins- In a stable market and with a severe lack of constructions worker in state of NJ means fewer contractors, and higher and higher prices. But we have safeguards. We will do the best we can and get competitive bids and assume it will go well.

Ms. Garibay- The next two Saturday and Sunday, we will be giving out information. 4-8pm is a short period of time. I have copies of initiative available. The rendering are located here and online. However, for security reasons, we are not posting classroom renderings online. In closing, as part of the team, Tom Gilgio, the facility manager, is the leader of our tours. We have one scheduled tour date left which is next Monday at 4:30. Take a sign as you are leaving. Signs are allowed to go up 30 days prior to elections. Go onto to Monmouthcountyvotes.com to find out the location of where you can vote on October 2 from 4-8p.m.

2. Executive Board Reports

a. **Amy Dimes, President:**

Welcome Back! You all should have received your PTO registration packet. The fundraising position is open. The Spring Gala is Thursday, April 11th at Eagle Oaks. The Fall Parent Social is Friday, October 12th. Invites are going out soon.

[Crystal Kaplan-Fall Social Committee Chair: Social is being held at Bucks Mill. It is a western/country theme. There will be a fire pit, s'mores kits, BBQ food, open bar serving wine & beer, and a cigar roller.

(Colleen: Is mechanical bull covered? Kristin: It is covered through company's insurance. Colleen: Advises legal cautions.)]

Legacy Gifts: \$35,568 toward CRPS/CRES adding School News (\$7,429.98) bring to p/e; CDMS Manufacturing Classroom (\$16,972.11) hands on wood working sewing machines work benches; All Schools Outdoor Learning Environments & Lunch Areas (\$11,165.69) given by past board.

b. Stephanie Collura, Vice President:

Mini-grant Applications due by Friday, September 28th. \$20,000 earmarked to enrich schools environments with assembles, field trips, and science programs. Please apply for a grant by September 28th. We will meet in October to approve grants.

c. Lena Nicholson, Communications Director:

So far about 167 families and 55 teachers have registered. If you haven't registered yet, do so as soon as possible. Registration closes October 1st. Regarding open committee chair positions, we have no volunteers to chair the following events: 8th grade dance, 8th grade memory book, 8th grade photo montage, Book swap, Flower sale P/E, Frosty's, Golf outing, Kitchen Tour 2020, Notecards, and Preschool tours. Many other events could use co-chairs, so volunteer if you're interested.

d. Jennifer Mayrose, Student Activities Director:

We need co-chairs for student activities and volunteers, especially 8th grade dance and 8th grade holiday breakfast.

e. Danielle Quigley, Assistant Treasure:

New this year is trivia night. We are thinking of having it in November. If anyone is interested in let me know.

f. Kristie Tierney, Treasurer:

The super 50/50 on October 12th is up to \$5,000! Forms are in the back. You can return to me or mail in. Spiritwear is available at back-to-school-nights. You can also contact Deb Roman or go onto the website. It is open until September 30th. Box tops\$ -We make about \$3,000 a year. Please collect and send in for the October and May contests for a chance to win a \$25 AMC gift card.

June/July/August Treasurer's Reports

June 2018 Treasurer's Report:
Month Ending Book Balances

Checking	\$31,017
Gaming	\$15,415
PTO Savings	\$26,93

Total Bank Accounts **\$73,368**

Notable June Income:

- \$1,228 profit from 8th grade graduation memory book sales
- \$815 residual ad/sponsorship collections from the spring gala

Notable June Expenses:

- \$4,627 for the 8th grade dance
- \$1,243 for the 2nd grade moving-up carnival
- \$962 in operating expenses, \$825 of which were for annual insurance premiums
- \$912 for the 5th grade moving up picnic

July 2018 Treasurer's Reports
Month Ending Book Balances

Checking	\$ 5,911
Gaming	\$ 211
Savings	\$66,409
Total Bank Accts	\$72,531

Notable July Income:

-none

Notable July Expenses:

-\$830 of operating expenses; \$550 to renew our membership directory app and \$280 to renew our QuickBooks license

August 2018 Treasurer's Reports
Month Ending Book Balances

Checking	\$ 5,790
Gaming	\$ 211
Savings	\$66,459

Total Bank Accts **\$72,460**

g. Michelle Forero, Secretary:

Approve June Treasurer's Report (Courtney McCormick, Colleen Procyk) all were in favor.

Approve July Treasurer's Report (Steve Gimbelman, Justine Buzzetta) all were in favor.

Approve August Treasurer's Report (Steve Gimbelman, Justine Buzzetta) all were in favor.

Approve June Meeting Minutes (Courtney McCormick, Colleen Procyk) all were in favor.