

**COLUMBUS HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 25, 2019**

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

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

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Secretary Report – meeting minutes can be found on the CHAS website
3. Treasurer Report – 2019-2020 Operating Budget reviewed and a motion to approve was passed; Megan Patterson is to now assist Sabrina Petrella and train as treasurer. Will be added as a signer on all accounts.
4. School Staff Present – Superintendent Moutis and Mrs. Tellefsen
5. School Reports – presented by Superintendent Moutis
 - Thank you to Columbus Home and School from the teachers for the luncheon that started off the school year
 - Committees for kids are underway – groups include School Newspaper, the Climate Committee, the Caring Crew, and Student Officers.
 - On October 7th there will be a meet and greet with the Superintendent at MTES @ 10am and 5 pm
 - All students who scored a perfect score on NJSLA will be honored at the Board of Education meeting
 - The Board of Education will start to spotlight a student from MTES and JHES each month
 - On 11/13 there will be a Veterans Day Assembly
 - On 11/18 there will be Snacks with the Superintendent
 - On 11/20 there will be Fall Visitation for both schools
 - Curriculum Night will now be held on four nights, each focusing on a different aspect:
 - 1/30 Family Stem night at MTES from 6-7:30
 - 2/25 Family Math night at MTES from 6-7:30
 - 3/11 Family Reading night at MTES from 6-7:30 (correlates with the Book Fair)
 - 4/30 Family Fitness night at MTES from 6-7:30
 - Peach Jar will continue to be utilized to share events and information
 - Families are encouraged to download the Black Board App to stay up to date on school events and notices
 - A new drop off routine is being used at MTES to help with a faster process
 - Five goals have been focused on for the school this year: Math, Reading, Special Education Math, a Teachers Goal, and Parents University
6. Fliers and Communication:
 - Peach Jar will continue to be used to highlight events and notices
 - The Columbus Home and School Website is up to dates with events, flyers, and forms: www.columbushomeandschool.org
 - Face Book page
 - Email newsletters
 - All Executive Board contact information is available on the CHAS website

7. Volunteer E-Form to sign up for all events is to remain open during the year. The link is on the CHAS website.
8. CHAS storage shed and closet: Kelly Sopko and Sabrina Petrella have organized both; please when holding an event, check first with the shed or closet for needed supplies. Supplies are available to borrow and return once the event is completed.
9. 50/50: there will be a continuous 50/50 this year. At CHAS events tickets will be available to purchase with a drawing to be held in June. Tickets will be \$5.00.
10. Yearbook Committee: Yearbook is still in need for volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering as page creator or photographer please contact Nicole Kekesi (nikolelg@aol.com) the first meeting will be held 10/8 at 7pm at MTES.
11. Box Tops will be holding two contests this year. There are changes in the submission of the box tops: Pink box tops are to be cut out and turned in, blue box tops are to be scanned.
12. Meeting Schedule:
 - October 16th Planning Session @ 8pm
 - November 13th Planning Session @ 8pm
 - December 4th Planning Session @ 8pm
 - January 15th General Membership Meeting @ 8pm
 - 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

- KidStuff Books Fundraiser 10/7 through 10/21 (tentative) - dariazola@msn.net; Jacqueline.martini@nokia.com
- Box Tops for Education contest 10/7 through 10/11 - Janice.sarcomo@gmail.com
- Johnson's Locust Hall Farm Fall Fundraiser 10/12, 10/13 & 10/14 – brendajoy558@gmail.com; bbandme8@yahoo.com
- Family Outdoor Movie Night 10/19, 6-8 pm – spetrella1@gmail.com
- School Closed 10/14
- 4th Grade Halloween Party 10/18. MTES Cafeteria – daniela.guarraggi@gmail.com; karasteel04@yahoo.com
- A&M Farms Dessert Fundraiser 10/21-11/20; order pick-up 11/26 – Janice.sarcomo@gmail.com
- Scholastic Book Fair @ JHES: Blast Off 10/25; class Visits 10/28-11/1 – jleightonesq@gmail.com; Janice.sarcomo@gmail.com
- Trunk or Treat 10/28, MTES Parking Lot - cguidotti123@gmail.com
- Class Fall Parties @ Parades 10/31
- Chickie & Pete's Dine & Donate 11/6, 5-10pm
- Family Paint Night 11/15, MTES – karasteel04@yahoo.com

Next meeting – Planning Meeting, Wednesday, October 16th @ 8pm

Submitted by Nicole Kekesi
Recording Secretary