

CES PTA Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2022 at 7:00 pm
CES Media Center

Attendees:

Board Members:

Micaela Crooks (President), Eileen Brewer (1st Vice President), Jennifer Sager (2nd Vice President), Rebecca Gorsuch (Secretary), Meghan Nickerson (Treasurer), Bridget Celedon (PTA Council of Howard County Delegate)

Members:

Karishma Chengappa, Jen Livingston, Xin Gao, Bokyung Shim, Christina Keller, Casey Christensen, Amie Leone, Sherine Hargrove

Non Members: Sarah Sheikh

CES Administration:

Michael Caldwell (Principal), Cherilyn Brown (Vice Principal), Molly Nguyen (1st grade teacher)

Called to order @ 7:03

1. Principal / Assistant Principal's Items

- Staffing changes- Now have Ms. Thompson as full time strings teacher (due to 175 students), Ms. Cherry is now full time at Bushy Park, will be a new part time teacher
- No Halloween celebration
- ELA Parent conference signup opens Nov 7th. Monday will be in person conferences only. Tue & Wed will be only virtual conferences.
- Oct 21 & 24 students off; teachers virtual 21st, 24th teachers in person at school
- Wear orange tomorrow for bully prevention/kindness awareness- If you see something say something; encourage the kids to share, be kind and be aware; don't support bully in anyway
- BOE approved 3 virtual days for weather related closures- communication expected by Friday- ELA, math, content and RA assignment will be made available; completed assignment = attendance for the day with a 10-day window for completion
- Thank you for the staff goodies
- Discussion about the recent lock downs
- County wide updates coming to the school security plans and reunification process

2. President / Vice President Items

- Thank you to volunteers for successful bingo and fun run
- Approval of Minutes
 - Jen Sager asked for a motion to approve the Sept meeting minutes. Eileen Brewer seconded. A voice vote was called with no opposition, the motion carried.
- Amazon Smile Update/IRS Status Update- back in good standing with the IRS; waiting on amazon update from the IRS

- Directory- only 12 copies of the printed school directory were sold last year. Everyone has access to this information in Connect->More Options->School Directory; PTA gets the same information as was is listed in Connect
- Halloween candy donations to the USO at BWI will be collected Nov 1-4th
- Discussion of best ways to assist CES families through the holidays. PTA will work with Ms. Palich and more information and donation requests will be forthcoming
- Homewood school wish list will be coming out also
- PTA Presidents met with BOE- BOE is soliciting feedback from the county's plan on the school start time proposals for 2023/20224 school year
- Michaela Crooks made a motion for the agenda to be amended that committee reports that require Admin discussion are first. Jen Sager seconded the motion. A voice vote was called with no opposition, the motion carried.

3. Membership Update

- Monthly Update
 - New members this month: 28
 - Membership payments received this month: \$385
 - Cougar Patron donations received this month: \$590
 - Total payments: \$975 (\$915 via PayPal, \$60 via cash/check)
- Year-to-date Totals
 - Year-to-date members: 167
 - Year-to-date membership payments: \$2,170
 - Year-to-date Cougar Patron donations: \$3,800
 - Year-to-date total payments: \$5,970 (\$4,640 via PayPal, \$1,330 via cash/check)

4. Treasurer Report-

- Haven't met income goals yet
- PayPal fees lower now that we are registered as a charity
- Venmo account also created; working through 2 factor authentication

5. PTACHC Report

1. Oct 3 meeting with Dr. Walker presentation on Title 1 schools (only ES in Howard County) 6 million in funding from the federal govt is based solely on FARMS, schools lost the money with 2019 redistricting
2. PTACHC trying to push county for accurate data tracking for the decisions made

Committee Reports

- Fun Run
 - Loved the staff participation
 - Student participation similar to last year (106 pages created, with 98 students collecting donations)
 - As of today, \$11307 total raised
 - School celebration discussion for meeting the goal
- Yearbook- waiting for parent upload link to be setup; editing has to be done by April; still looking for editing help; Julia and PTA board to proof
- 5th Grade Committee
 - **T-shirts:** We are in the final stages of gathering shirt sizes. An order will be placed soon and, hopefully, 5th grade shirts can be received in late Nov/early Dec.

- **Pumpkin Patch:** RSVPs were due on the 14th and we have provided a head count to TLV Tree Farm. Just a reminder that this is NOT a school or PTA event. Parents are responsible for transportation, costs to the farm and the children they bring.
 - **Cultural Arts, Artist in Residence:** We have reached out to school staff and are brainstorming possible ideas for projects. Slim possibility grant funding may be available. The Committee will research further.
- Fundraising
 - October 25 - School Ledo Restaurant Night
 - November 15 - PTA Maiwand Kabob Restaurant Night
 - December 12&13 - School HomeSlyce Restaurant Night
 - January 17 - PTA Chipotle Restaurant Night
- Corporate Sponsorships- no updates
- Hospitality/Staff Appreciation
 - planning for a Fall celebration- will setup signup genius for donations
 - grab and go dinner Monday Nov 21st during in person conferences
- Spirit Wear- will be a holiday push for spirit wear sales
- Website- no updates
- After School Programs - adding special session for Rube Goldberg (task to design a machine with Mr. Levine for 4th and 5th grade) starts Nov 14th runs through march 20th
- Kindergarten Connection- no updates
- International Night- no updates
- Reflections- Ms. Riley to judge art, need a judge for literature- admin suggested
 - Lisa Faust | Reading Specialist | lisa_faust@hcpss.org
 - Nichole Batluck | Media Teacher eacher | nichole_batluck@hcpss.org
- Spring Fling - April 22, 2023
- Grounds Beautification- no update
- SECAC - September meeting notes on the back

7. **Q & A**

8. **Adjournment 8:29**

Next Meeting: November 15th at 7:00 pm