

CCES PTA 10/13/2021 Meeting

7:02 Call to order

11 members present, 5 virtual at time of call to order.

Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

Minutes are available online. Raghavi Patel makes a motion to approve minutes as written. Seconded by Jennifer Jackson. No discussion, minutes approved.

President's report

Picnic was a fun success Thanks to all those that helped.

Reminder that Read-a-thon has been moved closer to holidays

School Play, President has been in touch with the company that has done it previously. We are planning on January/February at this time.

The Executive Committee has approved Lisa Scata to fill the open 2nd Vice President position for the remainder of the term.

Admin Report

Principal Cosentino reports on the PTA School of Excellence work. (The slideshow will be posted online)

The survey has gone out and returned. Looking at the results, CCES has done well in the survived areas, but there are still paths for improvement.

Committee will share plans at the next meeting.

Administration thanks families for being flexible, the previous week there were approximated 120 students who had to quarantine.

Car loop has improved since earlier in the school year. CCES has reduced the dismissal time by 20 minutes compared to the start of year. There has been an additional bus assigned, so that has reduced bus time as well.

This year grading and reporting are different, there are no interims this year. Only quarterly grades.

Mrs. Hurd reminds us that 10/18 starts testing and goes for two weeks.

Treasurer report

Deana is not present, Christy Pine (virtual) reports. There has been an increase in direct donation (have gotten about 111 total donations, families and teachers).

Vice Presidents Reports

Christy Pine (virtual): none

Lisa Scata – family fun night/fall festival will be held 10/29. The event will be from 5:00-7:00PM (set up at 4PM). There will be games, a selfie wall, pumpkin raffle, NO FOOD. Around 5:45 there will be a costume parade, which will go into the trunk or treat (parking lot is for decorated cars only). Need volunteers for setup/raffle/parking etc. Info in cougar comments, with a signup genius following.

Staff Liaison Report

Ms. Billingsly: Room parents, we will keep advertising in cougar comments, but also teachers that specifically want a room parent should reach out to the class (parents) directly.

Committee Reports

- Back pack bundles – (L. Scata) food donations are set through December.
- Restaurant day – (A. Hickman) Chik fil a day was yesterday. There are at least 7 more scheduled for the year. Mod pizza will be the next one
- Book Fair – still looking for a co-chair, someone who will be comfortable being in the building

Scheduled for 15th to 19th of November. Committee still looking to find a safe set of procedures. Some schools are doing it in shifts, some are outside. If it was outside, it would be 4-5 outside and then move back to inside for 6-7.

Idea was proposed to move the Book Fair to the spring. There is debate over the benefits of having it for holiday shopping (fall) vs. drawing more shoppers (spring)

President sees consensus to move it to spring. No objections.

Then discussion on specific dates. Ideas proposed, second week in march 7-11th, or last week in April, or the week before spring break (April 4-8th)

Motion to make it April 4th by Lisa Scata, seconded and approved.

- Staff appreciation -- Parent teacher conferences, committee usually provides a meal, but as only some will be in the building for the virtual conferences, a lunch will work better.

Also, Thankful Thursdays, donating for money or food on Thursdays to thank staff. Signup for slots will be available.

- Spiritwear – (J. Jackson): orders are being delivered already. 90 orders, so far, but it will be open all year.
- Reflections, (R. Carlson): information will be in cougar comments this week. Deadline will be right after Thanksgiving. Theme is “I will change the world by...”
- Cultural Arts –Looking for ideas for what activities we can do with no assemblies at this time. Chairs will look at options and report back.

New Business:

- Half day activities: There will be space so we will look for possible activities.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14