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**CES PTA Meeting Minutes  
May 16, 2023 at 7:00 pm  
CES Media Center**

*Meeting Called order 7:01*

**Attendees:**

**Board Members:**

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

**Members:**

Emily Kroiss, Carmen Cheng, Amie Leone, David Mauriello, Tamara Dugue, Shanni Omeally, Eric Pang, Cassandra Christensen, Tom Christensen, Mikkola Brooks, Xinran Li, Xin Gao, Tamara Dugue, Jen Livingston, Eileen Buckle

**CES Administration:**

Michael Caldwell (Principal), Cherilyn Brown (Vice Principal), Molly Nguyen (1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher), Hilary Becker (4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher)

1. Election of New Board

<<< insert write up from Jen >>>

Cassandra Christensen nominated Carmen Cheng for Secretary. Tom Christenson withdrew his candidacy. No other nominations were made from the floor. A voice vote was called for the following slate: Eileen Brewer (President), Cassandra Christensen (1<sup>st</sup> Vice President) Cathy Mauriello (2nd Vice President), Carmen Cheng (Secretary), Meghan Nickerson (Treasurer). A voice vote was called with no opposition, the slate was elected. Bridget Celadon volunteered to continue as a PTACHC delegate.

2. Principal / Assistant Principal's Items

- Relay thank you from the staff for wonderful teacher appreciation week and all efforts this year
- Field day 5/25- look for signup genius and class color code
- 5/31 band/chorus/strings concert during the day and evening (look for permission slip)
- Testing is over!
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade and team level end of the year celebrations planned
- Mrs. Harvey retiring
- Anticipating next year's staffing plans shared with staff around Memorial Day
- Fall Class planning will begin Friday 5/19; student consideration forms still being accepted
- Transportation forms- Please spread the word about required bus transportation Opt In
- Kickball night with Unmatched Athletes was a success; will also be joining field day
- HCPSS Budget work still ongoing with final vote 5/25; currently there is a 60-million-dollar funding gap
- Discussion of crossing guards and possible better utilization for next year

- STEM night held on 5/4 was a huge success
  - Questions/Discussion about bus safety and the role of 5<sup>th</sup> grade safeties
  - Questions/Discussion about parents attending 5<sup>th</sup> grade picnic
3. President / Vice President Items
- Approval of Minutes- Cassandra Christensen asked for a motion to approve the April meeting minutes. Hilary Becker seconded. A voice vote was called with no opposition, the motion carried.
  - Open Committee Positions
    - Spirit wear and Spring Fling current run by Eileen; but she will now be President
    - Bingo night chair open also
    - Reach out to the board if you are interested
  - Thank you to Harpers Choice Village Association
    - Sent \$250s to all schools that village kids attend
  - Fall Fun Run- decision deferred to next PTA Board
  - Back to School Picnic & Open House
    - Discussion of dates and arranging Kona Ice
    - Decisions deferred to the next PTA Board
  - Thank you from Micaela
4. Membership Update
- 5 new members (196 total members for the year)
  - \$2530 in membership/\$4350 in cougar patron
5. Treasurer Report
- working teacher reimbursements
  - 2 biggest events still to come
6. PTACHC Report
- notes on back of agenda
  - flyers to be added to newsletter
7. Committee Reports
- International Night - May 25th at RHHS
    - Turkey, South Korea, Ethiopia, China, Pakistan, Egypt, Jamaica, Kurdistan of Iraq, India, Nigeria, Panama, Romania, Taiwan and Ireland
    - 9 countries in the fashion show/Micaela to get flags
    - Food will be served 6pm-7pm; 14 performances 645pm-8pm
    - Signup genius coming out requesting volunteers
    - Need microphones & food supplies
    - Rehearsals Thur 5/18 and Fri 5/29 6pm-7pm on the CES blacktop
  - Hospitality/Staff Appreciation
  - Appreciation week a success; end of year lunch 6/12
  - Reflections
    - congratulations to James Pang 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the national level (1 only 2 Ho Co students)
    - successful STEM night reception
  - Spring Fling (rescheduled to Sunday, June 11, 2023)
    - Looking for a balloon artist
    - Cake Raffle
    - Committee meeting will be scheduled
    - Adding another ride
  - Yearbook -complete and at the printer
  - 5th Grade Committee
    - June 1- Middle School visits

- June 2 - Simulated Congressional Hearings 10-1:15
- June 6- Picnic
- June 8- Moving on Ceremony - RHHS- 10-11 am
- June 11 - Pie a 5th grader during Spring Fling. Look for the sign up to volunteer and to sign up your 5th grader to be pie-ed.
- Class Gift- buddy bench will be here in 14-18 weeks
- Fundraising- working with Crazy Mason in OEC for a Fall Spirit night
- Corporate Sponsorships
  - missing check from KTO
  - publish RaiseRight partnership for end of the year gifts
  - add State Farm sponsorship to the website
- Spirit Wear- Will sell at Spring Fling if we have enough volunteers
- Newsletter – no updates
- Website- Need to renew SSL licenses by Aug
- After School Programs- Fall planning underway
- Fun Run
  - Discussion of Oct date, the need of a planning committee and costumes
  - Decisions deferred to the new PTA Board
- Grounds Beautification- no report
- SECAC- no meeting
- Kindergarten Connection
  - meet up rescheduled at Spring Fling
  - Discussion about the correct email address and summer events

8. Q & A

9. Adjournment adjourned @ 8:12pm

**Next Meeting/Upcoming Dates:**

- May 25: International Night @ RHHS
- June 11: Spring Fling

**PTA Council Howard County Notes General Membership meeting**

May 1, 2023

[www.ptachc.org](http://www.ptachc.org)

Update on Blueprint plan ([www.hcpss.org/blueprint/](http://www.hcpss.org/blueprint/))

- Free preK
- Increase teacher's salaries
- Increase college and career readiness
- More services for English learners and students with disabilities
- Increase community planning
- Increase health services and mental health supports Human Rights awards (see flyer)
- Can nominate students or student organizations/groups
- Due date August 31, 2023 HoCo Pride festival Information ([www.cary-hoco.org/events-one](http://www.cary-hoco.org/events-one))
- June 3&4, 2023

BOE report – school renovations: Oakland Mills Middle School and Dunloggin Middle School