

**CES PTA Meeting Meeting Minutes**  
**November 15, 2022 at 7:00 pm**  
**CES Media Center**

**Attendees:**

**Board Members:**

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

**Members:**

Emily Kroiss, Eric Pang, Casey Christensen, Amie Leone, Bokyoung Shim, Karishma Chengappa, Tamara Dugue, Shanni Omealy

**Non Members:** Sarah Sheikh, Mikkola Brooks, Xinran Li, Catherine Peak,

**CES Administration:**

Michael Caldwell (Principal)

*Called to order @ 7:03*

**1. Principal / Assistant Principal's Items**

- American Education Week
  - People are welcome anytime during American Education week
  - Times sent were just focus time suggestions & it helps teachers with the pressure
  - 136 people attended on Monday
- Family conferences next week
- Turkey trot Friday- need a cougar volunteer

**2. President / Vice President Items**

- Food/Gift Card Drive
  - going really well- hoping to make 20 baskets
  - a few helpers on Friday to assemble baskets could be nice
  - If you are planning to buy gift cards Walmart or amazon would currently be most helpful
  - Venmo being used to purchase additional gift cards
- Approval of Minutes
  - Bridget Celedon asked for a motion to approve the October meeting minutes. Meghan Nickerson seconded. A voice vote was called with no opposition, the motion carried.
- No December Meeting
- All committee chairs and officers need to be PTA members
- Planet Aid Donation bin
  - raises money for the school
  - currently 8<sup>th</sup> in the nation for the most pounds collected (642)
  - Current push ends Friday and winning school gets \$1000 prize

### 3. Membership Update

- This Month
  - New members: 7
  - New membership payments: \$95
  - New Cougar Patron Donations: \$170
- Year-to-Date
  - Total members: 174
  - Total membership payments: \$1,880
  - Total Cougar Patron Donations: \$3,380

### 4. Treasurer Report

- Meeting goals for membership and funrun
- Haven't been hit with teacher reimbursements yet
- On track with the budget
- Annual report filed and working on taxes

### 5. PTACHC Report- Appended

### 6. Committee Reports

- **Fun Run**
  - income at \$11460 (funds and sponsors)
  - Prize is likely schoolwide special recess with kids strong or unmatched athlete with a craft table planned for Nov 30th
  - Winning grade level class to get special snack and story time
  - Grade level winning class teachers to receive gift baskets
  - Student that raised the most (kindergartener); will be introduced during morning announcements and receive an amazon gift card
- **International Night** - discussion on date and location
- **Yearbook-**
  - Photos currently being collected
  - Request to update newsletter and website & make a flyer that goes home with the kids to advertise photo collection
  - Carmen helping with editing
  - Pictures can be uploaded:  
<https://yearbooks.classic-photo.com/MD1702018/home3/PhotoPost.jsp?ID=M3O78Y82TYR2>
- **Spring Fling**
  - Planned for April 22, 2023
  - Need committee heads for the event to be possible
  - Zoom planning meeting Tue Nov 29<sup>th</sup> at 8pm for committee chairs
- **5th Grade Committee**
  - The pumpkin patch day-off activity was held on October 21. It was well-attended with 60 students and 40 adults.
  - T Shirts have been ordered- expected delivery in early December.
  - Cultural Arts Project- We are still working with related arts staff on ideas

- Grassroots community service project - We will be reaching out to the 5th grade team to find dates in March for the 5th graders to make lunches for Grassroots.
- **Fundraising**
  - November 15 - PTA Maiwand Kabob Restaurant Night
  - December 12&13 - School HomeSlyce Restaurant Night
  - January 17 - PTA Chipotle Restaurant Night
  - February 23 - PTA Chick-fil-a Restaurant Night
- **Corporate Sponsorships**
  - Casey looking for help
  - OX committed for Spring Fling for \$2500
- **Hospitality/Staff Appreciation**
  - Anthony's Italian Dinner on Monday, 11/21 4-630
  - Fall decorations through November then winter decorations for Dec and Jan
  - Small monthly treats for Dec and Jan
  - Look for Signup coming out for Monday requesting for drink donations and cleanup help
- **Spirit Wear**
  - Order form will be sent electronically
  - Hard copies on table at conferences
  - Orders will be delivered before winter break
- **Website- no report**
- **After School Programs** - putting together Winter Line-up (Dec signup and start in Jan)
  - Hovercrafts (2-5)
  - Wigglebots (goofy robotics) (2-5)
  - Windchimes (K-1)
  - Cool Crafts (K-5)
  - Game board design (K-5)
  - Bionacles ( lego related I think) (K-5)
  - Chess Club
- **Reflections**
  - Deadline extended to Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>
  - Over 20 submissions last year- still looking for more this year
  - Add to all PTA communications again
- **Grounds Beautification-** no report
- **SECAC Kindergarten Connection-** no report

## 7. Q & A

## 8. Adjournment 8:04

**Next Meeting: January 17, 2023**

**PTA Council Meeting Report - 11/7**

- Virtual Snow days – asynchronous work due within 10 days this will count for attendance as a completed school day
  - Will include review or preparation, no exams
  - Elem not 1:1 technology so they will have hard copy or be online on hcps website
  - IEP service providers will capture what was missed and make it up another day
  - Adjustments will be made for kids with special needs

- ~ 4 hour day (maybe less for elementary school students)
- Redistricting (policy 6010 update)
  - Angela Shiplet spoke about a motion for a polygon audit, changes to timeline, changes to how information is presented and on ways to make it harder to move walkers
  - Commission stakeholders would participate
  - She wants PTACHC to make a position statement
  - Redistricting affects the money distribution to schools and thus affects everyone
- PTACHC has a new treasurer
- Lisa Krausz-PTSA Collaborative Education group – River hill HS PTSA giving parent webinars/workshops target toward HS but open to any parent
  - PTACHC host organization for a leadership development program
  - SECAC meeting Nov 16 – better to follow their facebook page as it seems the website may not be correct ●
- Change in school start times for 2023/24 is held up due to bus driver shortages because they are shorting the time between routes and cannot accommodate double routing
- See [www.ptachc.org](http://www.ptachc.org) for legislative update