



Cossitt PTC Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Date: January 9, 2019

Location: Cossitt School Conference Room

Casey Livingston, Michelle Borkowski, Dawn Collins, Beth Vymslicky, Jennifer Bonniwell, Tori D'Antonio, Sandra Vasquez-Weber, Terry King, Melissa Diebold
Mike Michowski, Alex Parker and Vicki Morris

Principal's Report- Mike Michowski

- Mural update
 - Meeting with the Committee tomorrow to finalize it.
- STEM Lab update
 - Bringing in grade level teams of teachers to decide what the necessary items might be for the lab.
 - Being cautious about curriculum overlap with the Science Center.
 - It was suggested to contact the district's Science Consultant for assistance.
 - Making the focus be to have the lab be accessible to all grade levels and user friendly.

Teacher's Corner- Alex Parker and Vikki Morris

- Girls on the Run
 - Have been looking for a coach who also has to be CPR Certified but have not had any luck.
 - Cossitt will not have Girls on the Run this year.
 - Could we consider a co-ed running team and have the District 102 Fun Run be the final run.
 - Maybe consider a running program during recess.
 - Teachers will look into this option.

President's Report- Casey Livingston

- STEM Lab Update (per above)
- Tech Chair/Web Update Search
 - Need a new chair to replace Jen Barnicle.
 - This is a 2 year position.
 - Will put out a request in a Friday Folder this month.
- Software Research
 - Did a demo of the software package we were considering.
 - This option doesn't do newsletters as of yet.
 - It is more expensive than what we use now.
 - Cheddar Up is another software option that is also less expensive than what we use now.
 - Ogden School also uses this software.
 - Still working on selecting the best option for Cossitt and the goal is to have it decided on before the end of this school year.
- Cossitt Movie Night
 - It's scheduled for sometime in February for 1st-3rd grades.
 - Will take place in the gym.
 - Need a committee chair to run this.
 - Suggestion was made to rent out the La Grange movie theater and charge a \$ amount per person vs. using the gym.
 - When when 4th grade went to the theater before winter break the event went very well.
 - Casey is looking into this option for dates and costs.



Treasurer's Report – Jennifer Bonniwell and Melissa Diebold

- E-check option for Clothing Sale sellers
 - We use Deluxe now for paper checks. Deluxe offers an E-check option and it is compatible with Quik Books.
 - E-checks is about \$100 less than paper checks for a years supplies.
 - Suggested to have a printer present on the Sunday of the clothing sale weekend to print checks for sellers that don't want to use E-check.
 - Voted and approved by the board to try out E-checks for the spring Clothing Sale.

1st VP Report- Dawn Collins

- PSCC
 - A few district wide events are coming up but attendance is low.
 - Will include in the Friday Folder again.

Administrative VP Report- Sandra Vazquez-Weber

- Holiday room parties went well.
 - Most feedback about the food was that it was essentially the same as the food at the Halloween parties.
 - Casey clarified that there was some confusion by the Room Parent Chairs as to what their budget was, which is why they thought they were limited in what they could purchase. This has been clarified for the future.
- Building and Grounds
 - Will be following up with the company working on the stained glass panels on the timing for return of the panels.
 - The Chairs are also looking into some additional project ideas raised by committee members. The Chairs will touch base with the Board when ideas are more defined.

Enrichment VP Report – Tori D'Antonio

- CCC's going well.
- Author visit coming up for grades K-2.
- Art appreciation was completed by all grades before break. There is another round coming up this spring.
- Art Club
 - The club is going on a field trip to the art institute this spring.
 - They will start working on the mural soon.
- Yearbook costs
 - In the past the charge was \$12 per book
 - Yearbook Committee wants to figure out the number of book to order and what to charge per book this year to avoid ordering to many extra.



- As discussed, it was decided to hold off on Girls on the Run and Boys on the Run for 2019 due to difficulty getting volunteers.
 - Boosterthon and D102 Run will be helpful for drawing attention to running and important of fitness.
 - Suggestion for next year's running program:
 - There is a year-long school-based program in St. Louis schools that includes 26.2 miles of running, reading 26 books and 26 acts of kindness. This could be a program to introduce if we do Boosterthon every-other-year as other schools have discussed. Tori will write up a summary page that can be shared with school administration.

Fundraising VP Report – Terrie King

- Clothing sale
 - The committee is meeting the end of January to start planning.
 - Clothing sale is 3/9.
- Restaurant Fundraisers
 - Chipotle fundraiser made over \$500.
 - Looking at a couple of more restaurant fundraisers through the end of the year.
- Rebates
 - Since rebates reimbursement will be lower than in past years due to fewer products offering rebates, it was suggested to do an additional restaurant fundraiser.
 - The Board agreed.
- Spirit wear
 - Sales are going well.
 - Suggestion made to pre-purchase spirit wear that could be sold at events.
 - Terrie will look into it.

Social VP Report - Beth Vymslicky

- Family Fun Night
 - Volunteer sign-up is going slowly, but hoping that a re-vamped friday folder notice will draw more attention.
 - Question raised if the knocker ball equipment that will be used is sized for kids because of safety concerns when kids use adult equipment.
 - Beth will follow-up.
- Talent show
 - Planning has started.
 - Because the show was very long last year (2.5 hours), the co-chairs are looking at ways to shorten it and tighten it up.

Secretary Report- Michelle Borkowski

- Gift cards were passed out to all crossing guards before winter break.
- Battle of the Books, Birthday Books and Hospitality Committee are all running smoothly.
- Book Club is ready to start
 - All groups are filled except in grades 5th and 6th.
 - Volunteer meeting will be on January 23rd at 7:00.
 - The no nut policy will be enforced.
 - Book orders have been placed entirely with Anderson's who gave us 20% off the order.



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