



Cape St. Claire PTO

Supporting our children's education

PTO MEETING MINUTES

February 12, 2019

Media Center, CSCES

Meeting began at 6:32PM.

Minutes from the previous meeting were unanimously approved.

In attendance: Laura Pappas, Kristina Poist, Jerry Kent, Mary Bradford, Alison Moore, Heather Szczytko, Rebecca Hall, Laura Towers, Lauren Averill, Ari Tannenbaum, Kim Burrows, Ginny Fisher, Morgan Van Arsdall, Erika Ricucci, Lori Runk, Lindsey Lantz, Laura Girton, Samantha Wilkinson, Robin LaRosa, Kristin Garrett, Antonio Alvarez (PIAC Rep).

Antonio Alvarez: PIAC Representative for Cape St. Claire.

- The "Parental Involvement Advisory Council" was established back in 2015. They meet six times a year and take broader issues & concerns to the Superintendent.
- The Superintendent wants parent input on larger issues that are affecting our students. The Superintendent want Parents/PTO/Principal to work together. Any ideas on better engaging students, parents and schools please pass them along to Antonio. Antonio will also pass along information as he sees fit.

Morgan Van Arsdall:

- Citizen Advisory Committee rep. Morgans' group works with the Board of Education. Board only deals with policy/strategic goals. Those policies are then handed off to the Superintendent, and down to the schools.
- Meeting on 2/11 covered the budget overview. It's a 1.3 billion operating budget. They're currently about 1/2 way through the budgeting process. Some hearings have been had, but mostly teachers showed up. Not many parents. ALL are encouraged to become involed in the process.
- 2/20 – final Board of Education voting meeting. Are expected to make amendments that evening, so please attend if you can. It's then handed over to the County Executive. He will hold seven public meetings; ours is at 3/26 at Severna Park High School. This is an important meeting to attend, as cuts are often made after this point.
- Key items per Morgan: requested funding for 116 new teachers (only MS and HS, none for ES). EEE Program is up for vote (Enhancing Elementary Excellence), four themes – schools are told what their theme will be. This program is project-based learning – meets one hour a week like a Cultural Arts class.
- Funding for 6 additional psychologists/social workers and 7 counselors were requested.

Officer Reports

Treasurer's Report
Alison Moore

- \$40,005.58
- Last month was very quiet. Another successful school store event.
- Candy grams for Valentines will be on next month's report.

President's Remarks
Kristina Poist

- Mrs. Wilkinson is a semifinalist for AACPS Teacher of the Year. We are very excited!
- PTO is bringing back supply kits for next year. 1st Day School Supplies will be our company. They provide great customer service, sent a sample kit, and use all name brand items. This will be offered as a

	<p>service only. Flyers are given to us by the company, with an online ordering link specific to our school. Ear buds are an add on, and you can add on other items. Delivery to school is free. The kits would be ready for Sneak a Peek.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two open positions on the Board; Treasurer and VP Volunteer Coordinator. Please contact anyone on the Board if you're interested. • Nominations are due in April, with voting in May. <p>Grandparents Bingo Event:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GRAND Event! Bingo and Wellness Fair. • Teaming up with the School's Wellness Committee. Trying to achieve the School of Distinction title. • Held April 16th 6-8pm. • Main event will be bingo. Bingo will be held in the cafeteria starting at 6:30. Every grade will provide a basket based on a theme. There will be 6 different bingo rotations. • Stations set up for Chromebooks so all can see what they do, Reading station, Yoga, Bowling, Zumba and Healthy Cooking tables/stations will be there as well! • Wellness Type screenings are being planned (i.e. blood pressure) <p>New website!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please check out the new website. Thanks to Emily Johnson for creating this.
<p><i>Volunteers</i> Heather Szczytko</p>	<p>No new current volunteer needs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heather would love to see someone step up for VP position so they can learn at the end of the year as well as be set up for beginning of the year needs. <p>5th grade update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last candy grams going out Thursday. They were all very successful, so thank you very much. • Hoping to give around \$3,500 check to Mrs. Green to lower cost of Philadelphia trip. • March 6th Spizzico/Froyo fundraiser. 3pm-9pm, Please support as this supports the 5th grade end of year needs.
<p><i>Fundraising</i> Rebecca Hall</p>	<p>Escape through the Cape Fun Run – Laura Girton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will be doing shifts with new logo • 5K run or one mile walk. • Will provide medals again • \$30 cost. Can also just purchase shirt to support • 4/13 event. 4/10 initial packet pickup at Spizzico. • Welcome any volunteers. • Registration opening soon and flyer coming home.
<p><i>Social Events</i> Mary Bradford</p>	<p>International Night:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Huge success on this new event for our school. <p>Sweetheart Dance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very well attended & was well received. <p>Talent Show:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16-17 acts after tryouts. Event will be in April 5th at Cape St. Claire. • Free admission this year. • Bake Sale during the event to help offset costs.

<p><i>School Activities</i> Jerry Kent</p>	<p>Club Tuesdays:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great feedback from kids about this Chesapeake Club currently in session. • Please let Jerry know if you'd like to see a specific group offer a session. These can be for profit or not-for-profit. Remember to grab cards at summer camps, if they also do clubs! • Final club will be Compass Rose Theatre. Two groups. K-2 Intro to Theatre and 3-5 will create a play. April 2nd – May 14th • Flyer should come home soon. • Currently our 24 Club, Dance Team and Yearbook (run by PTO) are our three co-curricular activities that receive funding. • Can the PTO raise money for a teacher stipend to help support after-school clubs at a lower cost to parents? A: IF a teachers(s) are interested, the PTO/Administration could look into this. • \$25/hour for teachers. Proposed in budget to increase this to \$30/year. <p>Chess Club – if form is approved by the County, then 10 weeks, \$70/student for enrollment. GOTR - Mary Bradford will be the Head Coach! HERO Boys – still looking for coaches. If coaches are found, the program should start March 1st.</p>
CSCES REPORTS	
<p><i>Principal's Report</i> Mrs. Janet Lancaster</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great success for PTO events as well as Breakfast & Books. • Crazy about Chrome Night. Received great feedback, thus also showing at the "Grand" Event. Great way to show how they're used for education versus recreation. • Did receive the mini carts and the 115 Chromebooks from Race for Ed funds. • Please don't forget about STEM Fair Night in March 14th 6:30-8pm. Projects due 3/11 for judging! • 2/13 – Strings concert • 24 Club also kicked off this month! • 5th Graders – MRMS coming to visit out students on 2/19. Explain course selection, 6th grader panel, • 2/20 – 5th grade Parent info night at MRMS. • 3/1 – Top Dog Awards • 3/5 – Parent Teacher conference date. • March field trip to Arlington Echo for 4th graders. • PTO Hospitality – thank you for the cookies and hot chocolate. The staff looks forward to Souper Bowl.
<p><i>Teacher Liaison Report</i> Ms. Kim Burrows</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • THANK YOU to Hospitality and Kristin Hurff for Cookies & Cocoa. • Mrs. Smith is looking for additional volunteers for STEM Night. • Baysox Reading Incentive is getting ready to start. Just waiting for final information so flyers can be printed. • Dr. Suess Spirit Week coming up last week of February. Friday will be birthday celebration. • Thanks to all who donated for Books & Breakfast event.

NEW BUSINESS/COMMITTEE REPORTS**Alison Moore**

- Met with GameTime company in January.
- Wish list was submitted to Mrs. Lancaster and was approved.
- Facilities said “no” to many of our listed favorites, even though the apparatuses were approved for 5-12 year old children.
- GameTime then made a few suggestions on alternate pieces. A new list will be approved by Mrs. Lancaster and resubmitted to Facilities/Board of Ed.
- Of our budget, 40% should be earmarked for installation and expansion of “beds”.
- We are still confident, weather permitting, that these pieces will be installed by the end of the school year.

New Business

After Race for Ed is spent – what are we doing with extra money?

- Wellness Committee - Bottle filling station
- PE has requested additional funds
- Sitting on \$8,000 for teacher reimbursements. Teachers have until 6/14 to submit these amounts.
- We are still unsure what Fun Run will bring in.
- PTO needs a large amount of money at the beginning of the school year for things like assemblies. Is very typical to keep one year’s operating expenses in the budget for carry over.
- Once GameTime is paid and we account for all other budgeted expenses, we really will not have a large surplus to spend.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42PM.