

CCES PTA March Meeting Meeting Minutes April 15, 2020

I. Call to Order:

The PTA held an April Meeting.

Meeting was on Wednesday, April 15, 2020 and was held virtually using Google Meet
Dani, President, called the meeting to Order at 7:01 pm.

II. Roll Call:

Present

Executive Committee (Board of Directors):

Dani Gardner, President
Christy Pine, 1st VP (Program Chair)
Eileen "Lea" Billingsley, 2nd VP (Staff Liaison)
Vanessa Beltran, Recording Secretary & School Play

Standing Committees (Board of Directors):

Ryan Genovese, Audit Committee & Policy
Giulia Taraszkievicz, Audit Committee
Risa Carlson, Cultural Arts
Rachael Kelly, Staff Appreciation
Allie McDonald, STEM Activities
Christ McDonald, STEM Activities

Administrators:

Edward Cosentino, Principal
Sonia Hurd, Assistant Principal

Special Committee Chairs:

Alex Kent, Bingo Night
Jennifer Jackson, Spiritwear
Jennifer Champion, Website Content
Will Josiger

III. Etiquette:

1. Mr. Cosentino, Principal,
 - a) Discussed proper meeting etiquette for our virtual meeting.

IV. Minutes:

1. Dani, President, presented the minutes of the March meeting. The minutes were accepted as presented.
2. Christy Pine made a motion to approve the minutes, Jennifer Jackson seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

V. President's Report:

1. Dani, President,
 - a) Remaining PTA events such as International Night, Talent Show and the Spring Carnival are cancelled. Everything to be determined next year if we will roll any of the events over into the new year.
 - b) Yearbook is almost finished. It has been submitted in the proofing stage. Deadline is next week for orders. Need to sell 225, and we have 175 so far. PTA will order 10-15 extra and Strawbridge said they would help.

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- c) Paw Print Press (PPP) were collected and shipped out. Should come back in Late May/June and Dani will find way to distribute. We will not do PPP next year.

VI. Administrators' Report:

1. Mr. Cosentino, Principal,
 - a) Meeting with the staff and get everyone ready for online learning next week. A great deal of time and energy is being spent making sure kids will be safe and virtual environments will be safe for teaching. Howard County is focused on long-term (beyond April 27th) distance teaching. Though it will not be perfect, we are very confident and positive about the tools and content for students. Meet and greets with teachers begin next week.
 - b) In regards to staffing, interviews have been underway and over 36 teachers have been interviewed. There are many excellent candidates for next year. It is up to Central Office and HR for pairing top picks between schools and teachers.
2. Mrs. Hurd, Assistant Principal,
 - a) Miss the kids. Please tell them we are thinking of them and miss them very much. Excited to see them, even if only virtually.
 - b) Feeling very positive about the candidates for hire as many asked about PTA functions and what opportunities they would have to engage with CCES families.

VII. Treasurer's Report:

1. Dani, on behalf of Liz, Treasurer,
 - a) Did not send budget out because next week we are meeting for mid year audit.
 - b) We have a large surplus. We are only allowed to have certain percentage on surplus.
 - (1) Discussion ensued on ways to use the surplus money on items the school and students could use (ie. Chromebook cart,) however, we have conflicting responses for purchases from PTA. We will look into it.
 - (2) Several lines show last years money.
 - c) Discussion ensued over different line items and payments that need to be made.

VIII. 1st Vice President's Report:

1. Christy, 1st Vice President,
 - a) Nothing to Share

IX. 2nd Vice President's Report:

1. Eileen "Lea", 2nd Vice President,
 - a) Teachers wanted to make sure that they are doing the best they can and are being trained by the county so they can meet the needs of the children.
 - b) Teachers miss the kids very much.

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- c) Kids will be having Google meetings and kids will be logging on a certain way and we will be working with the kids to teach them. These procedures are strict and necessary to keep the children safe.
- d) First virtual meeting will probably have many questions. It would be best for parents to email questions before hand so we can compile a list and answer as many as we can. Discussion ensued on how to gather questions from parents.

X. Committee's Report:

- 1. Rachael, Kiss a Pig
 - a) Staff at Homewood school mentioned families need money for groceries. Dani sent money for grocery store gift cards. \$655. April 13th. Ms. Richie won the contest. She is expecting twins!
- 2. Rachael, Staff appreciation
 - a) Not expecting to be in school. We have quite a bit of money left over. We could maybe do e-gift cards of approximately \$10/15.
 - b) Kids put up pictures of themselves. Kids could maybe print and color it and we can share digitally to share. So we don't overwhelm everyone every day. Every grade would pick a day.
 - c) Question was asked if parents send gift cards? Answer was: yes, however, it cannot be no more than \$25.
 - d) Discussion ensued on how to involve room parents and parents to have more participation.
- 3. Christy, Nominating Committee,
 - a) Important Positions still needed:
 - (1) Need Recording
 - (2) Corresponding
 - (3) Treasury
 - (4) Membership
- 4. Chris, Science Fair
 - a) Normally have 50 people, do not know how many have responded to the sign up from Cougar Comments.
 - b) Normally get volunteers, students present, officials give feedback and give medals.
 - c) Not sure how to do it virtually. Discussion issued how to make it happen. Interactive would be nice for the children, Mr. Cosentino will ask Mr. Fischer.

XI. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm

Vanessa Beltrán, Recording Secretary