

**COLUMBUS HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES - JANUARY 15, 2020**

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Sabrina Petrella	Adrianna Javick	Kara Steele	Nicole Kekesi	
Brenda Lawyer	Cathy Guidotti	Megan Patterson	Kristin Mederos	Kelly Sopko

Staff Present: Principal Cullari and Mrs. Gamez

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Secretary Report - last meetings minutes can be found on the CHAS website.
3. Treasurer Report
4. School Reports – MTES and JHES presented by Principal Cullari
 - Thank you to CHAS from both school for all the events and activities over the past few weeks.
 - School clubs are starting for the Winter Session and will run for 8 weeks (1/22-3/18).
 - Summer Camp sign-ups have started – there is a discount for early sign-up.
 - The MTES gardening club will be starting soon.
 - The 4th grade Project Linus will happen on 2/13.
 - JHES would like to thank CHAS for supplementing the Grants for Sustainable NJ Conservation Program that currently has a water theme. There are now two water stations in JHES to fill water bottles that were provided to all JHES students by funds from CHAS (supplemental); with the grant there will also be at JHES water conservation lessons and rain barrels for collection installed with the water to be used for the garden at JHES.
 - The 100th Day of school celebration will be a two-day event happening 2/12 and 2/13.
 - Kindergarten registration is open: 1/21 started the online registration; in person registration will be 2/26 and 2/27 at JHES from 9-12 and then on 3/3 at JHES from 5-8 pm. All registration is on the school website.
5. Mrs. Games Report on School Curriculum Night – all information is also available on the school website.
 - On 1/28 the Special Education Parent Group will meet at MTES at 6:30.
 - The Math Bee has been extended this year to include all students from grades 1-6; information is available on Peach Jar, the school website, and on Facebook.
 - STEM Night will occur on 1/30 – the STEM project will be using recycled materials.
 - Math Night will occur 2/25 with a Carnival theme.
 - Reading Night will be 3/11 and run along with the Scholastic Book Fair – there will be giveaways and coupons along with a camping theme for the night.
 - Fun Family Fitness Night will occur on 4/30.
6. Executive Board Election: 4 current members are up for reelection along with 1 empty seat.
7. Digital fliers and permission slips will continue for all events.

8. Yearlong 50/50 will continue at all CHAS events.
9. Fundraiser Ideas.
 - Five Below - a kick back program for all purchases is being considered for Easter.
 - Gift Card Drive - partial or full gift cards to possibly be collected for fundraising and baskets.
 - Spirit Wear Sale.
10. Fundraisers/Events
 - Pasta Dinner: Friday 1/24 – eat in or take out.
 - Third Grade Fun Night: 1/31, will be a Winter Wonderland theme.
 - Sweet Hear Dance: 2/7 – remember to buy tickets and order flowers; donations are also being asked for food and drinks; hair appointments will also be available.
 - Sixth Grade Glow Party: 2/21.
 - Second Grade Fun Night: 2/28.
 - Designer Handbag Bingo: 3/13; tickets are on sale; CHAS is still looking for donations and sponsors.

Upcoming CHAS Meetings

- February 12th - Planning Session @ 8pm
- March 18th - Planning Session @ 8pm
- April 22nd - Planning Session @ 8pm
- May 13th - General Membership Meeting @ 8pm
- June 10th - Planning Session @ 8pm

Upcoming Events

- Annual Pasta Dinner 1/24 @ MTES 5-7:30 (liztomasso@hotmail.com; katiecooney@aol.com)
- Third Grade Fun Night 1/31 (gould03@hotmail.com; cfagans14@hotmail.com)
- Sweetheart Dance 2/7 @ MTES 7-8pm (nikolelg@aol.com; hstryker26@gamil.com; Jennifer.wolchok@gmail.com)
- CHAS Planning Meeting 2/12 @ MTES Media Center 8pm
- School Closed 2/14, 2/17, 2/18
- Sixth Grade Glow Party 2/21 @ MTES 7-9pm (karasteele04@yahoo.com; alperry55@yahoo.com)
- Second Grade Fun Night 2/28 @ JHES (eeliberatore@aol.com)
- Scholastic Book Fair @ MTES; Blast Off 3/6, Shopping 3/9-3/13 (jleightonesq@gmail.com)
- Designer Handbag Bingo 3/13 @ MTES 6:30pm (cguidotti123@gmail.com; kristinmederos1@gmail.com; a.javick@yahoo.com)
- CHAS Planning Meeting 3/18 @ MTES Media Center 8pm
- First Grade Fun Night 3/20 @ JHES 6:30-8pm (brendajoy558@gmail.com; kristinmederos1@gmail.com)
- PreK and Kindergarten Fun Night 3/27 @ JHES 6:30-8pm (brendajoy558@gmail.com)

Submitted by Nicole Kekesi, Recording Secretary