

CES PTA Executive Board Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2013

Meeting called to order at 8:03 am

- 1) Pledge of Allegiance
- 2) Reading of the Mission of the PTA
- 3) Carla DeWitt made a motion to approve Minutes from 9/10/13 Executive Board Meeting. Tracey Greenberg seconded the motion and minutes were unanimously approved.
- 4) Principal's Report: Mrs. Haberlein
 - a) Storyteller Night will be Tuesday, 10/29/13; Parent Teacher conferences will be held the week of Thanksgiving Break—one long day and one short day.
 - b) Meeting to be held on 10/16/13 with CES Administration and the Parking Lot Construction company to discuss the landscape design of the natural areas in between the pavement to determine how to reduce the amount of vegetative overgrowth, as it has become a problem.
 - c) First in Math had its kick-off this past month and CES is already 16th in the State of Maryland! This is a great start to the Program! Great job to all students!
 - d) Harvest for the Hungry will be starting up and three CES 5th graders are attending the Food Bank Awards.
 - e) Mrs. Haberlein will be meeting with Kate Foran to finalize the 2013-2014 Cultural Arts Assemblies.
 - f) Emergency drill to be held on 10/10/13 for Earthquake evacuation; teachers will be talking with students in preparation
- 5) Officer Reports
 - a) President-Sherry Madden
 - i) PTA Membership is 469 this year, compared with 472 for 2012-2013; Breakdown includes 51 teachers and 418 parents; Class winner with the highest parent Membership enrollment will be determined soon.
 - ii) The Parent Coffee held on 9/18 was successful; it seemed to work holding grades K-5 all together, compared with separate sessions last year. The minutes from the Coffee will be posted at mycentralpta.org. The next Parent Coffee will be held on 11/4 at 9:00 am after the Executive Board meeting. Eblast to announce the next one.
 - iii) Financial Advisor contacted Ms. Madden about speaking to parents on college savings plans. Ms. Madden opened this up for discussion to determine if this is something we should consider. Comments were made that this was not successful in the past; however, could consider having this at the next Kindergarten Orientation or send out an invite and if 20 people sign up to attend, it may be worth holding. No decision was made about having the Advisor speak.
 - iv) Spirit night ideas were discussed; These events have not been well-attended in the past and we are looking for ways to increase participation. Navy Basketball is offering discount tickets for families to attend a game and CES would be recognized at the game—all were in favor to have the Spirit Night chair organize this event.

- v) Cultural arts program: Kate Foran, Cultural Arts Chair, is looking for ideas. The first Assembly is on 10/10 and will discuss Bullying; 2nd grade will have Kids on the Block Assembly on 11/5 and 5th grade will have an anti-bullying assembly on 11/1. On a side note, there will also be a community presentation on Bullying for parents and Counselors on 11/13.
 - vi) Clothes closet flyer will be coming home soon—items will be collected by 11/8.
 - b) Vice President-Melissa Wanner
 - i) Tiger Trot update—planning for the event is underway; the plan is to break into subcommittees to tackle the different aspects of the event; discussed considering other options for a DJ as there was concern last year about reliability.
 - c) Treasurer-Susan Merkel was absent
 - i) Ms. Madden provided a summary of the Budget: Balance in checking account is \$19,681
 - d) Secretary-Melissa Schweitzer
 - i) Harvest Festival is in planning stages for the event on 11/21; two co-chairs are Kim Cooper and Karen Rhoades and a planning meeting will be held on 10/8/13.
- 6) Committee Reports
- a) Countywide CAC update—Carla DeWitt: no report as the next meeting to be held evening of 10/7/13.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 am.

Important Dates:

October 11--Fall Fundraiser Ends

October 14—2 hour early dismissal

October 14-16--Reflections Projects Collected in Media Center 8:40-9am

October 18--Schools Closed

October 23--Book Fair Begins

October 29--Storyteller Night/Book Fair/Ice Cream Social 6pm

Next PTA Executive Board Meeting on Monday, 11/4/13 at 8:00 AM