



Cape St. Claire PTO

Supporting our children's education

PTO MEETING MINUTES

January 8, 2019

Media Center, CSCES

Meeting began at 6:35PM.

Minutes from the previous meeting were unanimously approved.

In attendance: Laura Pappas, Kristina Poist, Jerry Kent, Alison Moore, Heather Szczytko, Mary Bradford, Rebecca Hall, Laura Towers, Lauren Averill, Kim Burrows, Barb Vorgang, Chelle Barrett, Robin LaRosa, Kenn Poorman, Ari Tannenbaum.

Officer Reports

Treasurer's Report
Alison Moore

- After our November meeting, two checks were cut. Both used our Race for Education funds. One large check for 115 Chromebooks for the school. The second was for (10) ten charging carts. The students and teachers are very excited to get these and start using them! This now makes are total Chromebook count at 300, which is half of our student body! Q: does the school need to have one per student? A: That would still be a good goal to have. Perhaps a survey could go out in the future. Keep in mind that the technology changes quickly and we would need to find out what would get Refreshed per the county.
- Treasurer's Report is included. The new bank statement comes out tomorrow, but the report is still fairly accurate. We still have \$21,000 on hand from Race for Ed Fall 2017
- Box Tops Fall submission is \$712.

President's Remarks
Kristina Poist

- Welcome to our new Webmaster, Emily Johnson.
- Clubs have been very successful. There are a few more spots left for the February club.
- School Store has been a huge success! Students have really enjoyed that. Mrs. Burrows said thank you to rotating through who goes first during the week.

Volunteers
Heather Szczytko

- Thanks to the Vision & Hearing Volunteers. It will be completed on Friday, but Heather and one other person will be the volunteers that that day.
- Sign up coming out for Reading/Book swap. Be on the lookout for that.

Fundraising
Rebecca Hall

- Holiday Shop – made about \$3,000 profit! These are great results. This amount goes into the general fund (unrestricted).
- Saturday April 13th will be the Fun Run. Details are still being hashed out. Once finalized, a flyer will go to Mrs. Lancaster for approval.

Social Events
Mary Bradford

- International Night is next week! Over 100 students and 78 parents already signed up.
- Eight (8) countries will be represented. Plenty of entertainment to see!
- "Me"suem will also be happening so parents can view them. This project is optional.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sweetheart Family Dance – February 8th. DJ lined up, \$5 person to attend. There will be snacks, dance, games, crafts. 6:30pm-8:30pm.
<p><i>School Activities</i> Jerry Kent</p>	<p>Girls on the Run (GOTR)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site application has been approved. Jerry has reached out to those interested in volunteering and just needs to confirm that they are still available. • Coach registration opens Jan 16. Regular registration opens Jan 21. Coach Training begins Jan 23. The program starts beginning of Feb. <p>Hero Boys</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site application is submitted. It is an 8 week program. The race is towards the end of May. Coach training and runner registration begins in early March but we still need volunteers to coach. <p>Club Chesapeake</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign-ups have been sent out yesterday and only a handful of spots remain!
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<p><i>Principal's Report</i> Presented by Mrs. Barrett</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanks to the PTO for the purchase of the Chromebooks. They are important and motivating to our students & teachers. They really make a difference. They were divided more in the upper grades as the lower grades had carts partially stocked with Chromebooks. • MRMS students come tomorrow to present their "showcase" for the 5th graders. • Dance Festival at SPHS 1/23 at 7:00PM. They have a bus this year for the 20 students participating! • 1/25 will be the Magical Math Tour assembly. • The last assembly was enjoyed by the kids. They really enjoyed the hip hop! • 1/28 – Crazy About Chromebooks will be hosted from 6:00pm-7:15PM. This is a chance to learn about how the Chromebooks are used in the curriculum. • 1/31 – 8:30am to 9:15am, Breakfast & Book Swap, doing this on a day school is out was intentional. This way no one has to sign in. Please bring gently used books and swap them for other books! • The 'Read with Me Challenge' ends February 2nd. Students can submit their books read and the amounts will be turned in. Parents can take pictures of their kids' reading and tweet out @CSCElemAACPS and with the hashtag #AACPSReadWithMe, • Regarding any books not chosen during the swap; Mrs. Burrows is still working through how to incorporate more literacy into many aspects of the children's school day. • Suggestions: could look into Free Book store in Baltimore as well as implementing something like a Ben Carson Reading Room. • Parent suggestion – could the school also look into something like a Read-a-thon for the entire school. <p>Playground Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has Mrs. Lancaster chosen our two teacher representatives for the Playground Committee? Q: No one has stepped up as of yet. These representatives can provide input but cannot approve anything.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The PTO needs to know what Administration would like to see happen so that we can use this money soon, since it was raised in the fall of 2017. As a PTO, we really should not be carrying this money for multiple years. • The PTO has a contact with a county-approved vendor (Brian West with Game Time) that installs playgrounds. A meeting with this person and Mrs. Lancaster will be set up very soon. • There seems to have been extremely slow communication/turnaround between Administration/Board of Education/Parks & Rec back to the PTO and this needs to be faster so that this money can be spent. • These funds are restricted and must be spent on the intended uses.
<p><i>Teacher Liaison Report</i> Ms. Kim Burrows</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The staff is so thankful for the Chromebooks. • Thank you for Pie Day back in November. The pies were delicious and greatly enjoyed by all!
NEW BUSINESS/COMMITTEE REPORTS	
<p>School Directory</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you missed it, the Directory link is in the most recent Newsletter. Also, the link to the PDF has been placed on each Grade Facebook page. As well, directions were provided on how to download the "A to Z Connect" app, verify your information and start using the app for your Directory needs! Any questions, please email recordsec@cscpto.org.
<p>The meeting was adjourned at 7:40PM.</p>	