

**CES PTA Meeting Agenda**  
**December 14, 2021 at 6:30 pm**  
**Virtual - Google Meet**

*Meeting called to order at 6:33pm*

**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 Sadik, Carly Aderton, Adam Aderton, Elizabeth Eakle, Eric Pang, Erin Brooks, Cassandra Christensen, Meghan Nickerson, Emily Kroiss, John Wan, Carmen Wan, Sherrie Hargrove, Eileen Buckle, Erin Brooks

**CES Administration and Staff:**

Robin Malcotti (Principal), Cherilyn Brown (Assistant Principal)

- **Principal / Assistant Principal's Items**
  - Additional ESOL teacher being reallocated to CES (.4) to add to the current teacher (active 58 students); start beginning of 2<sup>nd</sup> semester
  - Glow dance shout out for a great well attended event
  - Thank you to PTA for winter conferences and gift cards for monthly teacher shoutouts
  - Staffing changes
    - Retirement- Carol Crivelli last day 12/23
    - Elaine Thomas is going to move into kindergarten ParaEducator role
    - Interviewing for opening for a media assistant
  - Rising Covid numbers concerning
    - Continue mitigations with masks, social distancing, vaccines
    - Look for more communication on vaccine clinics
    - High schools hit particularly hard with high numbers
    - Still following current guidance on quarantine because not enough 5-11 year old kids are fully vaccinated. Updated guidance should be coming.
  
- **President Items**
  - Approval of Minutes – November
    - Jennifer Sager asked for a motion to approve the November meeting minutes. Rebecca Gorsuch seconded. A voice vote was called with no opposition, the motion carried.
  - Report from Ms. Palich
    - Thank you for all the Thanksgiving donations! 20 CES families were helped with your generosity.
    - Nearly 700lbs of food donated to the Howard County food bank
  - Vaccination Cards
    - For now, email to Denise Mathis once kids are fully vaxxed with a picture of their vaccine card (Denise\_Mathis@hcpss.org)
    - Please continue to do daily symptom checks
    - Make sure emergency contacts are up to date
  - Thank you to Casey, Erin & Valerie for Glow Party!
  - CES Care Drive until 12/20
    - Still collecting donations of socks, hats, personal supplies, water, lip balm to make care packages for those in need in Howard County
  - Chipotle Night- raised \$666
  - International Night and Talent Show
    - Daisey looking to organize international night/combined talent show night. Need to consider show length if combining.
    - Considering 4 options- continuing planning with contingencies
      - 1 Completely virtual
      - 2 Filming performances in cafeteria and live streaming

- 3 Recording in cafeteria and streaming at later date
  - 4 Hold show to RHHS and sell tickets for live, also sell streaming ticket sales (preferred option)
    - International night has always been free; but could ask for donations
    - Hoping to schedule in the second half of Feb
    - Book fair conflict? Need to confirm with Mrs. Britton and schedule book fair bingo
  - Spirit Wear- 66 products; \$157 earned for the school
  - Shed Update
    - PTA used to store things in an old portable (Spring Fling games, etc.) which has been removed. Need to find an alternative.
    - Quotes range from \$2100-\$2500 for 8x10 shed
  - Spring Fling Contract signed includes laser tag
- **Membership Update**
  - 65 single, 65 double and 3 free memberships
  - \$8110 raised from membership so far
  - \$850 is fees due
- **Treasurer Report**
  - Thank you for \$1000 donation to Cougar patron program
  - 5<sup>th</sup> grade and Cougar Patron goals met for the year
  - Lagging behind with PTA membership goals
  - Glow Party raised \$2100
  - Total income \$10,100 as of 11/30
- **PTACHC Report**
  - Burden of proof policy for special education shifted from parents to school
  - Placing social workers in all middle schools and ES schools has access to those social workers at districted school
  - Looking for Spanish speaking volunteers for Toys for Tots
  - PTACHC requesting support at keeping school at 100% capacity instead of raising limit to 110%; form letter will be sent in the next newsletter to send to BOE to show your support
- **Committee Reports**
  - **Reflections**
    - Deadline today; 22 entries from CES; forwarded 16 to county contest
    - No budget for Reflections this year (winner prized, thank you for judges)
      - Eric Pang requested a motion to approve \$100 from the budget for PTA Reflections program. Jen Sager seconded. A voice vote was called with no opposition, the motion carried.
    - Send list of participants to Jen Sager for congratulations in newsletter
  - **Yearbook**
    - Continue to upload pictures (link in newsletter)
  - **5th Grade Committee**
    - Waiting on teacher t-shirt sizes and then placing order
  - **Hospitality/Staff Appreciation**
    - Nov Thanksgiving went well, signups were full
    - Cookie and Coco staff event 12/21; signup full within hours, thank you!
  - **December Snowflake Recess Run**
    - Mr. Decker has snowflake charms and will request help if needed
    - Date TBD
  - **Fundraising**
    - Still looking for Spring Fling volunteers
    - Please considering using Amazon Smile to donate to CES PTA
    - Gift card program has a super simple mobile app
      - 2-18% rebate earned for school with gift card purchase
      - Use egift card option and it gets added to ewallet
      - Charged a higher processing fee if bought with a credit card vs debt card

- CES kids run; plan on using our school property for approx 1 mile fun run
      - Concept for every 10 dollars raised kids get a raffle ticket entry
      - Time TBD
- **After School Programs**
  - All registrations are due by 4 pm on Thursday, December 16. Cool Crafts and Great Escape are CLOSED! There is still space in Catapults and Star Wars also has a few spots left.

- Q & A

- Adjournalment 7:46pm

**Upcoming Dates:**

- **December 22: Pajama Day**
- **January 11: PTA meeting**
- **January 26: River Hill Grill Restaurant Night - 6pm - 9 pm**
- **February 8: PTA meeting**
- **March 8: PTA meeting**
- **April 19: PTA meeting**
- **April 30: Spring Fling - 4-7 pm**
- **May 10: PTA meeting (location TBD)**
- **May 21: Family Fun Run**