

**CES PTA Meeting Minutes**  
**October 12, 2021 7pm**

*Meeting called to order at 7:03pm*

**Attendees:**

**Board Members:**

Micaela Crooks (President), Jennifer Sager (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President), Sownya Krishnamoortshy (Treasurer), Rebecca Gorsuch (Secretary), Bridget Celedon (PTA Council of Howard County Delegate)

**Members:**

Rula Sadite, Elizabeth Eakle, Erin Brooks, Malini Kishore, Eunji Paek, Meredith Sterrett, Cassandra Christensen, Valerie Owen, Eileen Buckle, Sherire Hergrove, Meghan Nickerson, Jun Ding, Annika Luke, Mikkola Brooks

**Non Members:**

Mihir Potel

**CES Administration and Staff:**

Robin Malcotti (Principal), Cherilyn Brown (Assistant Principal), Megan Riley (art teacher)

**1. Admin Report (Ms. Malcotti/Ms. Brown)**

- a. Thank you
  1. Fall treats and making the staff feel spoiled. Times are challenging & difficult for all staff and the little things are much appreciated.
  2. Lunch and recess volunteers. Outdoor dining isn't working, so there will be no more signups for that. Parents sent ideas for indoor dining suggesting and ideas are being investigated. No specific ideas discussed.
- b. Struggling with staffing for lunch and recess- feedback from candidates is that the job doesn't pay enough (goes right back to daycare). Multiple candidates have gone through the 3-4 weeks timeframe and then reflect and withdraw from consideration.
- c. 5<sup>th</sup> grade staffing change, Ms. Dignacco had a baby and her long term sub unexpectedly withdrew, lucky to get another long term sub who started today.
- d. ALS regional program has open positions, hoping for Dec graduates
- e. Nov parent teacher conference window opens soon, ELA only/ 4<sup>th</sup> grade GT math.
- f. Testing
  1. k-5 reading screening (DIBBELS) is ongoing
  2. MAP testing starts next week grades 1-5
  3. MCAP grades 4/5 last week

**2. Artists and Residents ( Ms Riley 5<sup>th</sup> grade project)**

- a. Discussion about the unfinished spring 2020 5<sup>th</sup> grade project and request for additional funds to complete the project as a combination of 2020 and 2021 classes.

- b. Same artist that worked with the students in 2020 will come back in 2022 to work with current 5<sup>th</sup> grade class and finish/combined the mosaic projects.
- c. Estimate for clay and artist is \$740
- d. Jen Segar asked for a motion to approve \$750 (from cultural arts budget) to Ms. Riley for the Artist and Residents project. A motion to approve was voiced and seconded. A voice vote was called; with no opposition, the motion carried.

### **3. President's Items**

- a. Approval of meeting minutes
  - 1. Bridget Celedon asked for a motion to approve the May meeting minutes. A motion to approve was voiced and seconded. A voice vote was called; with no opposition, the motion carried.
  - 2. Bridget Celedon asked for a motion to approve the Sept meeting minutes. A motion to approve was voiced and seconded. A voice vote was called; with no opposition, the motion carried.
- b. Primary focuses for the PTA this year
  - 1. staff appreciation (thank you to Ann-Lorraine and Jen for organizing fall staff appreciation )
  - 2. build school community with outdoor events
- c. Planet aid donation box- front box goes to Clarksville ES- \$600 earned so far this year
- d. Walk to school day Friday 10/29- more information to following in newsletter
- e. PTA popcorn machine to be moved to teachers lounge
- f. Monthly staff raffle
  - 1. CES conducting a monthly moral boosting raffle for staff
  - 2. Requested donation of 24 \$5 gift cards (\$120 for the year)
  - 3. Michaela Crooks asked for a motion to approve \$120 for the gift card purchase. A motion to approve was voiced and seconded. A voice vote was called; with no opposition, the motion carried.
- g. Stem and Buds- Admin to follow up with staff for volunteer request

### **4. Membership Update**

147 people (some dual) approx 100 families this year

### **5. 2021-2022 Budget**

Jen Segar asked for a motion to approve the 2021-2022 budget. A motion to approve was voiced and seconded. A voice vote was called; with no opposition, the motion carried.

### **6. PTACHC Report**

- a. Stage delegates in attendance for meeting 10/4, Q&A
- b. Redistricting discussion surrounding new software for the process
- c. Motion for PTA to support school target utilization at 100% instead of 110%
- d. As of 10/4 170 positive Covid cases in Ho Co school- only 20 were close contacts in schools

## **7. Committees Reports**

1. 5th grade
  - Planning TLV farm 10/15, Artists and residents, Dance/service project TBD with Covid, Moving on ceremony, Shirts
2. Spirit Wear
  - Website up and running, updates will be in the news letter, ships directly to your house
3. Hospitality
  1. Fall sweets and treats- thank you for the parent donations, bags were also made for bus drivers
  2. Planning events for Nov teacher conferences, Dec holiday cookies, Feb conference meal, teacher appreciation week & the end of the year
- b. Fun Run
  - Coordination with Mr. Decker/Hacker still pending
- c. Glow Stick Dance party
  1. Friday 11/12 on the CES blacktop
  2. There will be a DJ
  3. Charge admission/glow sticks as a PTA fundraiser
  4. Details to follow in the news letter

## **8. Adjournment**

*Meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm*

### **Upcoming Dates:**

**October 29:** Walk to School Day

**November 9:** PTA meeting: location TBD

**November 12:** Glow Stick Dance Party