



Cape St. Claire PTO

Supporting our children's education

PTO MEETING MINUTES

October 9, 2018

Media Center, CSCES

Meeting began at 6:34PM.

Minutes from the previous meeting were unanimously approved.

In attendance: Laura Pappas, Jerry Kent, Mary Bradford, Alison Moore, Heather Szczytko, Rebecca Hall, Laura Towers, Jennifer Morgan-Frey, Jessica Colburn, Lauren Averill, Ana Curtin, Tammy Robbins, Jessica Zadera, Barb Vorgang, Janet Lancaster, Kim Burrows, Chelle Barrett, Karen Bohlman, Laura Girton, Amy Vetok, Rose Jack, Linsey Lantz, Rose Forrest.

Officer Reports

Treasurer's Report
Alison Moore

- The PTO has \$30,600 in the bank right now, and Race for Education money is pouring in!
- To date we have received \$980 membership dues! Divided by 5, this is a great number of PTO memberships for our school.
- Please always reach out to Alison with any questions.

President's Remarks
Heather Szczytko (for Kristina Poist)

- School Store items are on display this evening! Please take a look.
- We still need volunteers for the school store. Look for another sign up email to be sent.
- By the end of October, 50 "Welcome" kits will be donated to Mrs. Bachman They will consist of a CSCES string bag, pencil, and various important flyers.
- Krissy is working on getting a full Room Parent list from teachers.

Volunteers
Heather Szczytko

Volunteer:

- We had 5 very successful volunteer orientations! Thank you to all who were able to come, and thank you to Mrs. Bachman.
- All lists of volunteers have been emailed out to all committee chairs. Please let Heather know if you did not receive it or need anything.
- Book Fair sign up should be going out soon. Please remember that evening volunteer opportunities (during NON school hours) do not require the volunteer orientation or background check.

5th Grade Committee:

- Candy Grams should have come home on an orange piece of paper. Please send them in if you haven't already.
- Teachers will get a few extra to ensure all children get a gram.
- Check or cash are okay for candy grams (even though it states 'cash only' on the form).

Fundraising
Rebecca Hall

- At last month's meeting we discussed looking into purchasing more size S and some XXL tie-dye CSCES shirts. Will not be able to order more at this time, as it's too small of an order and we would not be able to sell the shirts at a reasonable rate.
- Spirit Cart items – a list of items with accompanying prices will go home with all students.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first is week for the School Store is the week of October 22nd. • Online spirit wear – info may be out later this month on this. Ideally the site will be up and running so that orders are delivered for holidays gift giving.
<p><i>Social Events</i> Mary Bradford</p>	<p>Movie Night:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Around 200 folks showed up, which is wonderful. • Great feedback surrounding the event, so we will definitely be doing another one. • Approximately \$1,000 in expenses. Even though this is not a fundraiser, the school benefitted with about \$500 in profits, even after deducting the cost of the movie license (a one-time purchase per year). <p>International Night:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The chair should have emailed you if you signed up to volunteer. <p>Sweetheart Dance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please volunteer for this awesome event! <p>Book Fair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Social Events committee is also working with Heather Szczytko and Lauren Averill to plan a school event for the last evening of the Book Fair. This year’s theme is an ‘Enchanted Forest Book Fair’.
<p><i>School Activities</i> Jerry Kent</p>	<p>Chess Club (Chris Price):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chess Club started this month and kids are having fun. Look for signups for the Spring session in Nov/Dec. <p>Club Days (Sarah Araiza):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art on the Gogh is in full swing and the kids are having a blast. • 2nd Club Session will be STEM based, brought to us by Anne Arundel Engineering for Kids. This club starts November 20 and runs for 6 weeks ending Dec 18. The Primary focus will be on mechanical engineering with a little bit of electrical engineering mixed in. • There will be two concurrent sessions – one for K-2 (16 slots) and the other 3-5 (20 slots). Tuition is \$80 per student. Flyers will be going home soon for anyone interested. Art filled up quickly, so be sure to sign up and return the form so your child doesn’t miss out. We will also need 2-3 parent volunteers to assist with this club. Parents MUST be fingerprinted in order to assist with Clubs after school. • 3rd Session is ‘Club Chesapeake’, starting Feb 5th. • 4th Session is by ‘Gym Guyz’ teaching speed and agility, starting April 2. <p>Cultural Assemblies (Casey Durst):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tentative dates scheduled for the 3 assemblies. • 11/30 – ‘Hip Hop Add It Up’ – Using movement patterns and rhythms to explain math concepts in a fun and engaging way. • 1/25 – ‘Magical Math Tour’ – Using math in a fun way, the show helps relate math to everyday lives and also mixes in some magic and a game of “Deal or No Deal”. • 3/18 – Irish Roots & American Branches – includes music and dancing, we learn about how the Irish played a role in shaping Maryland, the U.S. and American Culture.

	<p>Girls on the Run:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We had the site approval for Fall, but were not able to secure enough volunteers before the beginning of the program in the last week of September. There was a great deal of interest in helping for the Spring session. • We will need 2-3 coaches that can be there for all sessions (not rotating). Fees will be \$160 per student. 8-20 students are required per team. Coaches will go through training mid January. Coach's daughters are allowed early registration beginning Jan. 16, with registration open fully on Jan 21. Season starts Feb 4 culminating with the Spring 5K on April 27 in Druid Hill Park. <p>Hospitality (Kristin Hurff):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next event is Monday, November 19th. Look for a signup genius to be sent out in early November. We will be looking for store bought or homemade pies to be served during lunches. • We are still in need of a co-chair. Kristin has been running this for some time, and intends to stick with it for several years but really could use a hand. Please note, this does require some before school or evening help during events from time to time. <p>Yearbook (Avi Burah):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please reach out to Avi if you can assist in taking photos throughout the year at events. • Redo date for pictures will be November 16th.
CSCES REPORTS	
<p><i>Principal's Report</i> Mrs. Janet Lancaster</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Movie Night was great! Thanks to all for making that happen. The movie license can be used by teachers as well. Mary will send that to Mrs. Lancaster who will send to the teachers & Mrs. Horton. • October is a very busy month. Interims went home on the 8th. Please sign and send back to your student's teacher. • Harvest for the Hungry food drive started this week. Please send in needed items if you're able. • Many field tips this week: 5th grade drownproofing, 2nd grade is travelling to the Eastern Shore, 1st grade has walking trips to Broadneck library. • All monarch butterflies have been released! • Please note the 2-hour early dismissal next week. This early dismissal is county wide. Staff will be spending the afternoon learning about equitable practices and how to close the county-wide achievement gaps we have in our schools. • 10/23 is teacher conference day. If you don't get an invitation in October, yet you feel one is needed, please let your teacher know. Teachers will also do a phone conference if needed, because of work schedules. • 10/24 – UNITY Day. October is National Bullying Prevention Month. Everyone is to wear orange on the 24th. • 11/20 – Reports cards are distributed (marking period ends on the 9th).

	<p>Halloween Day –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Party/Parade will both be in the afternoon from 1:45-2:30pm. • No weapons and no masks. Please use best judgement in “blood” on costumes, etc. • Mrs. Lancaster foresees room parents arriving at 1:30 to set up for classroom party. Parties beginning around 1:45, followed by the parade at 2:15pm. Kids can wear costumes or change prior to the parade. The parade should end around 2:30pm. • Room Parent & teachers will be sending out more information on this. <p>Question:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do teachers or parents have input on the half days that are in the school calendar? A: There is feedback and a Calendar Committee involved. Half days are scheduled for various reasons. Remember that calendars are created about two years in advance. <p>American Education week –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most likely the Parent Observation day will be Monday, 11/12, which is also the day Veterans Day is observed. • You do NOT need a background check or the volunteer orientation to attend this. • Observation Day is for Parents or Legal Guardians ONLY. No grandparents or other family members unless they are the legal guardian. • Observation Day is also a Drop-In event. You do not have to attend all day long. Please come when you are able.
<p><i>Teacher Liaison Report</i> Ms. Kim Burrows</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Meeting – as parents, please encourage your kids to discuss what they during this time. It’s a great relationship building time. Also ask questions such as “Who were you kind to today?”. • Teachers are very excited about Race for Education day! • Read aloud to your kids. It doesn’t matter how old they are, please read to your children. • Feedback from member: paperwork received from teachers – some key details have been missing (i.e. field trip form with no date or with no exact location noted).
NEW BUSINESS/COMMITTEE REPORTS	
<p><i>Race for Education</i> Rose Forrest</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prep for Race Day is underway! Course will be marked with chalk paint. • Must have bright yellow bib to be allowed on the actual race course. • To date we have received around \$10K via PayPal and around \$3K via cash and checks. This is on par with previous races. • Race shirts – each child will get one. They’ll be distributed to teachers the day before. The shirts will stay at school. The idea is that the students will put on the R4E shirts on over the shirt they’re wearing. • Classes come out two grades at a time. At the end of each event, Mrs. Lancaster will run the obstacle course – three times! • Any staff/admin who wants to run the obstacle course can do so! • Spectators – there was some misinformation distributed surrounding spectators on the course. Volunteers ONLY, who are wearing bright

	<p>yellow bibs, will be allowed in the race course area. You MUST volunteer if you would like to help out and run some of the race with your child.</p>
<p><u>New Business</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To Mrs. Burrows - Please let teachers know that Alison Moore will be accepting reimbursement forms all year long. Please feel free to submit again if you did not use your full allotment on the first submission. • There is a 5th grade student who has expressed concern over the amount (lack) of toys on the playground at recess. Response: Each grade does have its own bag of equipment. We can check and make sure each grade's bag is still full of that equipment and in working order. • Q: Any way to pave the extra lot? A: This is handled by school operations/facilities. CSCES has requested to have this done, but we do not anticipate this happening any time soon. The group was reminded that even a few years ago with redistricting and increased enrollment, we were not given any more parking. • Bands by the Bay was this past weekend– we had 7 CSCES students participate. The kids had an excellent time. • Playground meetings – The Playground Committee and Mrs. Lancaster are meeting with Parks and Recs this coming Friday, October 12, to take a look at the tennis courts area again. When the committee met with Parks and Recs back in May, they were told a lot of what could <i>not</i> happen. So the discussion began about what <i>could</i> be done. We are allowed to renovate the Tennis Court area with our Race for Education proceeds, however, the school does not own the tennis court. Parks & Rec (the owners of the tennis courts) is pushing to make that court a pickle ball court, but the playground committee does not believe this is the best option for the students at CSCES. Morgan Van Arsdall has been a great resource to push back and continue to check in. She has a great plan of how the space could be renovated and will continue to push for our wants. • Our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 13th. Since this is during Book Fair, the PTO may need to change the location of the meeting within the school.
<p>The meeting was adjourned at 7:40PM.</p>	