

CCES PTA Minutes for October 14, 2020

Meeting convened at 7:00. 11 members present (via Google Meet)

Motion to adopt meeting minutes for September 9, 2020, was moved, seconded and approved by the members.

President's Report: President Garner reported on recent informational meeting with other PTA presidents & HCPSS Superintendent. The discussion was mostly about COVID and COVID response, and what will happen if we return in Feb. Current plan is, if an outbreak happens in a particular school during hybrid school, then that school would go back to full virtual.

COVID related discussion on the resources currently available for students. And how HCPSSS will deal with achievement gap.

Another topic was the SROs. Work sessions are happening with stakeholders now & decisions will be made before schools reopen (in Feb).

Administration Report: October is National Principals Month.

MAP testing was a challenge, but a success (according to Mrs. Hurd).

Principal Cosentino thanks teachers and parents for all the hard work that goes into virtual learning.

Treasurer's report: Executive Committee has approved Sue Campbell as the new treasurer, she has replaced Liz Laney. No report from Treasurer Campbell at this time. VP Pine reports that we are approximately halfway to our donations goal of \$5000.

1st VP Report: VP Pine highlights new fundraising event coming, Haunting Out Hunger, it will run from Weds Oct 21 to October 31st. Families will complete a virtual mile walkathon as a fundraiser to benefit Blessings in a Backpack. Suggested entry is \$10, families who participate will get a Goodie Bag (pickup on Nov 1st). Full details in Cougar Comments.

Schools are giving out lunches (and additional food), for all children. Please participate.

2nd VP report: VP Billingsley thanks teacher appreciation team. Reports that staff is saying we need things to look forward to so wants to look into virtual spirit week.

Teachers note that if one kid turns off the camera then all the kids do, and teachers would ask that kids keep them on (so it's not like teaching to a brick wall)

Committee Reports

Staff appreciation: Chairperson reports they have already sent out two games to the staff. They are also doing Halloween gift baskets. Plan will be to give away 10 target gift cards in November and will do something for thanksgiving.

Read-a-thon: No committee report, but it is currently going on. Donations should be received by October 23. Details in Cougar Comments

Restaurant night: no committee chair at this time. But VP Pine, is working on 4 dates with Chik-fil-a. Also looking for a date with Nothing Bundt Cake

Book Fair: Committee Chair McDonald has talked about options, and it will mostly likely will be an online book fair. They are working out shipping details and teacher donation details. And also details on making book donations to another elementary school.

SpiritWare: Jen Jackson new committee chair. This year CCES PTA will be using the same company as we have used in the past. If we have orders by Nov. 15 then they will be available before Christmas. Flyer will be out soon.

Blessings in a Backpack: This year they are working with CISCO, and the food will come prepackaged for the students. Participants are anonymous and the food will be left at doors. Students who were in it at Swansfield are still being covered by Swansfield, but the CCES program will be running by early November.

Reflections: Chairperson Risa Carlson – everything is ready and will be added to PTA website & Cougar Comments. We will be expanding from three categories to six categories. All entries are due November 24. Request to have all materials be dropped off at the school.

Talent Show: Committee Chair Risa Carlson. Has experience with virtual events & recitals. We need to discuss when it should be, but regardless of date it will remain a virtual event.

New Business:

Virtual bingo: Is there interest? Looking to figure out the virtual aspect of it. It was discussed that 250 people could do it through google meet, but it will be very slow. Look into options of setting up multiple rooms.e multiple rooms or something. Question raised: Will it be a fund raiser or just a fun thing. No decision. The event usually runs in in November, so hope that we could do it then.

No other new business. **Meeting adjourned. 7:50**