

CLEMENS CROSSING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA
MINUTES OF MEETING
September 13, 2017

PTA President Karen Pang called the meeting to order at 7:02pm

In Attendance

Please see attached attendance sheets.

Welcome and Introductions

Karen welcomed everyone to the first PTA meeting of the year. She then led introductions of attendees by class and by number of kids.

Approval of minutes

Jeff Bloom made a motion to approve the minutes from May 10 and May 18, 2017. Joanna Lake seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

President's Report (Karen Pang)

- Thank you to all the volunteers this year so far, including those that brought in food for the Back to School Breakfast for the teachers, helped put together the First Day folders, and brought food for tonight's meeting.
- The PTA newsletter will not be running this year. Cougar Comments will be sent out every week and will include news from the PTA.
- The Fundraising Committee will be split up this year into the Read-a-thon, Restaurant Nights, Book Fair, and Holiday Shop. Direct donations will be handled by the Membership Chair (Hyung Chang).
- The website is still under construction. The webmaster is working hard to get it back up. There is a link to PTA membership on the CCES website.
- Volunteers for all committees are still needed. Please fill out the form sent home in First Day folders, or talk to Cristina Marchegiani.

Administrator's Report (Ed Cosentino)

- Welcome! We've had an incredible start to the school year so far. We have a total of 550 students this year- slightly more than a normal year, but we also have new teachers and staff.
- Back to School nights will be Sept 18 and 19. They will begin at 6:30pm in the cafeteria. After brief presentations by Mr. Cosentino and the PTA everyone will go to their child's classroom.
- The HCPSS Central Office was recently reorganized. There are six chiefs under the superintendent. CCES is in Area 3, under the Chief School Management and Instructional Leadership Officer.
- We are in the middle of the redistricting process. There are too many kids in the east, and too few in the west. The HCPSS Feasibility Study and the Area Attendance Committee both presented redistricting plans over the summer. On October 3 HCPSS will release the official plan. The administration will support what Dr. Martirano proposes and they will help guide the process. On November 16 the BOE will make the final vote so that there will be plenty of time for transitions.

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- Thank you to the PTA. We will need to recruit new leaders in coming years as many current leaders are parents of 4th and 5th graders.

Treasurer's Report (Jeff Bloom)

- The proposed budget is out, we will vote on it at Back to School nights. The executive committee met over the summer to plan the budget, along with input from committee chairs.
- We need to focus on fundraising in order for programs to run. Once the budget has been approved Jeff will meet with committee chairs about spending and getting reimbursed.
- Hyung Chang mentioned that Jeff is only allowed to be treasurer for one more year.

1st Vice President's Report (Denise Giuliano)

- My job is to plan fun events.
- The Back to School Picnic was awesome. We had great weather and lots of fun.
- Family fun night is coming up on October 19. There will be a DJ and ice cream.
- Bingo night is on November 3. This is family bingo with teachers as mystery callers.
- Roller skate night will be on February 24 from 4:30-6:30 at the Supreme Sports Center.

2nd Vice President's Report (Lea Billingsley)

- I love CCES and the community.
- So far 97% of staff has joined the PTA.

PTA Council Report (Irma Oliver and Joanna Lake)

- Excited to see so many new faces tonight!
- Explained that PTACH is a collective voice of all PTAs in Howard County. We gather voices and opinions to advocate for our schools and our kids. PTACH Representatives are able to share lots of info with us.
- We will make sure that CCES issues are taken to the council.
- We want to know what matters to you. There are index cards on the tables. Please write topics of interest on the cards- speakers, BOE, redistricting, etc.
- Karen Pang asked if there was a PTACH position on redistricting. There is not. PTACH supports BOE position to look at the APFOo and standards for development. If school is at 100% should there not be any development in the area (currently country reg is 115%). These regulations/changes will not affect this year's redistricting.
- Sharon Barnes mentioned that all are welcome to PTACH meetings- we have two voting reps but all parents are invited.

Paw Print Press (Alison Sultan)

- Paw Print Press is a fantastic program that gives the opportunity for all students to write and publish their own book.

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- There will be a few changes this year and we need volunteers! We will be starting earlier in the year:
 - 4th and 5th grades in the coming weeks. We need parents to help them.
 - 2nd and 3rd around Thanksgiving.
 - K and 1st grade in March.
- We will continue using Student Treasures, but all books will cost \$9.95. In previous years there was no cost to parents. PTA will consider offering scholarships to families to help with the cost.

Read-A-Thon (Carrie Seidman)

- The Read-a-thon will be running from September 25- October 6.
 - Flyers will be sent home in Friday folders.
 - Announcements will be made in the mornings and afternoons.
 - There will be displays on the media center windows.
 - The grade with the most participation will win a popsicle party at recess.
 - This fundraiser is intended for grandparents, aunts and uncles, neighbors, etc. Parents are being encouraged to donate directly to CCES during the membership drive.

Restaurant Nights (Katy Petty)

- There will be four restaurant nights this year.
 - Two have been confirmed for Chick-Fil-A on October 3 and June 5, from 6am to 10pm. Families need to mention CCES before ordering- no flyer is needed. CCES will get 20% of sales.
 - Looking at Chipotle and Grottos for the other two nights.

Holiday Shop (Katy Petty)

- Dates are December 7, 8, and 11, from 4-7pm.
- We purchase inventory from an outside company and kids come and shop for the families and friends.
- Volunteers are needed to help the kids purchase and wrap their gifts.
- We are considering allowing vendors such as Lularoe to set up in the halls for parents to shop while their kids are at the Holiday Shop.

Family Mentoring (Joanna Lake)

- New families to CCES are linked to a family in their class for playdates, etc so that they have someone they can ask questions, etc.
- Forms are available in the front office if you want to volunteer.

After School Activities (Karen Pang for Karolina DuBois)

- Sign up sheets have been sent home and are on the class Facebook pages.
- If you have other ideas for after school classes please make suggestions.

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School Play (Jennifer Molinari)

- This year we will be doing Beauty and the Beast Jr. on November 16 and 17.
- Registration has started for 4th and 5th grades.
- 3rd grade will be included if there is still space.
- Schoolhouse Theatre Arts comes to CCES to work with students.
- The cost is \$170 and rehearsals start in a few weeks.

Retail Promotions (Angela Stark)

- Please send in your Box Tops- there will be collection boxes in each grade all year long. Last year this program raised \$1500 for CCES classrooms.
- Please register your Giant card for the A+ Rewards Programs- look for the CCES code in Cougar Comments. Last year CCES was given \$4500.

Membership (Hyung Chang)

- Our goal this year is 100% membership. We are currently at about 25%.
- You can turn in your membership form (in First Day Folders) anytime, or join on the CCES website.

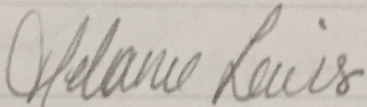
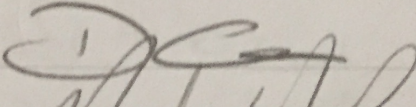
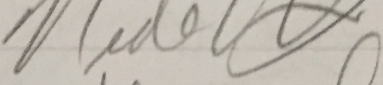
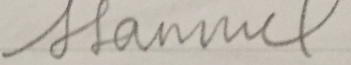
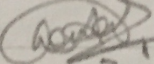
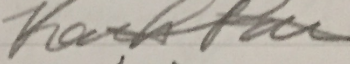
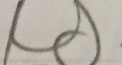
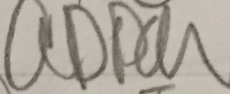
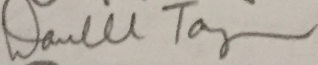
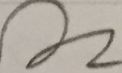
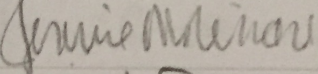
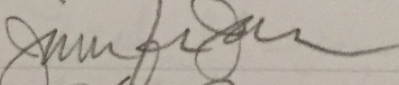
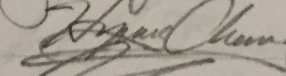
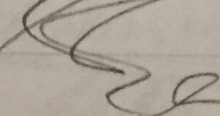
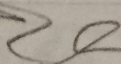
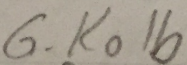
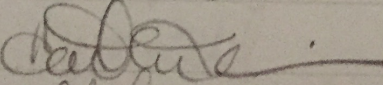
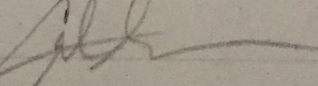
New Business

- Mr. Cosentino wants CCES to be a National PTA School of Excellence. There are 8 steps involved. Joanna Lake will be working with him on this distinction.
- The administration is considering adopting/supporting a school affected by the recent hurricanes in Texas and Florida. More details will come soon.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14pm.

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Dani Gardner	
Neda Hashmi	
Stephanie Samuel	
ARCHANA SUBRAMANIAN	
Kathryn Patterson	
Michele Scarborough	
Alice Papp	
Danielle Taymoorian	
Joanna Lalor	
Jennie Molinar	
Jennifer Jackson	
Hyung Chang	
Shah Mitchell	
Ron Sims	
Giselle Kolb	
Heather Richardson	
Carlos Green	

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Risa Carlson	Risa Carlson
RAMSEY HARANI	Ramsey Harani
Matt Raagy	Matt Raagy
Virginia Roney	Virginia Roney
Jonn Aballo	Jonn Aballo
Allison Sultan	Allison Sultan
JEREMY SMITH	Jeremy Smith
Jessica Cade	Jessica Cade
Christy Smith	Christy Smith
Janila Howard	Janila Howard
Beth Magen	Beth Magen
CRAIG BENJAMIN	Craig Benjamin
Adelis Rodriguez	Adelis Rodriguez
Jeff Bloom	Jeff Bloom
Chris McDonald	Chris McDonald
Tally Frankel	Tally Frankel
DENISE GIULIANO	Denise Giuliano
Jennifer Champion	Jennifer Champion

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Angela Lofier	Angela Lofier
Sharon G. Barnes	Sharon G. Barnes
Lea Billingsley	Lea Billingsley
Lynn Lascoe	Lynn Lascoe

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