

# C.A.P.E.

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## **MEETING MINUTES** **Wednesday, January 18, 2023**

**7:00 pm - Meeting called to Order**

### **Attendance:**

#### **Board**

Aparna Amoss, Jen Cortese, Renee Esposito, Melissa Bennington, Lisa Giannattasio

#### **Principal and Teachers**

Mr. Monafis

#### **Parents**

Kristen O'Halloran, Kelly Beach, Nichole Bissey, Dana Kocsi, Jamie Rutowski, Kristen Cox, Jess Senna, Jamie Franco, Michelle Kilimnik, Deandrea LaFrance, Ashley Boehm, Mairin Barbieri and Erin Ahern

### **Order of Business**

Approve January Minutes - Mairin Barbieri

### **Treasurer's Report - Renee Esposito**

The beginning balance for CAPE General Checking account in December 2022 was \$74,023.08 with an ending balance on December 30, 2022 of \$78,514.44. The beginning balance in the Grace B. Taylor Scholarship account was \$4,312.48 and the ending balance as of December 30 was \$3,313.55. A transfer of \$1,000.00 was made to be awarded to last year's scholarship winner. The beginning balance in the NJLGCCC account was \$4,499.28. No account activity to show leaving the ending balance at \$4,499.28. The total balance of funds for the end of December was \$86,327.27.

### **Corresponding Secretary's Report - Melissa Bennington**

Two thank you cards were received. One was from Mrs. Oppergard for the gift card she received from CAPE for being awarded the teacher of the year. Another thank you card was from an anonymous parent, thanking CAPE and the committee members of Lip Sync for bringing this event back.

### **Administration & Faculty Report - Mr. Monafis**

There are two teachers retiring at the moment. One is Mrs. Gero who is retiring at the end of the month. The other is Mrs. Oppergard who will be retiring at the end of the school year. Students of the month are featured in the S'More. The students of the month enjoyed selecting their books from the new book vending machine. I-ready diagnostics show incredible growth in students from the beginning of the year to now. Lip Sync practice will begin next Tuesday. Mr. Monafis asks that parents please send their children into school with jackets. He would like the students to be outside as much as possible and it is cold out. There are also a ton of lost items that can be located in the gym as well as the front of the building. Kindness challenge begins next week. A winner will be selected from the students who complete the tasks at home and the winner will be able to have hot cocoa with Mr. Monafis.

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## **Special Committee Report**

Boxtops update/balance - \$300. We usually raise \$1,000.00. Please remember to upload your receipt to receive box top credits.

Grace B. Taylor scholarship - Aparna Amoss

In three years this scholarship fund will be out of funds. CAPE would like to fund this scholarship with the earnings from the box tops.

Fundraising- Michelle Kilimnik

Master Parks will be having another fundraiser on 2/24. Parents are able to drop off their child/children for 3 hours for \$30. April-June fundraisers are all set up and more information will be coming. Penny Wars start next week. There will be 6 jars placed in the hallway for each grade. The Color Run is underway with a date of 5/13 and a rain date of 5/20.

Beautification- Jen Cortese

Boy scout project in progress. Boy Scouts are working on snowmen posts that will be placed in the front of the school.

Holiday Shop recap-Kristin O'Halloran

The students really enjoyed holiday shopping for their families. The shop made about \$3800.00 in profit.

Book Fair- Jennifer Cortese/Melissa Bennington

Spring book fair will be a family event. Volunteers are needed to set up on March 6 after school. Tuesday and Wednesday night will be for families to shop from 3:30-7pm.

Fifth grade committee-Aparna Amoss

Fifth grade trip to The Liberty Science Center is booked. As well as, bus transportation. T-shirts are being worked on. There will be a meeting coming soon for all volunteers.

Yearbook - Mairin Barbieri

January 27 is the last day to purchase a yearbook for \$35.00. January 28 is the last day for personalization. Fifth grade ads are due ASAP with a deadline of February 3.

Lip Sync-Mairin Barbieri

1/22 T-shirt orders and payment are due. 1/24 there will be a Lip Sync practice. 1/25 Program ads and payment are due. T-Shirt orders will be due on 1/31 rehearsal will be in show order. 2/9 there will be a daytime show for the students and a teacher act. 2/9 & 2/10 are the evening show dates. Volunteers needed for the show at night on 2/9.

## **New Business/New Ideas**

Read-a-thon - Melissa Bennington/Jamie Rutkowski

Registration will begin early February. Class prizes will either be pizza or an ice cream truck. They are looking into a tracker for between the grades. Winner names of each class will be on the marquee in front of the school. Flyers will come soon.

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“Wishlist Committee”-Cape Board/Mr. Monafis

Water filling station to be installed by the art room has been voted on and approved. Holding off on the projector/screen due to the referendum and roof construction.

Author visit-possibly two authors based on content and age appropriateness

Waiting for guidance from Librarian and Mr. Monafis to find appropriate authors for each grade level.

Fun fair

In discussion to find a chairperson in order to have an event.

Programs returning

Waiting for information. Will probably be brought back next year.

Food drive-Jennifer Cortese/Mr. Monafis/Ms.Crepeau

Looking into supermarkets to donate bags for students to decorate and donate food items.

Kindergarten Ice Cream Social-Jamie Rutkowski

The parents and Kindergarteners are super excited. Event will be on 2/3.

Let's Stick Together” mosaics for Library -Jennifer Cortese

Students have already started on the snowflake mosaic which is located in the library.

BookVending Machine update-Jennifer Cortese

About 80-100 books are needed for the school year. Will use scholastic dollars for books.

Square One Art Fundraiser with Mrs. Wagner- Jennifer Cortese

Mrs. Wagner raised \$380.00 and we used the money to purchase Posca markers which will also be used for the rock garden project.

## **Important Upcoming Dates**

1/19-Winter concert

Week of 1/23 - Great Kindness Challenge

Penny Wars start 1/23

1/22 Lip Sync T-Shirt Orders and Payment Due

1/24- Lip Sync Practices

1/25 Lip Sync Program Ads - ANd Payment Due

1/17 Lip Sync Ticket Orders and payment Due

1/31 - Lip Sync Dress Rehearsal

2/3- Kindergarten Ice Cream Social(6-8pm cafeteria)

2/9 Lip Sync Day Performance at Central / Evening Performance at High School.

2/10 Lip Sync Evening Performance at High School

2/15-Dine to donate Jersey Mike's (Whole foods plaza)

2/16-2/20-Presidents Weekend/Winter Break