

CES PTA Meeting Agenda
March 19, 2024 at 7:00 pm
CES Media Center

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm

Attendees:

Board Members:

Cassandra Christensen (1st Vice President), Meghan Nickerson (Treasurer), Carmen Cheng (Secretary), Evelyn Sommers (PTACHC delegate)

Members:

Valerie Owen, Bokyoung Shim, Eileen Buckle

CES Administration:

Myra Byrom (Assistant Principal)

1. Welcome

2. Principal / Assistant Principal's Items

- o No items this week but available for questions
- o Response to question: 4th graders receiving Cougar Coupons for ELA and current events homework. This is to incentivize students to complete the homeworks because they are not graded.
- o Discussed the idea of a book drive (similar to school supplies) to benefit teachers. It will be better to hold this event at the beginning of the year because teachers have to clear out classrooms at the end of the year. PTA will hold a book swap at Spring Fling to benefit families.
- o Ms. Byrom will check with teachers regarding interest in room parents (help organize and request needs for classrooms, supplies, gift cards, sign-up genius)

3. President / Vice President Items

- o Policies for Meetings
- o Approval of Minutes - February
<https://cespta.net/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/feb-20-PTA-mins.pdf>
Meghan Nickeson asked for a motion to approve the January meeting minutes. Carmen Cheng seconded. A voice vote was called with no opposition, the motion carried.
- o IRS Status Update - Paperwork has been sent in. Waiting for response. Is anyone available to do some follow up calls? Casey volunteered to do more follow-up calls next week
- o Cultural Arts Update - Superstar Character Academy - very positive feedback from school admin and students

4. Membership Update

New members this month: 5

Total members YTD: 183

Total membership payments YTD: \$2,395

Total Cougar Patron donations YTD: \$3,475

*As year is coming to close, can continue collecting donations but need to stop option for new membership (need to update website and newsletter updates)

5. Treasurer Report

- o \$500 allotted for recess equipment; Julia will need to purchase new equipment

6. PTACHC Report - no update

7. Committee Reports

- Spring Fling
 - Planning Committee Meeting will be this Thursday, March 21 at 7 pm via Zoom
 - Food trucks, inflatables, rock climbing wall, laser tag, train, teacher raffle, music
 - No sponsorship, no carnival games
 - Teachers and staff encouraged to attend - teachers can participate in teacher raffle
 - Kindergarten Connection: advertise to incoming kindergarteners
- Yearbook - send proof to Ms. Byrom to check for students who are not to be included in photographs
- 5th Grade Committee
 - Art project/class gift after spring break
 - Artist in Residence - assembly (magician): May 22 and 24 (5th grade)
 - Recruiting 5th graders for Pie-A-5th Grader
 - Slideshow/baby photo collection
 - Picnic: bus reserved
 - Breakfast during teacher appreciation week (week of May 6th) - Thurs, May 9
- Hospitality/Staff Appreciation - Hospitality has planned a few spring events for April and working out the plans for a wellness themed Staff Appreciation week
- CES Cares - PTA supported 46 financially challenged students for the Book Fair in February
- Spirit Wear - no updates
- Website - no updates
- Kindergarten Connection - no updates
- Cultural Night - flier approved by admin, will be included in upcoming PTA newsletter after Spring Break
- Reflections
 1. State awards for PTA Reflection have been announced. CES has 4 artists who received awards at the State level. In addition, CES swept the intermediate Visual Art category in both County and State level; the top 3 artists for this category all go to our school!

State awards:
Category: intermediate visual arts
1st place: Yun-pei Deng, 5th grade
2nd place: James Pang, 5th grade
3rd place: Ryan Sun, 4th grade

Category: primary music composition
2nd place: Jolina Pang, 1st grade
 2. Award ceremony on STEM night at 7 pm. All participants of this year's PTA Reflection will be recognized with ribbons or trophies.
- Artist in Residence for 2024-2025:
 - Background:
5th grade event, part of Cultural Arts budget (not 5th grade budget)
Work on project with students, resulting in gift/physical art, or performance
Grant to be submitted by June 1st for the following year (question: where does grant come from)

When submitting grant, need artist in mind and need PTA support(no guarantee that grant will be received)

Artist in Residence for 2024-2025

Becca received two quotes for an Artist in Residency for next year. Grant would only cover \$2500 max (requires PTA matching) and there is no guarantee that we will get the grant. We won't know about the grant awards until sometime over the summer. Is the PTA willing to cover the cost of these artists (could be ~\$2300-\$4600 depending on the grant award) in next year's budget? Ms. Riley would love to host Katherine Dilworth. She would come to CES to work with each 5th grade class 5 times. Each child would create a felt piece that the artist would arrange in a final piece to hang in the school. This could also be the class gift, so part of the budget could be applied. More details on the art here:

<https://www.artsforlearningmd.org/program/arts-integrated-residency-the-felted-mural-residency/>

- o Teacher grants (books for grades 3-5)
 - 3rd grade: Becca ordered ~\$500 worth of books for 3rd grade which have been delivered to CES and reimbursement submitted.
 - 4th grade: Ms. Hairfield working on 4th grade book list
 - 5th grade: pending
- o Other: Riley requested additional bulletin board strips that could be hung on the school walls (she would handle those logistics) to display more childrens art work. Discussion at meeting: requested school to support.

8. Q & A

- Discussion re: budget: suggest to add update to next newsletter regarding update with school budget

9. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:51 pm

Upcoming Dates:

- **April 20 - Spring Fling**
- **May 21 - PTA Meeting**
- **May 23 - Cultural Night**