

CES PTA Executive Board Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2014

- 1) Pledge of Allegiance
- 2) Reading of the Mission of the PTA
- 3) Motion made by Tracey Greenberg to approve Minutes from 2/3/14 Executive Board Meeting; Carla DeWitt seconded the motion; Minutes unanimously approved.
- 4) Principal's Report:
 - a) Discussed half way through MSA; PARCC being piloted by Ms. Stein's class so they are not taking Language Arts MSA
 - b) Hoping to reschedule one of the Assemblies that was cancelled due to snow day
 - c) Concerned about negative balance for 5th grade due to loss from field trips; still have Drownproofing coming up as well as Philadelphia; cost may need to be increased; consider adding donation line item to permission slip; requested PTA consider helping by adding field trip support in 2014-2015 budget;
 - i) PTA Board members agreed to help rectify the loss: there will be extra money in budget from Supply kits—received a 14% discount and the money is available in the Budget; Could also consider using the \$5000 donation from the PTA to CES for the 5th grade trips; consider putting money in for each grade and carrying it through their time at CES;
 - d) Status of snow days: Superintendent applied for waiver of snow days; decision pending
- 5) Officer Reports
 - a) President-Sherry Madden
 - i) Winter Celebration: Fun event for the students; in the future, additional chaperones are needed to manage crowd control
 - ii) After School Programs: Lego club is adding a Spring class
 - iii) Nominee Candidates: So far one candidate for Secretary (Erin Ball); still working on candidate for President
 - iv) Chair positions: Will need to advertise for open positions, but wait until after Tiger Trot; will have current Chairs talk with prospective chairs to discuss positions
 - v) School supply kits: Will go ahead with ordering supply kits for next year through same Vendor
 - vi) Green school chair: still looking for someone to fill this important position
 - vii) Parent Coffee: consider having one more in this school year; can discuss feedback needed from Elementary schools for school start times—can put out information sheet/survey at next meeting; have General Membership meeting/Parent coffee after 5/5 Executive Board meeting and include this as the discussion as well as Middle School discussion for 5th grade parents--send Agenda ahead for May to inform parents of topics
 - viii) Discussed helping fund ball caps in support of student with Alopecia, in conjunction with Mrs. Simmons' knit hats
 - b) Vice President-Melissa Wanner
 - i) Tiger Trot update:

- (1) Silent auction/dollar donations going well—Jill Sohan, Syndey Kucner and Maria Knoll doing a great job;
 - (2) Over 200 registrants so far—great response
 - (3) Signs will be going up on Rt. 2 to advertise
 - (4) Jen Peden also doing a great job with pushing the baskets and working on Auction items; Ms. Greenberg will send email reminder to teachers to work with room parents to get teacher time items
- c) Treasurer-Susan Merkel was absent
 - i) Current Balance (as of 2/28/14): \$12,129.00
 - ii) \$2000 left in Teacher discretionary fund
 - d) Secretary-Melissa Schweitzer
 - i) Annual Survey: Starting to put together this year's survey; will review questions and discuss at next meeting; hope to get survey out by mid-late April
- 6) Committee Reports
- a) Countywide CAC update—Carla DeWitt
 - i) Discussed Superintendent search is underway; cell phone towers-two proposed are in process; School start times discussed-need to collect feedback at GMM and Mrs. DeWitt will report back to CAC subcommittee; Common core standards were discussed and a motion was made to ask Board of Education to provide to CAC information about what was/is the past/ongoing schedule to provide material to teachers for instruction and the schedule of testing students on that material; CAC also to provide input on class ranking as it pertains to Valedictorian/Salutatorian; concern raised about the necessity of additional Foreign Language Facilitators.
- 7) New business
- a) Discussed High School exam week and provided feedback on idea of going to school 2 hours later, rather than 2 hour early dismissal that week; Mrs. Haberlein explained that in theory this makes sense and is supportive of this idea, but difficult to work out logistically and is grievable by Teachers' union—there would be discrepancy in time for teachers depending on which level they teach; could negotiate that teachers still report at scheduled time.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 am.

Next Executive Board Meeting on Monday, 4/7/14 at 8:00 AM