

# C.A.P.E.

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## CAPE Meeting Minutes: October 23, 2024

**Present:** Jen Cortese, Michelle Kilimnik, Lisa Giannattasio, Deandrea LaFrance, Kelly Beach, Christine Rochelle-Perrotto, Trish Parratt, Andrea Pica, Jana Klotzkin, Shawna Hoppe, Jamie Rutkowski, Erin Ahern, Megan Zadlock, Sara Gross, Nancy Bucca, Natali Megill, Nichole Bissey, Andrea Weaver, Allison Rhodes, Jamie Franco

7:00 Meeting Called to Order

Jen Cortese, Michelle Kilimnik, Deandrea LaFrance, Lisa Giannattasio & Kelly Beach

### 1. Approval of September Minutes

September Minutes Approved by Andrea Pica

### 2. Treasurer's Report - Lisa Giannattasio

See Treasurer's Report

### 3. Corresponding Secretary's Report - Deandrea LaFrance

Deandrea shared three Thank You notes from Teachers:

3 related to Book Fair Purchases for Teachers

1 related to Stocking the Lounge for Back to School

### 4. Administrative Report - Mr. Monafis

Mr. Monafis provided a NJSLA Data Presentation from Central Perspective.

Central is working on ELA & Math in (last years) 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade class due to dip.

Other things that may have contributed to that dip are:

It was that grade's first year of testing.

It was the first time they have seen the test.

The testing is all online.

Teachers were provided student specific data packets at the beginning of year.

The best growth thus far was seen between 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade. We are working hard at being at grade level, being at standard or exceeding the standards. We are seeing growth as they go through the grades, exceeding the district in several ways.

Parent/Teach Conferences Start Next Friday (11/1/24)

### 5. Special Committee Reports:

#### a. Membership - Michelle Kilimnik

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Raffle today for Gift Card: To be eligible, the CAPE Member must be officially signed Up and dues paid.

Winner: Jacki Goodell! Andrea W. to bring the gift to Jacki.

## **b. Fundraising - Michelle Kilimnik**

The next Dine to Donate: Broadway Chicken November 12<sup>th</sup>

## **c. Hospitality - Kelly Beach, Leah Piscopo, and Lisa Giannattasio**

Next Up is Holiday Time! This is where we do something for our teachers and staff to celebrate the holidays and show our appreciation. We welcome anyone in membership to join our committee, share ideas, etc. We are open to mixing it up this year but for the last two years our teachers and staff have really enjoyed the cookies so we may continue with that. TBD!

## **d. Little Knight Store - Natali Megill**

Natali shared a website that was recommended (Any Promo) and is looking into order minimums and turnaround times. (Ornaments have a 13-day turnaround) Also looking at Crock Charms. Melissa B. & Dana spoke during the Book Fair about some pricing for Socks and Ornaments, Jen will forward email on pricing that Melissa sent to Natali.

## **e. Yearbook - Shawna Hoppe, Lisa Giannattasio, and Jamie Franco**

Back to school price (\$35) ends Friday, 10/25. It then goes up to \$37.

We have 42 Entries for Cover Contest – Record Number & Very Creative!

Cover Art Due to Jostens by 12/1, Shawna will send to Mr. Monafis next week for selection. We are collecting baby photos through 11/15 for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. Well Wishes are also due by 11/15/24.

Layouts will go in shortly.

Thanks to our Photographers – Make Sure to Tag!

Question from Shawna: Can we do an 80s theme day – January 13<sup>th</sup>?

Mr. Monafis Suggestion: Could we do a theme day during Attaboy Assembly on January 27<sup>th</sup>, and make it 80s day? It's a Band based performance (kindness based) 80s Rock?

## **f. Bingo - Lisa Giannattasio**

We have 251 people signed up for Halloween Bingo, it is being held on Friday 10/25/24 at 6:30pm.

Check in is through Cafeteria, and kids will get snacks and water provided via Grant.

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## **g.** Pumpkin Patch - Kelly Beach, Leah Piscopo, and Lisa Giannattasio

Thank you to all who volunteered to wash pumpkins, donate hay/corn/mums, set-up the event and break it down/decorate the school. We also greatly appreciate all students/families who participated in both the Pumpkin Decorating and Scarecrow contests. They really added something special and fun for the students to do.

Pumpkin Contest Winners: Tie at 1<sup>st</sup> Place! 101 Dalmatians & 2 Scoop Ice Cream! Second Place: Bluey & Bingo. Third Place: Beetlejuice

Scarecrow Contest: 1<sup>st</sup> Place was Beetlejuice, Second Place was Roblox Girls & 3<sup>rd</sup> Place were Ninjas/Spiderman.

All first-place winners received trophy and Callie Ice Cream Gift Card.

## **h.** Beautification - Jen Cortese and Kelly Beach

Next Up: Decorating for Winter Holidays. Kelly & Jen discussing ideas that will include school/family participation.

Needed: Continued Watering of for Mums & support in removing corn/hay bales. Corn can stay until Thanksgiving; hay bales may need to go sooner. Could use a volunteer with a truck to take to dump (cannot be commercial truck.)

## **i.** Book Fair - Jen Cortese and Melissa Bennington

Jen reported that we saw around \$15K in sales, which is on the high side of recent years. We brought in approximately a \$3,500 profit. We were able to buy books for the school library and complete teacher wish lists.

## **j.** Theater Week - Trish Parratt and Andrea Pica

We are one month away from Theater Week. Play: The Legend of Bully Joe

Andrea asked if it is possible to send out paper permission slips?

Mr. Monafis: Yes, put it in teacher mailboxes.

Andrea shared they are covered with volunteers for rehearsals but can use help with handling tickets and candy grams for the evening show. Andrea will forward the script to Mr. Monafis.

## **k.** Spirit Wear - Tara Gathercole and Leah Piscopo

Tara & Leah were not at the meeting, but Jen shared that an email came out today, 10/23, that order is ready for pick-ups.

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## **l. Lip Sync - Shawna Hoppe and Lisa Giannattasio**

Shawna shared that Lip Sync will be held in February, on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. We will be sending out the “Get Ready” document with all details in mid-November. There is a limit to about 30 acts, with 2-10 students per act.

5<sup>th</sup> grade picks their song first, deadline for this is December 9<sup>th</sup>.

Two Practices are held: 1<sup>st</sup> is Monday 1/27 after school & the 2<sup>nd</sup> is Monday 2/3  
2/6 – Day Show and Night Show  
2/7 – Night Show

Volunteers Needed! After Christmas Break an invite for parents to meet and ask questions will be sent. Lip Sync also has an email where you can send questions to. Next year, we will need more event chairs as parents with 5<sup>th</sup> graders move on.

## **m. Garden - Natali Megill and Dana Kocsi**

Garden is going to seed over the winter. Pumpkin Jack has returned, he was set up over book fair. He did not come to life last year, so we are hoping this is our year!

Butterfly Way Station: Natali can do this any time. School prefers to not be on registry, but we do get a sign and must pay for membership.

## **n. Holiday Shop - Natali Megill**

This year we are using a new company, Kids Castle. No major updates right now. Next week Natali will email the volunteer list. Set-up day is what they need the most help with. Set-Up will not conflict with the Gingerbread event this year. We will also need volunteers to help our students during the Holiday Shop, especially the younger grades.

12/6: Set Up After School  
Holiday Shop: Monday, 12/9 -Thursday 12/12

We always run out of bags from the company/provider. Natali will try to request more this year. We are exploring the idea of Shopping Baskets. This would make it easier for the students to see what they have picked up, consider their prices, etc. and can be reused year to year.

## **o. Pancakes for Presents - Andrea Weaver**

Andrea has shared that she has pancake supplies donated already. (Sunrise in Wall). They are planning to do it at Central (last year was at the HS), and trying to determine if this is possible, who to talk to and what weekend works.

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Andrea Would like to keep the craft station for décor that went back to Sunrise, but likely not do the Bake Sale this year. She would like to form a committee for this event.

Jen: Please email us a description, and we can send to Mr. Monafis for formal approval and we can talk dates.

## 6. New Events/Ideas

### a. Grade Level Committees/Committee Chairs

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: 3/14: Carnival – Approved

4<sup>th</sup> Grade: 3/7: Game Night – Approved

1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Discussing Ideas, Sent Poll 10/22 but Glow Party is in the lead.

### b. New Ideas from Members: None shared.

### c. New Idea from Monafis:

Mr. Monafis presented the idea for a fundraiser for the new Marquee: Raffle for Principal for a Day. There could be two winners, one from grades K-2 & the other for grades 3-5. Membership discussed the idea of other rolls, such as:

Nurse for the Day?

Gym Teacher or Art Teacher for the Day?

Mr. Monafis shared that he sees this as a June Activity, and we could work on it in the Spring.

## 7. Upcoming dates/events

10/25 - Bingo (6:30pm)

10/28 - Picture retakes and 5th grade photo

10/29 - Master Parks Enrichment After-School Program - Week 4 (final week)  
(Graduation to follow on 11/1 at Master Parks Wall location)

10/31 - Halloween Parade - 1:45pm

11/01, 11/04 -11/06 - Conferences/ early dismissal for students (1:05pm)

11/07-11/08 - School closed (NJEA convention)

11/12 - Dine to donate Broadway - Hot & Honey Chicken (4pm - close)

11/13 - CAPE meeting (7:00pm)

11/18 - 11/22 - Theater week

11/22 - 1:30pm show for students, 6:30pm for parents

11/27 - Early dismissal for students (1:05pm)

11/28 -11/29 - School closed (Thanksgiving break)