

Meeting Minutes CCES PTA, November 11, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7:02, 12 members virtually attending at call to order.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve October 14, 2020 meeting's minutes made by Ms. Pine, 2nd Mr. Cosentino. Approved unanimously

President's Report (Dani Gardner)

President is looking to amend bylaws, we have to in 21 but we will begin now. Looking reduce quorum and other changes. And increase term limits to three years.

There is discussion about state of Maryland PTA and their troubles. Topic is broached about moving to PTO (alternate group).

Administrators' Report (Mr. Cosentino and Mrs. Hurd)

Principal says 1st quarter is done and successful. Praises our tough choices in Howard county that have led to consistent teaching over the whole quarter.

Teacher conferences are being opening up soon for scheduling.

Talks about the long road to planning for possible eventual return to schools, whenever it comes.

VP Hurd adds that they are proud how kids have adapted and adjusted to the new normal

Treasurer's Report (Sue Campbell)

Sue is not present today. She is currently doing PTA training.

VP Pine gave the report

Audit has been completed, there were no reported irregularities.

Read-a-thon & Blessing in a backpack both raised \$1200

1st Vice President's Report (Christy Pine)

Next Chik-fil-a fundraiser is December 9th.

There will also be a Bundt cake fundraiser after the holidays

2nd Vice President Report (Mrs. Billingsley)

Mrs. Billingsly is unable to be here tonight.

She sent along a report that thanks the staff appreciation committee.

Committee Reports

- Staff Appreciation (Rachael Kelly and Raghavi Patel)

Chairperson Kelly, there will continue to be staff appreciation events in November (thanksgiving baskets), and December. Currently no plans for 2nd semester.

There will be goodie bags instead of a dinner for the parent teacher meetings.

They will also be doing gift bags for the building service workers.

- Book Fair (Allie McDonald)

Virtual bookfair through Follet company, Scholastic has changed their terms and Follet will be better for the media center, so committee moved to Follet.

Starts on Friday the 13^h and will run through the 30th. Books will be delivered to school and then we will do drive by pick up.

Link will be in Cougar Comments.

- Bingo (Alex Kent)

Virtual Bingo December 4th. There will be an RSVP and then people will pick up baggies of supplies at the school. Done through google Meet. There will be one room, if it gets too big then we will cap it and do it a second time.

If it is a success, we could do it again and this isn't a fundraiser just a community activity.

- Spiritwear (Jennifer Jackson)

Sale is open now. It is on twitter and facebook now and will be on cougar comments next week.

Orders open until November 22nd. Orders will be delivered around the first week of December.

New Business

- Virtual Activity Survey Results

Alex Kent delivering the results of the survey about interested in virtual events.

51 responses, most responses were positive for doing virtual events.

Many people said they would like Friday night events and also events on days off or half days.

Most people responded that they would participate as a family. And people said they would probably prefer to gather the materials themselves (instead of coming to pick up at the school).

Further discussions on how to find ways for kids to connect virtually this year.

-Other new business –

-Question about will we have room parents? At this time No.

-Reminder that we need to have families update their email address in family file.

-If we go back to school Feb 1st the school schedule will be adjusted 20 minutes later.

-Teacher gifts: Question about how parents could get gifts to teachers who are not coming in. Also asking teachers to update wish lists. And a reminder that gifts need to be less than \$25.

-Reminder that the Reflections deadline is in two weeks.

-Meeting adjourned at 8:13