**CES PTA Meeting Meeting Minutes**

**March 21, 2023 at 7:00 pm**

**CES Media Center**

Meeting called to order @ 7:08pm

**Attendees:**

**Board Members:**

Micaela Crooks (President), Jennifer Sager (2nd Vice President), Rebecca Gorsuch (Secretary), Meghan Nickerson (Treasurer)

**Members:**

Emily Kroiss, Eric Pang, Casey Christensen, Eileen Buckle, Xin Gao, Karishma Chgengenppa, Xinran Li, Mikkola Gomes, Rumane Ahmad, Tamara Dugue, Shantah Omeally, Meghan Kositbas

**CES Administration:**

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

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

* Thank you!
  1. PTA sponsored 1st in personal cultural arts assembly since 2020
  2. Thank you for Ms. Palich snack donations and ALS donations
  3. Thank you for career day volunteers
* May 4th STEM Family night- stay tuned for details
* K registration ongoing, sign up early so staffing needs are correct
* Kids dismissed as walkers need to have supervision on the playground after school
* Please complete equity survey- see school emails sent on Fridays for details
* Testing season
  1. 5th grade science assessment finishes Friday
  2. 5th grade state ESSA survey
  3. 3rd-5th  grade MCAT after spring break
  4. 1st & 2nd grade MAP Spring Map 4/26-5/26
  5. COGAT scores available for current 3rd and 5th graders
* School start time adjusted to 9:15, opt into transportation- stay tuned for details
* Staff transfer portal open
* Looking for additional staffing
  1. lunch monitors (3 hrs a day)
  2. para substitute for the remainder of the year to assist with 4th grade
* Need lunch volunteers for outdoor lunch beginning at the end of the month
* GT invites going home soon for 4th grade

**2. President / Vice President Items**

* + Approval of Minutes
    - Jen Sager asked for a motion to approve the Feb meeting minutes. Micaela Crooks seconded. A voice vote was called with no opposition, the motion carried.
  + Open Positions/Nominating Committee- if interested in board positions for next year please let the board know- President, 2 VPs, Secretary and PTAHC are available
  + Reflections State Winners
    - 5 state winners (5 county winners and all won at the next level, CES tied for the school with the highest number of winners)
    - Ribbons for participants & trophies for winners to be awarded at STEM Family night or GT enrichment night
  + Young Authors- $1500 budgeted for this school year moved to Fall 2023
  + Additional Budget money - school improvement suggestions, admin to report back
  + Buddy Bench - Class of 2022 and 2023- PTA to work with Julia on vetting vendor
  + Homewood School Donation- Micaela Crooks asked for a motion to use $250/$500 budgeted for community outreach to donate to Homewood teacher appreciation. Rebecca Gorsuch seconded. A voice vote was called with no opposition, the motion carried.

**3. Membership Update**- no new members

**4. Treasurer Report**

* On track with budget
* Submit teacher reimbursements by May 15th
* Eileen investigating non-profit status/tax issues

**5. PTACHC Report- See attached**

**6. Committee Reports**

**○ Fun Run-** No report

○ **International Night**

* 10 countries committed
* Moved to May 25th at RHHS

**○ Yearbook**

* 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

* Requested draft extension to include Spring Fling and Battle of the Books

**○ Spring Fling**

* Planned for April 29, 2023 3-7pm
* Still need volunteers
* Zoom call Sunday 3/26 at 8pm

**○ 5th Grade Committee**

* March 6-9th was the Grassroots Community Service Project. Our 5th graders bagged approximately 100 lunches and wrote notes for the Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center. Thank you to Yoo Lee for coordinating this project, to our families who donated items and to the 5th grade team for supporting us!
* April 18 is the 5th grade Cultural Arts Artist in Residence with Maryland Opera.
* Be sure to submit your 5th grade message and baby picture to the yearbook before April 28!! Send your photo and message to 2023cesyearbook@gmail.com
* May 9: 5th grade committee will be hosting breakfast for Staff Appreciation Week.
* June 2: Simulated Congressional Hearings

**○ Fundraising-** nothing additional planned for this school year

**○ Corporate Sponsorships**

* $4000+ committed for Spring Fling!
* Need to do Facebook shout outs

**○ Hospitality/Staff Appreciation-** Planning for Teacher Appreciation 2nd week of May

**○ Spirit Wear-** Next opportunity for sales at Spring Fling

**○ Website-** No report

○ **After School Programs-** Spring session in progress

○ **Grounds Beautification- N**o report

○ **Kindergarten Connection-** Micaela to resent Gmail account passwd

**7. Q & A**

**8. Adjournment 8:17**

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

* April 18: PTA Meeting 7pm
* April 29: Spring Fling
* May 4th STEM night
* May 25: International Night @ RHHS

**ADDENDEM March 31, 2023**

Eileen Brewer requested a motion to approve the nominating committee of Micaela Crooks, Jen

Sager and Amie Leone for the board elections in May. Meghan Nickerson seconded the

motion. A board vote was called with no opposition, the motion carried.

**PTACHA Report**

PTA Council Howard County

General Membership Meeting

Monday, March 6, 2023

6th of 2022 - 2023 Session

Location: Homewood School Cafeteria

www.ptachc.org

PRE-MEETING

7:00 PM Legislative Committee – Reports, Assignments, Communications.

GENERAL MEETING

7:30 PM Call to Order; Establish Quorum, Announcements, and Pledge of Allegiance

Announcements

7:40 PM Review Minutes &amp; Approval – Angela Shiplet, secretary@ptachc.org

7:45 PM Guest Speaker – Office of School Planning

8:00 PM Updates for School Safety Committee – Lisa Krausz and Beth Anna Varson

8:35 PM SECAC Report, CAC report, HCEA Report, BOE Report

8: 40 PM Legislative update – Brent Loveless, legislative@ptachc.org

9:00 PM Wrap-up – call up – Local PTA status, issues, updates.

Next Board Meeting – Wednesday, Mar 08, 2023 7:30 PM

Next General Meeting Monday, March 27, 2023 - Homewood School 7:30PM

Notes:

1. Not enough money to reduce school overcrowding- PTA members need to continue to advocate for HoCo by design plan to add items to reduce overcrowding more info on [www.ptachc.org](http://www.ptachc.org)
2. School safety committee (RHHS incident lessons learned) developing action step template on how to communicate in these types of emergencies. This Thursday there is a meeting on zoom 7-8 pm Want to participate contact Lisa Krausz [president@riverhillptsa.org](mailto:president@riverhillptsa.org) They welcome parent input
3. Discussed 2 mile walk radius and I asked how do they decide who is a walker is it just based on the distance and they said no, it’s a lot of factors including infrastructure so don’t assume anything if you are close to 2 miles to school or less. They recommend looking or the emails about this from the school system.
4. Bell time updates, nothing we don’t already know.