

CES PTA Executive Board Meeting Minutes

June 3, 2013

Meeting called to order at 8:05 AM

- 1) Pledge of Allegiance
- 2) Reading of the Mission of the PTA
- 3) Approval of Minutes from 5/6/13 Executive Board meeting—Carla DeWitt made motion to approve and Kierstin Dillahay seconded the motion to approve the minutes.
- 4) Principal's Report:
 - a) PTA Annual Survey feedback: Most comments were positive, but a little concerned that we are perceived as an expensive school and do not want this to be our reputation; this may be an area for PTA to focus on next year
 - b) EGATE update: approved for 20 teacher hours over summer to work on EGATE application: using this time to place students in single subject ALPs
- 5) Officer Reports
 - a) President-Sherry Madden
 - i) Tool kits: Flyers to be distributed this week and at Kindergarten orientation—trying another Vendor and PTA will manage any problems related to discrepancies; If fails, will not do next year
 - ii) No screens update: 100 students participated and received free ice cream and a book, as well as prizes
 - iii) Clothes closet update: helped a large amount of families; will continue in Fall and Spring
 - iv) Chess club: 10 CES students are participating in the Chess Tournament scheduled on 6/7/13 at Davidsonville Elementary; 2 Chess Club sessions to be scheduled for the 2013-2014 school year—fall session (October-January) and spring session (Feb-May): Oct; Information about Chess club Summer Camp will be in upcoming EBlast; discussed including information (brochures or display) about Chess club or any PTA sponsored clubs at Sneak a Peak and this was approved by Mrs. Haberlein
 - v) 2013-2014 Calendar meeting – since we do not have all of the dates for events yet, will discuss schedule at the September EB meeting;
 - vi) Discussed new PTA sponsored events for 2013-2014 school year; possible events discussed included “Special Friends Dance” or “Special Friends Game Night” —possibly hold in combination with a Fall Festival; decision was made to replace Movie Night with a different event; would need a Chair for the event; need to look at dates carefully when scheduling
 - b) Vice President-Kierstin Dillahay: No report
 - c) Treasurer-Kirsten Hair
 - i) \$31,960 in Bank account; Net was \$12,227.19 from Tiger Trot; Most teachers turned in requests for money; Will discuss money from Storyteller night vs Visiting Author night; shift money to get more back for ALPS; recommended a request be made for that; Plans to meet with Ms. Madden to discuss budget for 2013-2014 school year.

d) Secretary-Melissa Schweitzer

- i) End of Year Teacher Luncheon: Wednesday, 6/12/13
- ii) Annual Survey discussion: Overall, good comments with good suggestions for improvement; See attached Summary for key discussion points
 - (1) Discussed Newsletter; Can provide hard copy of EBlast to the 24% of respondents who would like to see Newsletter brought back; since 76% of respondents said no, even though one suggestion to write a quarterly newsletter, agreed not to bring back—would need to find a chair and it is a large amount of work; try to make sure we keep the bulletin board updated with pictures; Yearbook club can provide pictures also; pictures cannot be attached to EBlast
 - (2) Parent Coffee: Good feedback; suggestion to move to the afternoon to try and get better attendance—parents may be able to leave work early to attend;
 - (3) High cost of Afterschool programs was a concern: consider other lower cost programs—Board Games; need to look at scheduling of clubs—move to clubs later after dismissal and also supervision may be an issue; could we consider supplementing cost of clubs with PTA funds—scholarships or partial scholarships? Could do a pool of scholarships or underwrite the cost by a certain amount; Also provide a discount for PTA members
 - (4) Tiger Trot: cost was an issue; consider providing a family discount or one price for students vs. outside participants or adults; we want to get as many families to participate as possible—make race day affordable for families and the race should be the focus; consider having a silent auction as separate event rather than combined with Tiger Trot—consider at Off-site venue or on-line Auction; also consider splitting baskets or make different price ranges of baskets to make more affordable
 - (5) Fundraising: No decisions made today on what will be offered but will take suggestions into consideration and decision will be made by Fall; Square 1 Art—overwhelmingly positive; will still have option of sending in own artwork; Mixed Bags: not sure if will offer; publicize credit card option more; Suggestion made to have Silent Auction/Baskets in Fall and do this fundraising in February
 - (6) Student Tutors: question about free tutoring was asked; if afterschool, would have to be overseen by PTA parent

6) Committee Reports

a) Countywide CAC update—Carla DeWitt

- i) Meeting was held on 5/6/13; an overview of ALPS was provided; School start times were discussed again and a vote on the summary takes place at 6/3/13 meeting; Discussed CAC open positions: election of officers at 6/3 meeting; Ms. DeWitt raised issue of Daylight Savings time and scheduling MSAs; Board Member Birge was interested in this information and wrote it down at the CAC meeting; (Mrs. Haberlein pointed out that the MSA schedule is not changed next year and will still be scheduled the week after Daylight Savings time)

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 AM

Important Dates:

June 7--Volunteer Appreciation Reception: 2pm

June 7--Relay for Life: 6pm

June 11-14--2 Hour Early Dismissal Days

June 12—Final Teachers' Luncheon

June 14--5th Grade Promotion 9:30am LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

PTA Budget Meeting on Monday, 6/10/13 at 8:00 AM