

CES PTA Meeting Agenda
April 16, 2024, at 7:00 pm
Virtual - Zoom

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm

Attendees:

Board Members:

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

Members:

Abby Snyder, Becca Gorsuch, Bridget Celedon, Cathay Mauriello, Emily Kroiss, Eric Pang, Rula Sadik, Xin Gao, Eileen Buckle, Lucas Alem, Meaza A, Shanni O'Meally, Bokyoung Shim

1. Reading of Meeting Policies

2. Principal / Assistant Principal's Items - none

3. President / Vice President Items

- Approval of Minutes - <https://cespta.net/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/march-pta-minutes.pdf>

Meghan Nickerson asked for a motion to approve the January meeting minutes. Cassandra Christensen seconded. A voice vote was called with no opposition, the motion carried.

- Spring Fling -

- Need volunteers
- Teacher Raffle - PTA will create baskets of prizes to supplement if not enough teacher
- Updates

1. Kona Ice, Fruitful Juice (sandwiches, smoothies, salads) - table (can use extra tables from volunteers); DMV Taqueria (point of contact for day of event: Eileen)
2. Bought speakers for PTA
3. Events: book swap, temporary tattoos

- Teacher Reimbursement Grant Updates
- Room Parents - PTA expressed interest in continuing; needs to work with admin
- BOE submitted budget

4. Membership Update

- Current: 184 members

5. Treasurer Report

- [Budget vs Actuals](#)
- IRS update: case manager called and spoke to Eileen in March; pending reinstatement of

6. PTACHC Report

- Recording of BOE candidate forum on 3/16/24
- Budget: acting superintendent emailed update; Calvin Ball committed additional funding for schools; see budget on HCPSS website
- Safety Committee related to RHHS: last report; met with county's representatives for safety; will review policy next year; closing out committee
- Policies being reviewed 2024-2025: sexual discrimination, weapons, homelessness, student behavior
- Legislative session ended last week in Maryland: bills proposed by Howard County representatives 1. Public candidate finance reform (no) 2. Compensation for BOE

- members (no) 3. Liquidated damages (related to transportation contract) to hold vendors accountable if unable to recoup cost (did not make it out of committee)
- FreeState Convention: summer (early bird deadline: 4/30/24)
- Reflections banquet held on 4/13/24
- Superintendent search continues; announcement will be made in June 2024 (start date TBD)
- College fair and JumpStart registration - let Evelyn know if interested
- Budget: meetings continue, including for Capital Budget; public hearing on budget in May/June
- Academic calendar updated for next school year
- Resource: Parents Guide to Howard County

7. Committee Reports

- 5th Grade Committee
 - Collecting Bottle Caps for culminating art project (Cougar Paw Print) - with Mrs. Riley
 - Still looking for pie-a-5th grader volunteers for Spring Fling
 - Teacher appreciation week: breakfast (yogurt parfait bar and muffins); May 9th before school starts
 - End of May: in lieu of Artist in Residence, Bridget Celedon pitched the Magic Lesson proposal, Find the Magic Within; May 22 (K-2), May 24 (3-5)
 - May 23: Congressional Hearing
 - June: picnic and graduation; early June - another get together at pool (CES PTA has 8 guest passes for CA pool linked to Eileen's account)
- Artist in Residence - 2024-2025 update
 - Arts for Learning Maryland: able to apply unused grant from this year to cover 70% of cost
 - Sign contract by August 31, 2024 (formal contract for review next week)
 - Working with Mrs. Riley
- Cultural Night - Thursday, May 23, 2024
 - Fliers being distributed; will be added to next week's newsletter
 - Volunteers reached out to committee co-chairs, will set up Sign-up Genius: recruiting additional volunteers from high school students
 - Help spread the word for performers and showcase
- Hospitality/Staff Appreciation - Updates
 - End of April: Sign Up Genius for snack bar
 - Teacher appreciation week (May 6-10): activities planned for each day
- Kindergarten Connection
 - First meeting at Spring Fling
- Website - no updates
- Yearbook
 - Don't forget to submit your photos
 - <https://yearbooks.classic-photo.com/MD1702018/home3/PhotoPost.jsp?ID=7MGBW84ZHRF2>
 - April 22: Due date for photo collection
 - April 30: Yearbook editing deadline
- Field Trips - Needs chair - have committee members
- End of Year - Needs chair
- Fundraising - Needs chair
- BINGO - Needs chair
- Spirit Wear - Needs chair
- Wellness - Needs chair

8. Q & A

9. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm

Upcoming Dates:

Spring Fling - Sat. April 20

May PTA Meeting - Tues. May 21

Cultural Night - Thurs. May 23