

Start Time: 7:05PM
End Time:8:23PM
Location: Conover Rd Elementary School

Administration

1. Dr. Garibay

PTO Executive Board

1. Kim Kaufman 2. Samantha Amato 3. Kirsten Connor 4. Danielle Quigley
5. Vanessa Rahman 6. Melanie Yale

Attendees

1. Vanessa Dawson 2. Kristi Gaglio 3. Sheri Harlan 4. Rita Galante
5. Steve Gimbelman 6. Erin Sullivan 7. Julie Warnke 8. Courtney McCormick

The meeting was called to order by our President, Danielle Quigley and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Dr. Garibay- Superintendent

Reflecting that it was 2 years meeting with all superintendents of nearby school districts. 1st pandemic as a superintendent. The past 2 years was a challenge. As a mom, understand all parents and their concerns. Not everything we did was perfect not everything was agreed upon but it was hard making decision like that for 1st time. Decisions came after feedback from teachers, nurses. Collaborated with Colts Neck township. Grateful and proud to serve the community for past 7 years. Thank you to the parents. Thank you to PTO found a way to do things differently. Thank you for all. Feeling positive we have made good turn and optimistic that it will continue. Looking to open windows get outside when nice weather. September 2021 it was great to have everyone back and getting to see everyone back. Little milestones, happy to be where we are today. Trying to do many things we once did. Holding out overnight trips this year. Possibly next year. Want everyone to feel completely comfortable. Don't want to have to cancel any trips. Chances of day trips less likely to be cancelled than overnight trips. We are beneath budget, there's a tentative presentation in May. We received good funds in state, federal. We didn't get millions but comfortable. With these finds they required percentages to be allocations for use. Earned certain percentage to after care, professional development, etc. End of what's left trying to take care of ARP funds to continue to make improvements to HVAC system . Replacing with air condition. Long Law facilities. Things that have to be done and how they are to be funded. HVAC priorities are for the large areas like gym, cafeteria. Every project is replaced. A new referendum is not off the table. Smaller referendum. Looking at different avenues. Energy savings improvement plan. Savings come in energy costs. We are a small districts so may not be feasible. Electrical wiring, windows and roofs needed. Primary is still 20 years old.

Summer bridge 178 students registered on Conover Rd Campus. Camp will be at Cedar.

Graduation for 8th grade to be held on Wednesday June 22nd. Outside at CNHS. Only if rains will be inside.

Report cards not sure if best tool. Report card revision for grades K-5. Revision team next year. By the end of next year for parent feedback for the 2023-24.

State Tests- back on the website. We are doing testing this year. Last 2 weeks in April.

Questions ?

1.To get HVAC to school doesn't the building need updates first?

Elementary School is 50 years- Update building for the new systems. Electrical upgrade to have for new HVAC. Prioritizing what gets done first. Generator at CRES still needs to be upgraded even more. Control system and monitor. Set temperature remotely. We do the electric before we do HVAC. Old pipes break and need to be fixed first. Looking to systematically upgrade everything. The need for indoor air quality as well. Not just for air conditioning. What we have is stronger than a MER 13 and what CDC recommends.

2.Will the 8th graders have Stokes?

No, but it will be back next year. Required to book too far in advance. Needed to be booked in November. Didn't want to give the financial burden to parents if it then did have to be cancelled since no refunds.

3.Why is there no more Pre-K 3?

Space issues. In next years school year budget there needs to be 3 new teachers to expand every grade. Most classes over 20 kids a class. Usually 20-40 kids each year. We will need 6 sections for every grade. Prek-3 are have a legal responsibility to operate for disabled program. Discontinuation of prek-3 purely space related.

Danielle Quigley-President

Agendas and pens available

Gala

April 28th at South Gate Manor- turn out is great. Excitement is there.

Spiritwear/vineyards

On the PTO website. Open all year. Delivery available. Another upcoming spiritwear day before end of school year. Vineyard vines available at Colts Neck Pharmacy.

Amazon Smile

Great way to help make money. Approximately raise \$1,000/yea. Select Colts Neck PTO.

Box Tops

Do not send anything in. ALL digital- snap shot of grocery receipt. CRES for school.

8th Grade Activities

Planned photo montage due digitally April 30th specific email address. It's on pto website and newsletter
Graduation Ads/Shouts- graduation ceremony- great fundraiser and popular
NEW- Personalized yard signs. Optional. Great way to congratulate.

8th Grade Dance. In June. Just waiting to finalize contract.

Vacant PTO Positions

Vacant positions- Fundraising/Sponsorship director. Questions to Kirsten. Meet 1 morning a month. Interested ask. Share if friends interested.

Kirsten Connor- Vice President

Mini grants

We look what we raised last year and see how we can give back to the following year with things that they cant get. Ask teachers to submit proposals. This year we made it digital. Received about 30 proposal for the 3 schools. Broke up into 2 times a year. Allocated over \$22,000 back to the 3 schools. Criteria to request asked them to be PTO members.

Monies Allocated

\$10,000 Primary

\$10,000 Elementary

\$6,000 Cedar

Some were multi school funding.

\$8,200 towards Literacy

\$6,000 Science

\$5,000 Athletics

\$4,000 Art and Music

\$3,000 Social Emotional

Teachers have shown great results. Sending us pictures on how they are using the mini grants to life. Can be seen on our social media.

Read-a-thon

Read-a-thon is a district wide fundraiser to help make an impact. Over 500 students participated. Just closed. Thank you to Phil Capasso for communicating with parents. Read-a-thon runs for 2 weeks net \$22,000 raised. Surpassed our goals. This was our 3rd year. More than 50 students read 1000 minutes or more. Teachers are excited documented time in class. We are making sure that everyone is participating fairly. Putting in accurate numbers. There's an audit team to ensure they are reading. Met goal of 200 minutes . Encouraged increased reading for some that are not interested as much through out the year. Strong families to carry. 10% donated \$400 or more. Donations comes from grandparents, aunts, friends. 275 families contributed \$100 or more. Many hands make light work and make it a success. We works with a great company and working again next year.

Medals and certificate for readers, audit committee reviews to schedule class pizza parties.

Kimberly Kaufman- Acting for Lena Nicholson

Gala RSVP

Get Gala RSVPs in ASAP. We've received 40 RSVP in the first week. You can write the names of the people you want to sit with at your table in the back of the card. Up to 12 at table.

Volunteer

If you know anyone who wants to volunteer for Student Activities or another event or is coming to the gala and wants to get a free sheet of raffle tickets, let them know that registration is available on our website www.coltsneckpto.org Scroll to bottom of page.

Kimberly Kaufman -Digital media

Gala

1 of 4 co chairs. 600 invitations went out 47 rsvp so far. Invite your friends does not have to be a Colts Neck School District Parent. Can be residents of Colts Neck. A community event.

We have sold and selling ads and sponsorships. Sold all major sponsorships 3 cocktail possibly 4, champagne, valet, swag, platinum, gold and silver.

Grade Level basket- competition Winning grade gets a pizza party.

Every grade a representative

PreK-Amy Dimes

K-Samantha Amato
 1st Grade-Gina Glazier
 2nd Grade- Sarah DiSalvatore
 3rd Grade- January Nicoletta
 4th Grade-Vanessa Rahman
 5th Grade- Colleen Mayrose
 6th Grade-Danielle Quigley
 7th Grade- Justine Buzzetta
 8th Grade- Jennifer Reisinger
 Take cash, venmo, physical donation.

Book Swap

Was held on March 1-2
 Primary did 2 days. Elementary got at least 2 books. Primary 2-3 books. Donated 10 boxes books. Marcy Klein chair found a new place to donate to Ukraine relief boxes to Poland.
 Thank you to Marci Klein and Jen Winkleman bringing book swap back to CRES.

Social Media

Like and follow Instagram/Facebook

FACEBOOK		
March 2022	Dec 2021	June 2022
584	575	600
INSTAGRAM		
March 2022	Dec 2021	June 2022
287	251	300
TWITTER		
54	45	60

Encourage to engage in posts. If you don't we can't repost. Once you follow you give permission for us to tag you and repost.

We maintain media release. Ask permission first.

Danielle Quigley-Acting Joanne Passalacqua-Student Activities

Student Activities

Pre-covid each grade had an activity outside of school. Past 2 years wasn't able this year we are able.

Pre-k April 8th story time

K Work in progress

1st Grade- May 6th team building primary- once open to register contact chair to , Drop off.

2nd Grade- Carnival in primary school

3rd Grade- May 20th DJ got me fit pizza open register

4th Grade- Not finalized April 13 at play big zone

5th Grade-Moving up during the day June 23. If can changed based on last day of school.

6th Grade- May 19 iPlay America

7th Grade- in works Steve to work with Justine

8th dance.

If you would like to volunteer for any grade level contacts.

All after school hours.

Vanessa Rahman- Asst Treasurer

Saver card

Still available \$20. Cash check.

Melanie Yale- Treasurer

Flower Sale

May 6th Friday before Mother's day. Preorders next week. Electronic. Everything is preorder.

Treasurer Reports

December 2021 Treasurer Reports

Month Ending Book Balances

Checking \$6,566

Gaming \$2,600

Savings \$78,085

Petty Cash \$0

Total Bank Accts \$87,251

Notable December Income

\$4,104 Frosty Sales

\$376 Spiritwear profit

\$922 Vineyard Vines (Colts Neck Pharmacy)

Notable December Expense

\$(350) Trunk or Treat (CNBA and Ice cream Donation)

\$931 Mini Grants

\$1,044 8th Grade Breakfast

January 2022 Treasurer Reports

Month Ending Book Balances

Checking \$3,620

Gaming \$2,600

Savings \$75,598

Petty Cash \$0

Total Bank Accts \$81,819

Notable January Income

(\$3,019) Spring Gala deposit/Misc

Notable January Expense

\$2,103 Mini Grants

February 2022 Treasurer Reports

Month Ending Book Balances

Checking \$2,735

Gaming \$2,520

Savings \$65,608

Petty Cash \$0

Total Bank Accts \$70,864

Notable February Income

\$(3,303) Frosty Holiday Shoppe

\$900 Spring Gala

\$630 Valentines Pizza Fundraiser

Notable February Expense

\$9,272 Mini-Grants

\$634

Operating

Samantha Amato- Secretary

Color Run

May 22nd at Bucks Mill. Working with CNSF to ensure you can attend run and father daughter dance. Registration opens April 1st. Sponsorships are being sold. If you own a business would like to support contact Samantha. Need 1 more Swag Bag sponsor. Steve would like to donate bags for the swag bags. Community event. Invite friends, family, neighbors, alumni. DJ fun, Cedar band/Chorus to perform. Any high school kids need hours looking for volunteers.

School Store

CRES School store is coming back this year in April. During lunch periods students will be able to come to the store. Need volunteers.

Approval Reports

Approve December 2021, January and February 2022 Treasurer Reports (Courtney McCormick, Rita Galante)

Approve December General Meeting Minutes (Courtney McCormick, Kristi Gaglio)

Questions/comments

Cedar Drive student is doing a drive for Ukraine- Anticipate district wide initiative. Student has family in Ukraine. Brookdale collecting as a site. Drop off site at. Collecting physical items.

Meeting ended : 8:23 PM