

CCES PTA November Meeting

Minutes

November 14, 2018

I. Call to Order:

The PTA held a November Meeting.

Met on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at Clemens Crossing Elementary School in the Media Center.

Karen Pang, President, called the meeting to Order at 7:03 pm.

II. Roll Call:

Present

Officers:

Karen Pang, President
Dani Gardner, 1st VP (Program Chair)
Eileen "Lea" Billingsley, 2nd VP (Staff Liaison)
Vanessa Beltran, Recording Secretary
Denise Giuliano, Corresponding Secretary
Hyung Chang, Treasurer
Christy Smith, PTA Council Rep (1)
Vanessa Castleberry, SIT Representative & Special Ed. Liaison

Standing Committee Chairs:

Jennie Molinari, Play Coordinator
Louise Valentine, CAC Representative
Jenn Aballo, Social Media
Risa Carlson, Cultural Arts, International Night & Reflections
Carrie Seidman, Fundraising

Special Committee Chairs:

Christy Pine, Bingo Night
Allie McDonald, Destination Imagination, Science Fair & STEM
Corrine Benjamin, Membership

Administrators:

Edward Cosentino, Principal
Sonia Hurd, Assistant Principal

Guests:

****see attached attendance sheet.**

Absent

Officers:

Emily Livelsberger, PTA Council Rep (2)

Standing Committee Chairs:

Karolina DuBois, After School Programs & Half Day Activities
Debasmita Patra, Communications
Suzanne Papailiou, Cultural Arts & International Night
Alison Sultan, Paw Print Press
Danielle Taymoorian, Staff Appreciation
Joy Spies, Volunteer Coordinator & Memory Book

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III. Bylaws:

1. Ryan, Bylaws Committee Chair, *****see attached report for details***
 - a) Discussed and presented his report.
 - b) Hyung, Treasurer, made a motion to approve new bylaws, it was seconded.

IV. Administrators' Report:

1. Mr. Cosentino, Principal,
 - a) 408 out of the 493 students have been signed up for parent/teacher conferences.
 - b) The week of Thanksgiving, Mon and Tue, school has early dismissal and Wed, Thu, & Friday, school is closed.
 - c) MAP Test results & report cards came home today.
 - d) We could have snow on Thursday. He has sent an email about our weather closing procedure.
 - e) If we have an early dismissal - make sure you know how your child is getting home.
 - f) Lead report - One sink in the kitchen wash room showed a higher parts-per-million level of lead. The sink is out of commission until HCPSS can remediate the problem.
2. Mrs. Hurd, Assistant Principal,
 - a) CoGat coming during 1st week in December starting Tuesday. It is the test we use for GT placement. Has 3 segments verbal, non verbal & reasoning. If kid qualifies for GT in the 5th grade kid will automatically qualify for GT in Middle School. If not, parent has the option to place child in GT on their own. More info will come as we get closer.
 - b) Bubble assessment. Nothing to do to prepare, just remind kids to do their best

V. 1st Vice President's Report:

1. Dani, 1st Vice President,
 - a) Don't really have Vice President's report, need volunteers for parent partners, request coming in from teachers, please if you are interested contact her.

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VI. 2nd Vice President's Report:

1. Eileen "Lea", 2nd Vice President,
 - a) Thank you for coming to read a ton last evening those that showed had a great time. Had a huge turn out for staff. Trying to gauge what to do for next year. Classrooms weren't very crowded.
 - b) Story pirates, children loved it.
 - c) And thank you ahead of time for dinners that will be provided for conferences.
 - d) Karen, President, explains teachers will have gift certificates for book fair.
 - e) Lea, Mrs. Marshall doesn't make a wish list, she needs books too. Giving her gift certificate would be great. A lot of people don't think she needs books

VII. PTA Council of Howard County (PTACHC) Report:

1. Christy, PTA Council Rep, *****see attached report for details***
 - a) PTACHC Meeting was held on Nov 5th.
 - b) HCPSS wants additional focus on mental health. HCPSS has partnered with Horizon Foundation to improve mental health services and develop nutrition program.
 - c) Discussion ensued about Talbot Springs Elementary School and High School 14.

VIII.CAC Report:

1. Louise, CAC Rep,
 - a) Meeting held, Oct 17th, mental health was discussed as well.
 - b) Major highlights:
 - (1) Using a model Anne Arundle has been using, using professional mental health providers.
 - (2) Will be providing services for uninsured and disadvantaged students.
 - (3) Discussed ways to improve communication tools to use for community.
 - (4) Next meeting was tonight. She will get notes and give reports.

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IX. Committee Reports:

1. Dani, 1st Vice President and Co-Chair of Book Fair,
 - a) Need volunteer tomorrow from 4pm
 - b) New things, gift certificates being offered, doing really well. Some teachers don't come and it's a great way for teachers to choose their books.
 - c) Read-a-Thon, please make sure you get your child's \$1 for the Read-a-Thon.
 - d) We restock every day don't think the school runs out. So please keep stoping
 - e) Thank you for everyone who has helped and shopped.

2. Mr. Cosentino, Principal, on behalf of Carolyn, Spiritwear Committee,
 - a) Selling first come first serve, will probably make anther \$200.
 - b) People want to come to 40th, may want to consider placing another order to have for guest attending.

3. Jennie, School Play Coordinator,
 - a) Registration ended today. Rehearsals start Nov 28th on Wednesday nights.
 - b) Performance will be at WLMS.
 - c) Cost can be prohibited. If you are a family in need PTA has money to help with scholarships.

4. Allie, on behalf of Chris McDonald, STEM & Destination Imagination,
 - a) Monday they are having an interest meeting for Destination Imagination at 6pm. There are two D.I. (Destination Imagination) teams. In March regional tournaments scheduled.
 - b) There is an in-house field trip for 1st grade - Planetarium. There will be two shows on December 14th.
 - c) Working with 4th grade to schedule a circuit activity for next semester.

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5. Karen, President, on behalf of Nicole Bellows, Holiday Shop
 - a) After Book-fair closes, this year a week after, we offer a Holiday Shop. Things are affordable for the kids so they can buy gifts on their own for friends and family.
 - b) Will be on Dec 13, 14th, & 15th.
 - c) Unfortunately we couldn't open before Hanukkah. We tried, but Hanukkah this year was very early; we just couldn't get it in.

6. Risa, Reflections, Cultural Arts & International Night,
 - a) Reflections:
 - (1) Entries are due on Friday. Will approach teachers for judging and then take it from there. We are up to date
 - b) Story Pirates:
 - (1) Story pirates came on Monday, sorry if they gave teachers headache. The kids loved them!
 - c) Smithsonian Discovery Theatre, February 19th, for Black History Month.
 - (1) Next on the list. "Into the Great Unknown," is name of performance. Still looking for steel drums to come it would be really nice

7. Carrie, Fundraising (Read-a-Thon),
 - a) Participation was down from last year. A little over \$3000, didn't make our \$4,000 goal.
 - b) We made it later than last year, that may have been factor for low turn out. Last year we did in September and people were still excited with beginning of school activities.
 - c) Suggestion was made to create a log for the families, that we give to students to fill. It could help the families to keep track of reading more easily.
 - d) Risa, received information from someone who sent her a link from a school who does their Read-a-Thon on-line. Carrie's husband may be able to create it.
 - e) Karen, could maybe make the book fair coupon a real paper coupon sent home. Maybe can also add with online option.

8. Corrine, Membership,
 - a) Currently have 221 memberships, good news is we have \$11,970, \$9,600 in donation, \$2,300 in memberships.
 - b) Discussion ensued about whether there was a way to cross reference families who have joined and make targeted suggestion.

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X. Treasurer's Report:

1. Hyung, Treasurer,
 - a) Still trying to get more numbers from prior treasurer. So far the payments he's made are reflected in budget.
 - b) Still getting organized. What happened was that the end of October took time to review everything, because numbers were not adding up. Everything was there, record keeping was just a bit skewed.
 - c) Had to submit Financial Review due at the end of October.
 - d) Got about \$12,700 in bank and with all the outstanding and deposits that have not been clear we have about \$12,700 left in bank. Financially we are doing ok, haven't had anything go out of budget and no unexpected expenditures.
 - e) By next month I should be completely caught up. He can see the end.

XI. New Business:

1. Karen, President,
 - a) I love to sing, I'm jewish but love to go Christmas Caroling. Last year, we ended up going caroling; lets do it again! Come and sing.
 - b) We were thinking to do something PTA related after holidays, maybe white elephant. January was suggested. We will do something January.
 - c) Group that wants to start school later, is going to meet Elkridge library Nov 25th. Please join if you are interested. There is new Board of Education, so it is good time to re-approach. The Board has 4 new members.
 - d) Mr. Cosentino, need to form committee for 40th anniversary, need people. If any one wants to help let Dani know.

XII. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm

Vanessa Beltrán, Recording Secretary

Bylaws Committee Report

- Ryan Genovese

Bylaws Committee Report

The Maryland State PTA requires all local PTAs to reapprove, with any changes, the local bylaws at least once every three years. To stay in compliance, the Clemens Crossing Elementary School PTA needs to reapprove the bylaws in November 2018.

The President appointed the Bylaws committee and it was approved by the membership. The committee reviewed the bylaws adopted in 2012 and 2015 and then created a draft proposal for 2018. The President reviewed the draft and the draft bylaws were posted online, through Cougar Comments, in October 2018.

The state PTA provides a bylaws template to each local PTA. Many of the sections are required and may not be amended, the remainder of the bylaws may be changed by strike outs and addendums, all subject to the approval of the state PTA.

The following list highlights the changes in this draft from the 2015 CCES PTA Bylaws:

- The elected executive committee of the local will now be President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and Corresponding Secretary.
- Previously the delegates to the PTA Council of Howard County and the representative to the School Improvement Team were elected and part of the Executive Committee, but they will now be appointed positions and be members of the Board of Directors.
- Nominations for officers will now happen at the April general membership meeting. The nominations committee will make a report and then the floor will be open for any other nominations. Any positions where there is only one nominee will not require an election in May.
- The general membership meeting quorum is lowered from 30 to 20 members.

The other edits and amendments to the bylaws were included in earlier (2012 and 2015) versions of the bylaw.

PTACHC Report - Christy Smith

Superintendent Report

Mr. James LeMon – HCPSS Executive Director of Community, Parent and School Outreach

HCPSS recommends additional focus on Mental Health

HCPSS has partnered with the Horizon Foundation to improve mental health services to students as well as to develop an innovative nutrition program.

Horizon Foundation will focus on four things in schools:

- Wellness policy in schools
- School food, including breakfasts
- School sports programs
- Head Start Program

Through a grant, HCPSS will be expanding school based mental health services in pilot schools this year.

Talbott Springs Elementary School

- The Maryland IAC (Interagency Committee on School Construction) announced it will match funds for a rebuild of Talbott Springs.
- The IAC may have approved matching, but the matching formulas are under consideration for change for each Maryland county.
- State Matching for Howard County is currently 55% of specified costs. IAC is considering 54%

High School 14

Elkridge High Task Force Report: UPS facility and Troy Park were recommended to the BOE for future acquisition.

BOE Meeting – **Oath of Office** for new board members Dec. 3, 4:00 pm, BOE building

November Sign-In Sheet

SIGN IN SHEET

<u>name</u>	<u>Signature</u>
• Karen Pang	Karen Pang
• Lea Billingsley	Lea Billingsley
• Ed Cesentino	Ed Cesentino
• Sonia Hurd	Sonia Hurd
CRAIG BENJAMIN	Cy FB
CORRINE BENJAMIN (already signed)	
• DENISE GIULIANO	Denise M. Giuliano
• Risa Carlson	Risa Carlson
Jeremy Smith	Christina Smith
• Christy Smith	
Monique Griffin	Monique Griffin
• Louise Valentine	Louise Valentine
Jennifer Champion	Jennifer Champion
Cheryl Hurbon	Cheryl Hurbon
Adrienne Snyder	Adrienne Snyder
JENNIFER JACKSON	Jennifer Jackson
Andriani Buck	Andriani Buck
• Christy Pine	Christy Pine

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<u>name</u>	<u>Signature</u>
• Allie McDonald	Allie McDonald
Sangeeta Varghese	Sangeeta Varghese
• Carrie Seidman	Carrie Seidman
Jen Nwosu	Jen Nwosu
Claire Abbamonte	Claire Abbamonte
Jen McClung	Jen McClung
Liz Laney	Liz Laney
Jennifer Siegal	Jennifer Siegal
• Vanessa Castiblanco	Vanessa Castiblanco
• Hyung Chang	Hyung Chang
Raghavi Patel	Raghavi Patel
• Jennifer Aballo	Jennifer Aballo
• Corrine Benjamin	Corrine Benjamin
• Vanessa Beltran	Vanessa Beltran