

PTA General Membership Meeting
June 4, 2019
Called to order at 8:07am

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

President's Welcome

Brooke thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and read the PTA mission. Agenda was approved by all.

Treasurer Report

CES PTA has \$34,464 net income. Spirit Wear brought in \$544 and Concessions from the family dance brought in \$544.

Climate Committee Report

Staff addressed the issues brought up by staff and parents based on 2019 survey.

1. The amount of recess and desire to have more recess time. Staff indicated that teachers promote outside recess when possible. Staff tries to incorporate nature walks, brain breaks during instructional time to break up day, and staff encourages students to play outside after school.
2. Another concern that was the communication at CES. Staff addressed that they are using emails, Schoology, and Bloomz to communicate. Staff is working on updating CES website to be a one-stop-shop. Staff indicated that parents can help by signing up for FOF, read Star Family Newsletter, check Thursday Folders, and keep in touch with teachers.
3. Siblings was another concern addressed. The survey indicated that parents would like to bring siblings to functions at the school. Staff indicated that safety is CES priority and must follow fire code for safety and insurance guidelines. Also, staff indicated they need to follow state guidelines with immunization laws during school hours. Lastly, staff concerned about interrupting instructional time during the day, and PTA has activities at night for families and siblings to attend.
4. Overcrowding was another concern parents have. Staff mentioned that FCPS was in the process of re-districting to address the issue of overcrowding.
5. Safety was another concern parents have mentioned in the survey. The staff indicated that ID system will be updated and students in portables have to walk with a buddy when going into the main building. Cameras have been installed

in the front office and staff is constantly monitoring hallways. Staff indicated parents can help by encouraging students if they see something to report it. Also, parents should try to stay consistent with transportation to and from school and review FCPS safety guidelines with their child.

6. Class Parties was another subject brought up in the survey, due to lack of time for party. Staff indicated next year parties will start 10 min earlier. PTA planning committee should communicate to parents. Grade level should stay consistent with food menus and party plans. Staff indicate that parents should not bring in as much food and keep the parties simple.
7. Volunteers was another subject addressed in the survey by parents. CES is exploring ideas to use volunteer work room and send volunteers to PTA work area to work on projects for teachers. Staff mentioned that PTA could create a Yearbook Committee to provide parents the opportunity to volunteer outside the school day. Teachers are looking into sending cutting and laminated materials home for parents to work on.
8. Extracurricular Activities was another area addressed in the survey. Staff indicated that the curriculum was mandated by FCPS. PTA and staff try to have after school clubs available.
9. The lack of a welcoming environment was also mentioned in the survey. Staff indicated they want parents and students to feel welcome and want to partner with parents. Staff mentioned parents could help by working on accountability such as packing lunches/water bottles with their child and making sure they have their instrument when they are in band.
10. Enrichment and Intervention was also addressed in the survey by parents. Staff indicated they try to infuse enrichment opportunities into instructional time. The staff tries to help students develop a love of learning and model lifelong learning skills.

PTA Survey Results

The PTA survey concluded that parents find out about actives from the following avenues:

- 77% FOF
- 52% CES Newsletter
- 22% Word of Mouth
- 12% PTA Website
- 1% CES Scoop

The survey found that the favorite PTA sponsored actives are as follows:

- #1 Moms w/ Muffins,
- #2 Helping Hoops
- #3 Dads w/ Doughnuts
- #4 Class Baskets/Family Dance
- #5 Assemblies
- #6 Movie Nights
- #7 Grandparents Breakfast

The survey found that parents prefer the following fundraising events:

- #1 - Fun Run
- #2 --Check Writing Event
- #3 - Read-a-thon
- #4 - Halloween Parade/Dance-a-thon
- #5 - Class Baskets

New Business

PTA would like to have a check box that parents can check to give the room parents access to their email addresses, as Class Basket are for teacher grants.

There were complaints about not being able to visit on Field Day unless you were volunteering this year.

Brooke closed meeting at 9:27 am.