

PTA General Membership Meeting
September 12, 2018
Called to order at 6:34pm

PTA's mission is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

Minutes from last PTA General Membership Meeting on June 2018 were read by Brooke Faulkner. Ashleigh Duclos motioned to approve, 2nd by Alanna Aloï, all were in favor.

President's Welcome

Brooke thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and read the PTA mission.

Treasurer Report

CES PTA finalized last year's budget and has \$29,555 cash on hand for 2018-2019.

2017-2018 membership was \$2,700, donations \$742, Fundraising was \$27,00, and school funds were \$11,400.

CES PTA would like to raise \$41,000 this year with fundraising and carry over \$32,800.

Brooke motioned to approve budget, 2nd by Dee Brown, all were in favor.

Election of Secretary

Brooke indicated there was a vacancy and that Jessica Ulanow would no longer be able to serve as PTA secretary.

Stacey Donaldson was nominated. Brooke opened to floor to nominate Stacey Donaldson, 2nd Ashleigh Duclos, all were in favor.

New Business

YMCA Branch Executive Jenny was present at the meeting to explain and answer questions about YMCA Marathons Kids Program.

YMCA sent out survey to local area to see what the community was lacking, results indicated CES and UES would like to see more clubs in the schools.

YMCA wants to offer Marathon Kids Program, which is a program for Elementary boys and girls that will be a 12 session program that focusses on healthy lifestyle. Lessons will incorporate running/walking program after school. Program will be 12 sessions over the course of either 6 or 12 weeks that will last 30 minutes to 1 hours.

Board will need to discuss if this is something CES would like to move forward with.

Compost Program

Mrs. Cummins would like to start a Compost Program at CES. She has applied for a grant to cover expenses and PTA would have to contribute very minimal.

Compost would be in Cafeteria and trucks would pick up compost weekly and potentially bring back compost for CES learning garden.

Kindness Rocks

Mrs. Dudek would like to do a Kindness Rock project for CES.

Frederick Brick Works has donated 1,000 rocks for the project. Each child will paint/ decorate a rock and will be displayed on school grounds.

CES is looking for a company to donate acrylic paint for project at this time.

Committee Updates

Membership

Alanna reported that memberships are still coming in and to date \$1,160 have come in with \$20 in donations.

Staff Appreciation

Going well to date, there were a lot of donations for the first event and easier to sign up this year as sign up genius is going out in FOF.

Next event will be during conferences and Thanksgiving dinner will be severed.

Book Fair

Book Fair has a new date this year and will have student preview on October 15th-19th and open for sales October 22-26th.

Pencil Grams will be sold during Back to School nights for \$1, all proceeds will go toward purchasing book for CES in need

Fundraising

New to this year is the Fun Run and will all be online and easy for users.

Race day will be October 12th, and packets with information about the Race will go home to each student on September 13th.

Mrs. Hillard indicated how important fundraising is to CES for PTA and technology. Mrs. Hillard is left with a budget of \$22,000 to run CES for the entire year.

After School Clubs

Silver Knights is offering 3 programs after school this year; chess club, coding club and robotics club.

Last year PTA received \$800 from Silver Knights.

Parent Breakfast

In the Past CES has had Parents and Pastries, however for 2018-2019 events will be separated to Moms and Muffins and Dads with Doughnuts.

Movie Nights

CES PTA will proudly sponsor family movie nights, dates are TBD. Friday nights were discussed as a good option for families.

By-law Committee

Kristina Strait is heading up the committee to update CES PTA by-laws.

New Committee Chairs

Jessica Glumac will be chair of Star Spangle Celebration
Blair Guard will chair Multi-Cultural Nights
Jessica Rodriez will chair Reflections

Comments from Mrs. Hillard

Mrs. Hillard thank PTA and is happy that PTA will accommodate teachers' schedules. CES had a great first week of school. Mrs. Hillard is hosting a breakfast for bus drivers to go over regulations and roles. Bus drivers will be able to offer Star Bucks to use to encourage students to be well behaved.

OCTs 10th will start off safety week which will be sponsored by Fed Ex and Safe Kids. Students will receive slap on bracelets and prizes will be handed out at assembly,

Mrs. Hillard goal is to have two principle chats this year and will have one in the morning and one in the evening to accommodate parents' schedules.

Parents feedback was received and this year for Star Awards each student will be told why they received the award during the assembly.

CES would like to start School Government Association and will start with 5th grade. The following year CES will have a representative for each grade. CES will present to 5th graders the following week and 4th and 5th graders will vote. Application will go out to 5th graders interested in running for a position.

Mrs. Hillard discussed new system this year that scans each visitor and volunteers' state drivers license. All visitors and volunteer must wear a badge displayed on their shirt.

CES was ranked #1 for math and L&A for PARCC. CES was ranked 35th in the state and #1 in the county.

Double recess was discussed and not go through, therefore CES will remain with one 20 min. recess. Teachers are encouraged to have brain breaks during the day.

President Brooke Faulkner adjourned the meeting at 7:56pm.