**CES PTA Meeting Agenda**

**April 22, 2025, at 7:00 pm**

**In Person**

*Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm*

**Attendees:**

**Board Members:**

Eileen Brewer (President), Carmen Cheng (Secretary), Meghan Nickerson (Treasurer), Evelyn Sommers (PTACHC Delegate)

**Members:**

Bokyung Shim, Karishma Chengappa, Valerie Owen, Xinran Li

**Staff:**

Dina Brewer (Principal), Tina Lewis (Assistant principal)

1. **Principal / Assistant Principal’s Items**
* Teachers expressed interest in attending PTA meetings but timing of meeting is issue
* CES admin has ideas to increase staff/parents attendance at PTA meetings, such as adding a presentation of interest at meeting
* Restart room parents next year and volunteer program
* School needs:
	+ Whiteboards (top priority)- interest in holding a fundraiser (ideally in summer)
	+ Remove TVs on ceilings in classrooms
	+ Wish: outdoor marquee
* Planning for next year - master schedule, articulation in classes, parent input (next week) about student’s experience this year and looking forward to next year
* Cultural arts: hope to have more assemblies (1 assembly this year); Cougar Day at River Hill: positive feedback
* Goal: 2 field trips per year (at least 1 per semester)
* Dr. Brewer would like to meet with the PTA board over summer
* Email communications from PTA - send text only (rather than pictures)
* Classroom enrichment - reallocate money to whiteboards (need quorum to vote)
* Money from previous CES fundraisers (Read-a-thon): funds not used yet
* Share any ideas with Dr. Brewer and Ms. Lewis to increase interest/activities
1. **President / Vice President Items**
* [Policies for Meetings](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1HOay7I-WMdYw4D6GvwYjIwVRaKa5RZc_xxzZqWEMAN4/edit?usp=sharing)
* [Approval of Minutes - March](https://cespta.net/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/pta-march-mins.pdf) (no quorum; tabled until next meeting)
* Nomination Committee - no nominations received. Call for volunteers
	+ Eileen and Meghan willing to run for their positions again for next year
1. **Membership Update**
* Current: 150 members
* Suggestion: There’s a WhatsApp group for 2nd grade parents; consider organizing a group for each grade
* PTA policy: communication through emails; consider challenges of multiple messaging channels; should continue discussion when there is a quorum; will be helpful for next year’s room parents to organize
1. **Treasurer Report**
* Chipotle - raised >$900 (reached target for restaurant night)
* Spring Fling - sales lower so far
1. **PTACHC Report**
* Voted on changes to PTACHC bylaws
* APFO update - county board 18 ending state legislative session; 3 major bills; challenges for APFO
	+ 5/20: Howard County public hearing for APFO (forum for public to advocate)
* BOE in February meeting: voted for redistricting of selected schools for 2026-2027 school year
	+ Evelyn can help reach out if advocacy needed
* Upcoming meetings:
	+ 4/29: BOE meeting
	+ 4/23 at 6 pm: County council budget hearing
1. **Committee Reports**
* 5th Grade Committee
* Spring Fling - NEED VOLUNTEERS OR MUST CANCEL
	+ Laser tag: $2,000 (price increased significantly), already advertised but need to reconsider in future
	+ Bought large yard games (Eileen will store at her house for now, need to figure storage for future)
	+ Pie-a-fifth grader: sign-up sent out to 5th grade families
	+ Food trucks (2) scheduled
* Class Representatives
* SECAC
* BINGO
* Yearbook - [Link to Upload Pictures](https://bookbuilder.pixami.com/ClarksvilleE/home3/PhotoPost.jsp?ID=F8DSRK2X5A01)
	+ Last day to order is Friday
	+ Plan to finalize this weekend and share with PTA president and school admin on 4/28 (submission due 4/30)
	+ Cultural night: agreement to add photos from last year
	+ Emailed staff (TLs) to submit photos
* Hospitality/Staff Appreciation
	+ Received donations; will add one more staff appreciation meal
* Cultural Night
	+ 6 countries signed up
	+ 3 performances + fashion show
* Kindergarten Connection
	+ First meeting is at Spring Fling
	+ Advertise after-school programs
* Reflections
	+ Question for CES admin: Trophies and ribbons ordered for all 13 or so reflections participants and winners. Ok for co-chair to drop these off at the office this week and have them passed out to the kids?
	+ CES admin ok with plan and will share info at Friday announcements
* Summer Bridge
* End of Year Picnic - Molly Maulding and Emily Massey have volunteered
	+ Want to move to a Friday night (potentially 6/13)
	+ Looking into sponsors, food trucks
* After-School Programs - No chair
	+ Plan to look into expanding activities
* Events - No chair
* Fundraising - No chair
* Spirit Wear - No chair
* Other (Website, Front Sign, Fall School Supplies, Communications)
1. **Q & A**
2. **Adjournment**

*Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm*

**Upcoming Dates:**

Spring Fling - April 27, 2025, 3:00 - 7:00 pm (CES)

May PTA Meeting - May 20, 2025, 7:00 pm (CES Media Center)