

## CES PTA General Membership Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2015 7:30pm

Call to order 7:40pm

Board members present- Janet Gracie, Erin Ball, Sarah Vandegrift, Heather Zivkovich, Mr. Gruebel

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Reading of Mission
3. President's report
  - Children- 5<sup>th</sup> grade triplets
  - Introduced officers
  - Introduced other volunteers
    - Carrie Hiner-eblast
    - Elizabeth Ramirez-Mack-Reflections
    - Jill Sohan, Erin Jones- Teacher luncheons
    - Erin Jones-Sign-up genius
    - Jessica Mendez-Tiger Trot
  - PTA memberships gets you-
    - Eblast
    - Membership directory (Marie Thorne)
  - Class t-shirts due
  - Fall fundraising display outside of gym (Pamela Murray)
4. Principal's report
  - Wonderful support from PTA
    - not all about fundraising
    - Clubs-yoga, engineering, chess
    - Keeps up teacher morale with welcome lunches and lunch during conferences
    - Projectors, smartboards done with PTA and county funds
    - Bulbs for projectors \$150 each, comes from PTA
    - PTA maintains our technology
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> year of Lucy Calkins writing program- our PTA got the program two years ahead of rest of the county
    - thank you for volunteering and supporting the PTA
5. VP report
  - Children- 6<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> graders
  - Extracurricular activities-
    - Chess, engineering, yoga, Spanish
    - Brought in through outside vendors
    - Mr Gruebel brings in teacher aides to help out
  - New thing-grade level captains as a PTA version of a room mom, cheerleader, people gatherer. They will help finding volunteers and with ideas, etc. Please let Erin know if you or anyone might be interested.

6. Treasurer report
  - Children- 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> and pre-k
  - Need approval of budget
  - On projector screen is budget summary
  - Projected to make \$30,000
  - \$21,000 goal for fundraising
  - back to school as donations including- assemblies (\$5000), visiting artists, money for teachers, lunch assistance, field trip assistance, etc
  - \$3600 used for PTA costs-dues, directories, insurance, etc.
  - guy in the back moved to approve, unanimously approved
  - assemblies this year
    - Native American dance troupe
    - Maryland Science Center mobile lab
    - Another one with music
    - Will work on improving informations about assemblies ahead of time for parents
7. Reflections- Elizabeth Ramirez Mack
  - Child in 5<sup>th</sup> grade
  - Owner Whimsey Cove Framing and Art which will frame and matte any entry for free
  - Phrase this year- Let Your Imagination Fly...
  - Categories include dance, photography, music, literature, visual arts, film
  - Every child gets medal and medal for different categories
  - Can go to county, state and national levels and can win \$75 at National level
  - Enter in K-2 and 3-5
  - More info on website and eblast to come
  - Announcements made during lunchtime, packet home in backpack mail or grab from her tonight
  - Entries due early to mid-Oct in Media Center
  - Reception sometime in November, county has a reception also
  - 40 points total of which 20 points for artist's statement
8. President reminder of 4 parent coffees with Principal throughout the year, thank you
9. One question- Are minutes available to the public? Secretary answer- yes, just give her a couple weeks and will be available on PTA website [mycentralpta.org](http://mycentralpta.org)
10. Out at 8:15