



**B.A. Cucinella Elementary School
PTO General Membership Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2021**

Attendance: Courtney Averyt, Kim Nestor, Jennifer Campbell, Aimee Costello, Sarah Cipoletti, Tori Reade, Tara Trubela, Melissa Keiser, Aimee Perhacs, Christopher Perruso, Sue Rapel, Erica Songzoni, Erin Halpin, Sarah Van Beuzekom, Juliet Palermo, Suzanne Sanders, Melissa Cervenka, Laura Hunter

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

I. Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes:

1. The April General minutes were voted on. Tori made the motion to accept, Sarah seconded, all PTO members present were in favor.

II. Reports:

1) Principal/Vice Principal's Report:

- a) GaGa Pit- very excited!
- b) Tent/Sunshade put back up.
- c) Monthly emergency drills and shelter in place drills are happening and due to social distancing restrictions they are talking through lockdown drills.
- d) Full time, in-person will start on 4/15 and 4/19. Rows of desks, taped and outlined to show distancing. In the classroom, it is 3ft apart.
- e) Parent pickup and drop off more crowded.
- f) Will clarify Mr. Mohre's email regarding attendance. If a student is not present it will be an absence. Not all teachers will be online every day.
- g) Classes can merge during recess.
- h) Picnic style lunches.
- i) NJSLA canceled. Start Strong testing- Math, Science and LA will be in the fall.
- j) K registration – 54 students. Will host parent orientation online.
- k) No in-person events.
- l) 5th grade celebration- must be guidelines set by state.

2) PTO Board Reports:

a) President's Report:

- (1) Amendment to the Membership Form and MemberHub to include statement reading "By purchasing a Membership for the Cucinella PTO, I and our family PTO members do also agree to abide by the Standing Rules and Code of Conduct as set forth by this organization. I understand that violation of these rules may affect participation in PTO events."

Aimee Costello made a motion to accept

Sarah Cipoletti second

All in favor

- (2) Standing Rules and Bylaws with proposed changes have been posted on the PTO Website since the conclusion of the March meeting. Comments will be taken at the April PTO meeting and final

draft of Standing Rules and Bylaws will be posted on the PTO Website at the conclusion of this month's meeting, with a vote to adopt the new rules/bylaws at the May Meeting. Added Code of Conduct.

Tori Read made a motion to accept Bylaws.

Erin Halpin second

All in favor

(3) Proposed Slate of candidates was posted on the PTO website concluding the March meeting. Any new nominations will be accepted at the April meeting, and the final slate of candidates will be posted at the conclusion of this month's meeting, subject to a vote at the May PTO meeting.

(4) Currently have 20 Cucinella R.O.C.K.S. scholarship applications. There will be two winners, \$500 each.

(5) PTO Board positions that are open:

Co-President, Treasurer, Fundraising, Co-Fundraising, Co-Communication, Co-Membership, Room Parent Coordinator, Parliamentarian.

(6) Looking to streamline fundraising. The Director of Fundraising will in charge of the one big fundraiser for the year. The other fundraisers (smaller ones) will be run by committees.

b) Treasurer's Report:

(1) GaGa Pit is in.

c) Secretary's Report:

Nothing to add.

d) Communications Report:

(1) Nothing to add.

e) Membership Report:

(1) No updates.

f) Fundraising Report:

(1) Chipotle- digital flyer

(2) 50/50 Virtual Raffle- done in May, drawing in June

(3) Rita's in May

(4) Mother's Day plant sale with Ort farms

g) Assemblies / Programs Report:

(1) Nothing to add.

III. Old Business:

(1) Hershey Park tickets are due 4/15. So far 3 people have purchased. Tickets are available through MemberHub.

(2) Nellie rebrand- tabled until the fall.

(3) Talent show on target for a release date of 4/26. There are 23 students.

(4) Book fair: Sales-\$5,395.84. Gift card for library- \$1,618.75.

(5) SilverGraphics: Sales-\$103.00. Two families ordered. Shop will remain open until the end of the school year, just need to pay shipping. Profit is \$33.97

(6) Yearbooks- ordered a few extra

IV. New Business:

- (1) 5th grade celebration must meet guidelines
- (2) The NJ State BOE will be hosting an informational session for up to 200 community members to go over the role of BOE's in NJ Municipalities. The event will be held on 4/29 at 7pm via e-meeting forum. There will be a component where participants will have the ability to pre-submit questions via the Contact@cucinellapto.org account. Questions will be limited to the top 10 questions per school and limited to 280 characters and will be grouped into batches of FAQs, if they are repetitive. Questions are due no later than 4/23. A link will be sent out closer to the date.
- (3) Attention rising 6th grade parents. LVMS is looking for incoming 6th grade parents to volunteer for 5th grade celebration (if can be held) and 6th grade lockers, etc. as well as PTA board and committee positions. Contact ptalvms@gmail.com for more info.
- (4) Not have 5th grade come to LVMS. May be virtual.

Meeting Adjourned 7:40 p.m.

Recorded by: J. Campbell and C. Averyt