

CES PTA Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2023 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, Tamara Dugue, Mikkola Gomes, Rula Sadit, Elizabeth Eakle, Devi Weinkle Stephens, Deborah Bradshaw, Jen Livingston, Ruman Ahmad, Joshua Sommer, Eileen Buckle, Meredith Sterrett

CES Administration:

Michael Caldwell (Principal), Cherilyn Brown (Assistant Principal)

Called to order @ 7:01

1. Principal / Assistant Principal's Items

- Reminder conferences for Feb
 - sign up 1/27 @ 8am
 - Math only except for 4th grade
 - Conferences on 2/9 will be in person until 4pm and then virtual the rest of the day and virtual 2/10
- Thursday 1/19 is the winter concert at RHHS
- PJ day and winter celebration rescheduled from 12/23 to 1/27
- COGAT scores will be available mid to late Feb in Synergy
- Middle school visits are 1/25 for HCMS & 1/26 for CMS in person
- Working out details for a family math night (how to help your kids with math)- would like to provide Cougar Express

2. President / Vice President Items

- Food/Gift Card Drive- Provided 21 food baskets and gift cards to those families plus a few more
- Approval of Minutes
 - Eileen Brewer asked for a motion to approve the December meeting minutes. Liz Eakle seconded. A voice vote was called with no opposition, the motion carried.
- Bookfair BINGO - February 8th 6:30-8:80
 - Admin to call & Mr. Decker to call Bingo
 - Signup Genius requesting help with Bingo and Bookfair
 - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a4ba9aa23a6f94-2023#/>
- Crowd Management Training- 1/28 10am for free training at savage library (Joshua Sommer volunteered). Would like another person certified.

- Open Positions/Nominating Committee- if interested in board positions for next year please let the board know
- Working with Mrs. Palich
 - to identify families for who need assistance for spring fling & book fair
 - RHHS is starting a food pantry to assist CES families
 - Look up for Amazon wish list to help replenish snacks

3. Membership Update

- additional 20 members \$280 & \$415 in Cougar Patrons; YTD 194 members for \$2545 in payments & \$4385 in Cougar Patrons

4. Treasurer Report

- not many teachers' reimbursements requests yet
- spirit wear sales up to ~\$4000
- Request to amend budget the budget to add 2 category names
- Micaela Crooks asked for a motion to amend the budget to change the category names and add corresponding expense for CES Cares and Raise Right. Liz Eakle seconded. A voice vote was called with no opposition, the motion carried.

5. PTACHC Report

- Dec meeting emergency preparedness
- Jan school safety forum
- Discussions surrounding school start times and HoCo by Design

6. Committee Reports

- **Fun Run**
 - Scheduling top classes Snacks and Story Time
- **International Night**
 - March 30th at RHHS
 - Signup open for families to sign up to host booths (fliers going home soon)
- **Yearbook**
 - Class and staff portraits have been uploaded
 - Yearbook cover is chosen.
 - Still in need of the photos, so please help with sharing photos from any school events
 - <https://yearbooks.classic-photo.com/MD1702018/home3/PhotoPost.jsp?ID=M3O78Y82TYR2>
- **Spring Fling**
 - Planned for April 29, 2023 3-7pm
 - Still need volunteers
- **5th Grade Committee**
 - 5th grade tshirts were delivered mid-December. 5th grade spirit days to wear them are as follows: Jan 27, Feb 24, March 24, April 28, May 26 and the moving-on ceremony in June
 - Alder and Ash Woodworks (a Clarksville woodworker) is fixing brackets/stand for the Pie a 5th grader board. They are doing this at no cost other than supplies.

- The 5th grade artist in residence will be an opera project with Maryland Opera. Staff is working on dates for early spring.
- We're also working on dates for the Grassroots service project.
- The 5th grade sponsored breakfast during Staff Appreciation Week will be May 9
- **Fundraising**
 - February 23 - PTA Chick-fil-a Restaurant Night
- **Corporate Sponsorships**
 - Casey looking for help
 - Working on Spring Fling
- **Hospitality/Staff Appreciation**
 - November- Italian dinner
 - December – hot chocolate bar
 - Jan- nothing planned
 - Feb- brainstorming Valentine's Day ideas
- **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 Spring Line-up
- **Reflections**
 - announcing in the newsletter
 - record number of entries submitted; drawing and literature most popular categories
 - County and State winners still TBD; all will be complete by March
 - School assembly to announce/celebrate winners
- **Grounds Beautification-** no report
- **SECAC Kindergarten Connection-** Eileen Buckle volunteered

7. Q & A

8. Adjournment 7:50

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 8: Bookfair BINGO

February 21: PTA Meeting 7pm

February 22: Chick Fil-A Restaurant Night

March 30: International Night @ RHHS

April 29: Spring Fling