

# CCES PTA March Meeting Meeting Minutes May 13, 2020

## I. Call to Order:

The PTA held a May Meeting.

Meeting was on Wednesday, May 13, 2020 and was held virtually using Google Meet  
Dani, President, called the meeting to Order at 7:02 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):

Rachael Kelly, Staff Appreciation  
Allie McDonald, STEM Activities  
Christ McDonald, STEM Activities

### Administrators:

Edward Cosentino, Principal  
Sonia Hurd, Assistant Principal

### Special Committee Chairs:

Jennifer Jackson, Spiritwear  
Jennifer Champion, Website Content  
Will Josiger

## III. Minutes:

1. Dani, President, presented the minutes of the April meeting. The minutes were accepted as presented.
2. Ed Cosentino made a motion to approve the minutes, Lea Billingsley seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

## IV. President's Report:

1. Dani, President,
  - a) This is the last meeting for the year. There will be a small meeting over the summer with the executive board. This is to create the budget. Question what is the plan since we are losing people over redistricting, do we have to do an election.
  - b) If you are turning a committee over, please send your material to your successor.
  - c) If you have any unpaid receipts please do submit what is needed, we also need any teachers who need reimbursements they need to turn in the proper forms asap.
  - d) Thank everyone for this year. It has been quite a year with the redistricting and Covid-19. Hopefully next year will be a great one too.

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**V. Administrators' Report:**

1. Mr. Cosentino, Principal,
  - a) Thank you all for teacher appreciation
  - b) Want to make sure everyone understands the requirements for participation. It has been listed it in the Cougar Comments
  - c) The Howard County Board of Education Meeting agenda for tomorrow night is out and one issue being discussed will be Mr. Lerner, Chief Human Resources and Professional Development Officer, proposing June 23rd for last day of school.
    - (1) Mr. Cosentino is an advocate for keeping DreamBox and Lexia Core
  - d) PTA School of Excellence.
    - (1) This year we were in a renewal year. This will continue next year, we did not loose our opportunity to apply.
  - e) Articulation. We have been talking and working closely with the children coming in from Swansfield. We are still preceding as if we are going back to school in August.
  - f) 5th grade is planning a virtual celebration and teachers will be reaching out parents in regards to it.
  - g) Discussion ensued and question were asked in regards to time spent on some of the digital platforms kids are using for distance learning and plans for incoming Kindergarten students.
  
2. Mrs. Hurd, Assistant Principal,
  - a) Thank you, everyone, for everything you guys are doing. We have created a schedule where more than one adult is in on all the children's meetings.

**VI. Treasurer's Report:**

1. Dani, on behalf of Liz, Treasurer,
  - a) Liz could not get an updated budget this week. Staff appreciation gift cards were sent out.
  - b) We are still waiting until our end of year audit to see what our surplus will be and also for an answer from Maryland PTA for guidance on how to use the money.
  - c) If you have any questions let us know.
  - d) If you have any concerns for next years budget please let us know.

**VII. 1st Vice President's Report:**

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

**VIII. 2nd Vice President's Report:**

1. Eileen "Lea", 2nd Vice President,
  - a) Teachers right now are really happy that we have switched around and now see our math kids and our homeroom kids every week.
  - b) There has been some confusion from what is expected. Making sure the kids hit the submit button. Teachers are trying to keep reaching out and making sure everyone is on the same page.
  - c) If any parents have any questions please reach out to your teachers.

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**IX. Committee's Report:**

1. Rachael, Staff appreciation
  - a) Seems like the kids liked sending the messages to the teachers. It was a lot less busy and demanding than in other years, but we are looking forward to doing it in person next year.
  
2. Christy, Nominating Committee,
  - a) Ryan Genovese stepped up to be Recording Secretary.
  - b) We still have a lot of holes (positions) to be filled, but right now is hard to get people to commit.
  - c) Membership is still empty but it will be all digital next year. There is a new hub that will be used, we just need to figure out how to sort the direct donations aspect out. This job should be a lot easier next year.
  - d) Discussion ensued about sending out some communication to our incoming families and adding it in the Cougar Comments.
  - e) Jeff McMan is the shaved ice vendor that always comes to our school. He has been very good and gracious to us always, so let's keep him in mind for other activities.
  
3. Chris, Science Fair,
  - a) We have been very impressed with the teachers in our live meetings.
  - b) We will do two Zoom Meetings. They will be very controlled and safe.
  - c) We have 7 total groups so far, but it is not too late to join. Groups will send me their slides ahead of time and I will share my screen.
  - d) After presentations we have a good group of science professionals that will ask questions and discuss projects with the kids.
  - e) Date is very flexible, I was just going to go with the date that it was already set.
  
4. Karolina, Enrichment Activities,
  - a) I heard from Silver Knight Chess and wanted to discuss it before we added it.
    - (1) They are offering a Spring classes online.
    - (2) They offered to give a donation to the PTA for every student registered.
    - (3) They also offered the classes free for FARM students or children who may have a parent who lost a job due to Coronavirus.

**X. New Business:**

1. Ed, Principal,
  - a) We are already putting things into next years calendar. We would like to proceed as if Coronavirus will not be an issue and plan ahead. Discussion ensued over the activities the PTA could go ahead and place on the calendar.
  
2. Rachael, Staff Appreciation,
  - a) Meeting like this has had its benefits. We may want to find a way to continue to allow parents to join remotely. It may increase parent participation.

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- (1) Mr. Cosentino and Mrs. Hurd mentioned that the administration has discussed this as well. Maybe even having a person dedicated to reading comments and asking question for parent who may be meeting remotely.

**XI. Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm

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Vanessa Beltrán, Recording Secretary