

CES PTA Meeting Agenda

October 24, 2023 at 7:00 pm

Virtual

Meeting called to order at 7:12 pm

Attendees:

Board Members:

Eileen Brewer (President), Cassandra Christensen (1st Vice President), Cathay Mauriello (2nd Vice President), Carmen Cheng (Secretary), Meghan Nickerson (Treasurer), Evelyn Sommers (PTACHC)

Members:

Amie Leone, Bokyoung Shim, Micaela Crooks, Bridget Celedon, Carrie Waschak, Dianne Azu, Emily Kroiss, Eric Pang, Jiufeng Fan, Karishma Chengappa, Marisol Benitez, Mikkola Brooks, Rebecca Gorsuch, Rula Sadik, Shantah Omeally, Tamara Duge, Tiara Miller, Sherine Hargrove

CES Administration:

Michael Caldwell (Principal)

1. Principal / Assistant Principal's Items

- Report cards and conferences
 - Conferences: Mon 11/20 in person ; Tues 11/21 or Wed 11/22 virtual (depending on teacher availability)
 1. Sign-up for conference: 11/6 @ 8 am - 11/16 @ 4 pm
 2. All conferences will be focused on ELA except 4th grade, which will be for math
 - Standards based report cards for K-2 - look forward to parent feedback
- Hiring: daily substitute teachers and temporary staff to work with students with special needs
- Q&A
 - How to increase communication with teachers, grades released right before report cards
 1. HCPSS standards: hcpss.org/academics
 2. Parents will gather more info and share with Mr. Caldwell
 - Recess currently limited for 4th grade (football and soccer); will recess be canceled? No; recess will not be canceled
- Resources:
 - Math night - 11/15
 - Maryland College and Career Ready Standards
- When will MAP scores be released? Testing window ended; scores expected to be released 10/27

2. President / Vice President Items

- Policies for Meetings
 - Communication primarily through email (sign-up for newsletter via cespta.net)
 - Committees can be joined by signing up via email or at a PTA meeting
 1. Link to sign up for committees:
<https://forms.gle/ZWX1qmpKnsErUvv9>
 - Audio and video recording at PTA meetings is not permitted without express consent from all in attendance
 - PTA meetings will follow the agenda distributed prior to the start of the meeting; time allotted at end of each meeting (Q&A period)
- Approval of Minutes - September
 - https://docs.google.com/document/d/1I2asL_OH7EaqXh4ez_-

- Evelyn Sommers asked for a motion to approve the September meeting minutes. Meghan Nickerson seconded. A voice vote was called with no opposition, the motion carried.
- Teacher Appreciation/Hospitality
- Open Committee Positions
- Virtual Meetings
- Next PTA Meeting
 - RaiseRight: Gift card fundraising for PTA to buy gift cards for everyday purchases
 - Eileen Brewers asked for a motion to reschedule the next PTA meeting to 11/14/23 (plan to discuss holiday and hospitality). Cassandra Christensen seconded. A voice vote was called with no opposition, the motion carried.

3. Membership Update

2023/24 CES PTA Membership:

- 21 new members (11 teachers) in last month
- Year-to-date members: 150 members
- Year-to-date membership payments: \$1955
- Year-to-date Cougar Patron Donations: \$2775

4. Treasurer Report

- Financial report
 - Micaela Crooks for a motion to approve the financial report. Amie Leone seconded. A voice vote was called with no opposition, the motion carried.
- Budget update
- IRS status update
 - Unsuccessful attempts to reach IRS via phone; plan to mail form

5. PTACHC Report

- Legislative report - HoCo By Design going before meeting council; amendments - PTACHC
- Comprehensive rezoning
- Next meeting: 11/6

6. Committee Reports

- Glow Party - Nov 3 (Fri) 6:30 pm-8:30 pm; need to buy speakers, glow sticks, sell water and snacks (popcorn); discussed food truck options; need volunteers (Sign-up Genius will be sent out)
- Hospitality/Staff Appreciation - Need committee members
 - 10/26 (Thurs): Fall-themed staff appreciation event
 - 11/20 (Mon): Dinner for staff during in-person parent-teacher conference; open to restaurant ideas (last year: Anthony's and it was well received)
 - 3 main events (including welcome back, end of year) plus staff appreciation week; in addition, one event every month
- CES Cares
 - Halloween candy donations to USO at BWI will be collected: Nov 1-Nov 7
 - River Hill PTA collecting gift cards for the holidays; more details to come
- Wellness Nights
 - Dec 10 (Sun)
- Spirit Wear
 - Exploring new vendors and different items for sale
- Reflections
 - Deadline: 11/27
 - Theme: "I am hopeful because..."
 - Contact co-chairs if there's interest in being a judge (judging to be completed by 12/10)
- Cultural Night - no updates
- Restaurant Nights - on hold until IRS status cleared

- Yearbook
 - Due date: 4/17
 - Photo collection through March. Link: <https://yearbooks.classic-photo.com/MD1702018/home3/PhotoPost.jsp?ID=7MGBW84ZHRF2>
- 5th Grade Committee
 - School's out event at pumpkin patch - well attended
 - Dues collected
- Website - no updates
- After-School Programs - Could use chair
- Kindergarten Connection - no updates
- Field Trips - Needs chair - have committee members
- Spring Fling - Needs co-chair and subcommittee chairs
- End of Year - Needs chair
- Fundraising - Needs chair
- BINGO - Needs chair

7. Q & A

8. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:13 pm

Upcoming Dates:

- **October 26 - Fall Teacher Appreciation**
- **November 1 - 17 - Collecting donations for Thanksgiving Baskets**
- **November 3 - Glow Party**
- **November 14 - PTA Meeting**
- **November 20 - Teacher Appreciation**
- **December 10 - Wellness Event**