



# Cape St. Claire PTO

Supporting our children's education

## PTO MEETING MINUTES

October 8, 2019

Media Center, CSCES

Meeting began at 6:33PM.

Minutes from the previous meeting were unanimously approved.

**In attendance:** Kristina Poist, Mary Bradford, Laura Pappas, Laura Towers, Kristin Hurff, Janet Lancaster, Kim Burrows, Chelle Barrett, Jerry Kent, Becky Hall, John Lyons, Casey Durst, Nicole Kempton, Rose Jack, Amy Chambers, Debra Malfi, Erika Ricucci, Jenna Wood, Stephanie Fritz, Lauren Averill, Amy Mahoney, Kate Hicks, Lauren Tripp, Tabitha Bathras, Christy McDaniel.

### Officer Reports

*Amy Chambers*

*Redistricting Advisory Committee Member*

- Amy Chambers and Dan Shaddock are the two representatives for CSCES on the County Redistricting Advisory Committee.
- The next meeting is Thursday, 10/10 at Arnold ES.
- They will have weekly meetings throughout October.
- The committee will make a recommendation to schools Superintendent George Arlotto in November. Dr. Arlotto will forward his recommendations to the Board of Education no later than the first Board meeting in December. The Board will conduct public hearings on the plans before reaching a decision no later than April 30, 2020.
- Currently there are several elementary schools over capacity, one right at capacity, and then CSCES is under capacity.
- Q: Are class sizes being taken into consideration? A: Yes, the committee will take additional teacher needs into consideration when planning their proposal.
- Q: Will 4th graders about the graduate be taken into consideration? A: Yes, determining what will happen with current 4th graders, should they be redistricted to a new school, will be a part of the committee's suggestions that is presented to Dr. Arlotto.
- Q: Does CSC have more space or are the other schools just larger? A: Our building is one of the largest in the district. Our capacity is 800 and we have around 640 students.
- Q: If we go up to capacity, should we have other requests such as parking, etc? We are already maxed out as is. A: That is an excellent point and although Amy can take these suggestions to the meetings, it is also important for us to show up and give input and ask questions.
- Please visit [www.aacps.org/redistricting](http://www.aacps.org/redistricting) for a meeting schedule, timeline and meeting minutes.

*Treasurer's Report*

*John Lyons*

- A Treasurer's Report is included.
- There will be new reimbursement forms in the volunteer room very soon.
- Any questions about the report, please get in touch with John.

*President's Remarks*

*Kristina Poist*

- Great start to the school year! We are gearing up for our fundraising activities!

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5th grade committee: School Store. Using 5th graders to sell items was a success. They did a remarkable job. Profited \$170 the first month. Candy grams are getting ready to go out. Restaurant Night for 5th grade will be 10/30 at Broadneck Cantina, dine in or carryout.</li> </ul>
<i>Social Events</i> Mary Bradford	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Movie Night was a great turnout! Goal was to raise enough money to buy a better movie license and we almost covered that in full. Mary will research different movie licenses and costs.</li> <li>• Next event will be during the Book Fair (i.e. a literacy night).</li> </ul>
<i>Volunteers</i> Kristin Hurff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thank you to all who are volunteering!</li> <li>• There was a great turnout for all volunteer organizations. Two NEW orientations have been added for 10/15 @ 9am at and 10/16 @ 2pm.</li> </ul>
<i>Fundraising</i> Rebecca Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Race 4Ed flyer should be going out very soon. The event is 11/11, Veterans Day. Will incorporate veterans somehow. Colors are red/white/blue.</li> <li>• We are moving online for the collections process! Way less volunteer time and many are used to donating online.</li> <li>• If you have an account on the A to Z Directory, you will receive an email with your child's info and a donation link specific to him/her. A generic donation page link will also be placed t on the webpage. However, this won't track who gives to your child.</li> <li>• The paper letter (used in the past) will also be available for downloading and printng at home, to be mailed out by a family.</li> <li>• Book Fair in November. Theme is "Arctic Adventure". Set up after school on 11/13. Fair will be open, 11/18-11/22, Monday night and Friday night are the late nights. The fair will be closing at 5pm the rest of the days. Sign up genius will come out for parents to volunteer during media class times.</li> <li>• \$192 profit from Skate Night back in September. We are waiting to hear back from Kona Ice about Sneak a Peek profits.</li> </ul>
<i>Laura Pappas</i> <i>Recording Secretary</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A to Z Directory is the app the PTO is using for communications.</li> <li>• Our newsletter is sent out through this. Please sign up or access your account from last year and update any information.</li> </ul>
<i>School Activities</i> Jerry Kent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cultural Assemblies all set for 11/22, 2/2, 4/21.</li> <li>• Still looking for a co-chair for this event.</li> <li>• We are still working through the after-school club programming. Jerry appreciates everyone who has reached out. Will be asking teachers to see if any are interested in sponsoring a group.</li> <li>• Mary Bradford did attend the Board of Ed meeting, and the Principals have met. PTO Sponsored events can occur, as long as we have insurance. We must have a teacher sponsor and we must pay them \$30/hour for their afterschool time.</li> <li>• School Sponsored activities are always allowed; however, a teacher has to be present.</li> <li>• We are still allowed to go through Parks &amp; Rec for Girls on the Run. This is likely the only club through Park &amp; Rec.</li> </ul>
<b>CSCES REPORTS</b>	
<i>Principal's Report</i> Mrs. Janet Lancaster	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have had a very smooth start to our school year!</li> <li>• Adding on to the after-school club discussion: we must have supervision from the school in the form of a teacher or other staff member. As a school they are looking at the co-curricular programs (i.e. Dance Club, 24 Club being sponsored by Mrs. Ziemer, Ms. Smith will run the SEAPerch</li> </ul>

	<p>Underwater Robotics club). Other teachers are interested in other co-curricular clubs (i.e. GOTR). PTO would pay the school system and then the County would pay the teacher. All outside group clubs would be run after school hours. Please take into account when staff meetings may be held after school. Even if not in the room while the club is happening, teachers must be “available” during the club times. They may not be involved in other meetings, etc. for the school while the club is happening.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our first Professional Development was held today. We are always working on improving the achievement gap between students with disabilities and their non-disabled peers and working on equitable practices. CSCES PARCC scores showed tremendous growth. Much of this has been made possible by our technology resources, which have been made possible by the PTO fundraising over the past years.</li> <li>• Parent Teacher conferences will be next week 10/15 and 10/16. We hope to see everyone at the conferences.</li> <li>• Dr. Arlotto is really looking for input from the community regarding the redistricting process. Please ensure your voices are heard.</li> <li>• Harvest for the Hungry drive will be the week of 10/14.</li> <li>• Kindergarten field trips to the library are coming up soon!</li> <li>• 2nd grade will be going to the Chesapeake Environmental Resource Center on 10/21.</li> <li>• 10/23 is Unity Day, 10/25 – 5th grade Monster Bash</li> <li>• 10/28 – Picture Day, 10/29 – 4th grade to the BSO</li> <li>• Halloween Parties &amp; Parades – Parties will begin around 1:45PM. Volunteers (room parent &amp; a couple of helpers) can arrive around 1:30pm. The Parade will begin around 2:15PM. Please remember no masks or weapons.</li> <li>• Red Ribbon Week is the last week of October. A flyer will be coming home from Mrs. Bachman with what to wear to celebrate each day.</li> <li>• 11/1 – 11/6 Drownproofing for 5th grade.</li> </ul>
<p><i>Teacher Liaison Report</i> Mrs. Kim Burrows</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thank you for the delicious meal for the staff Back to School Night dinner.</li> <li>• Remember we have a Cape Blackboard page. Please make sure you have logged on and reviewed what is there. Grade level homework, spelling lists, field trip forms, etc. are posted.</li> <li>• Please know that there is a ClassLinks page on the school’s Chromebooks. There are many databases and helpful links which can be found here. You can even have your student utilize a typing program! First in Math can also be found on this site. When a parent asked about You Tube access, it was stated that teachers use YouTube videos in class, however all are grade appropriate. There is a link for YouTube on the ClassLinks site. When content is accessed &amp; viewed by students on school computers, it is filtered with a safe search to only provide appropriate videos.</li> </ul>
<p><i>New Business</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>
<p>The meeting was adjourned at 7:34PM.</p>	