

CES PTO General Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2016

Attendance: Susan Berlew, Lori Davidson, Stephen Webb, Ginger Forst, Ashley Nadeau, Flavia Araujo, Karen Shafer, Steph Richardson, Angie Hodges, Alicia Kennedy, Maria Oberoi, Sarah Gauch, Michelle Copeland, Michelle Moore, Daphnie Pilgrim, Tina Brown, Kim Richardson, Alyssa Martin, Dyane Arnn

Call to Order: 9:15am

I. Welcome/Call to Order

II. President's Report

a. Thank yous – Sabina Menezes on the Programs Committee brought a card for us to sign for Dennis Lee (the puppeteer who puts on the Nana Puddin' program) who was in a car accident in March. We also passed around letters from Mrs. Meacham's class. They are working on persuasive writing skills and asked the PTO for a zip line. A huge thank you to the Spring Fundraising Committee (Michelle Perry, Ann Vincent, Ashley Harris, and Dawn Green) for doing such an amazing job. They raised over \$70,000 for our school. We are working on disbursements and will have a meeting soon for that. We will have a vote on disbursements before the end of the school year. The Spring Fundraising Committee is already working toward next year's event.

b. 2016-2017 Slate Presentation – Thank you to Casie Couch, Jane Steffenburg, Kim Richardson, Sarah Gauch and Lori Davidson for their work on the nominating committee. We have 18 parents new to the board. All board members will be presented at the May luncheon.

c. Fall Fundraiser – We will not be doing Boosterthon next year. According to the survey last fall, we found that a lot of people were still interested in a fun run, but want all money to go to the school. The event will be more of an obstacle course, and we are partnering with Camp Gladiator at no cost. We will have some small expenses, but all money raised goes straight to the school. The event will be the first week in November during the school day. We have a great committee of five parents, and they are already working hard on it. We are expecting a very fun event and will need volunteers.

III. Ms. Wagnon's Report

We have a lot of events happening this spring. Tonight at 7pm is CES Night at the Ballpark to watch the Dragon Varsity baseball team. Students will get in free with a Dragon shirt plus free popcorn. The Show Choir will also be singing.

On March 29, we had our first round of testing. We will have a closed campus May 9-12 as there will be additional testing at the beginning of that week.

Teachers of the Day will be May 13.

Keep an eye on the Dragon News and Eblasts as there is a lot going on in the district. Capital Needs Committee is still meeting. CES will still be split for DIS and EIS this year. We are projected to have 608 students next year (we are currently at 583). It probably won't look very different section wise. We will have 5 sections of third grade and 6 sections for fourth grade. Contracts go out to the teachers the first part of May, so we don't know what staff is or is not returning until that time.

Kindergarten registration is April 21 from 5:30-6:30pm.

PTO has raised close to \$100,000 which is more than Ms. Wagnon's budget for the year. They are very appreciative of the work the PTO has done.

Angela Hammond is the Teacher of the Year for CES.

There have been some late night shenanigans at the school in recent weeks. If you see anything that doesn't look right, feel free to contact Ms. Wagnon or the Southlake police. There shouldn't be anyone on the fields behind the school. If they are here with a team, Ms. Wagnon will know about it.

IV. Executive Reports

a. VP Report (Michelle Moore) - Disbursements and Volunteer Recognition

Last week we had our Site Based Committee meeting which included grade level leads, staff, and PTO parents. We discussed the wants and needs at each grade level and Encore and have developed a list of those items. The Disbursement Committee will go through that list. The big ticket item is the shade structure. At the Spring Fundraiser, there was a paddle raise to raise funds specifically for the shade structure which brought in \$9500. However, with anticipated growth at CES, it could be necessary to rearrange or add space. The District has recommended that we see what changes may happen on campus before we move forward with the shade structure in case something happens to the basketball court area. The Capital Needs Committee is presenting to the School Board next week so we will have more information then. Also, we have a grant opportunity that opens on September 1 specifically for shade structures. It is through the American Academy of Dermatology, and Angela Bowers is willing to sponsor us. She sponsored Johnson and they received a grant. Michelle has agreed to write the grant even though she will not be on our campus next year. Therefore, we will be reserving a large amount of money for the shade structure, and we should find out about the grant before the end of the calendar year. We are being conservative and reserving enough funds to cover the structure even if we do not receive the grant. We will be circulating an

email vote in the next two weeks just as we did in the fall to vote on disbursements. All Fall Disbursement items have been fulfilled now that the water bottle filling stations have been installed. Please send any ideas for other Spring Disbursements to Michelle.

We have one more round of volunteer nominations, and the link to nominate is in the weekly newsletter. We have received many nominations this year, and Michelle is going to create a bulletin board to recognize both the nominees and winners.

b. Communications Report (Dyane Arnn) – Thank you for sending her so much great information. We have discussed possibly sending the newsletter out on Sundays. Ms. Wagnon stated that information she needs to share with the school goes out in the PTO newsletter and directly through the teachers.

c. Secretary Report (Lori Davidson) – We need to approve our meeting minutes from February 9, 2016. Alicia Kennedy motioned to approve and Michelle Moore seconded.

d. Treasurer Report (Karen Shafer) – The financial statement is available, and Karen highlighted a few of the revenue sources. The numbers are current through the end of March. We have \$152,000 in the bank and a lot of disbursements coming up. The money in the Teacher Education row will be spent over the summer. If you are a Party Coordinator, please turn in your teacher gift receipts.

V. Committee Reports

a. Community Partners - Please join us for the Spirit Night at Mooyah on April 18 from 5-8:30pm. Ashley Harris has scheduled an event at Altitude in Grapevine for the Friday before Memorial Day. A portion of the sales will go to CES. They are still collecting Box Tops through the end of April in the red mailbox at the front of the school. We have raised \$1200 with Box Tops this year.

b. Student Activities (Ginger Forst and Alyssa Martin) - The Book Fair is coming up in two weeks. The theme is Peace, Love, and Books. The Signup Genius is going out in the newsletter next week. We will have one evening night on Thursday, April 28 from 4:30-6pm. Parents and grandparents purchased 200 books for the teachers in the fall. They have also ordered the pennants for the end of the school year for classes to sign, and they will be delivered today. Thank you to Alicia for helping them with the vendor. They are also finishing up the birthday books.

c. Publicity (Sarah Gauch) – Sarah wanted to remind the 4th grade parents to send in kindergarten picture for the bulletin board.

d. Teacher Appreciation Week (Steph Richardson)– TAW will be May 2-6. The Volunteer Coordinators continue to collect gift cards for teachers and staff. The Party Coordinators are decorating the door for their teacher. If anyone would like

to decorate a door, please let Steph or Becky know. They will be decorating on Friday, April 29. They have lunch donated for every day and two breakfasts as well. Flyers will be going home with students including a reminder to bring a flower to their teachers on Tuesday, May 3.

VI. Announcements

- a. DIS Info Meeting immediately following our meeting
- b. CES Dragon Baseball Night at the Varsity Game at 7pm
- c. All Pro Dad's Breakfast – April 15 at 7am
- d. CES Spirit Night at Mooyah – April 18 from 5-8:30pm
- e. Outreach Event – April 19
- f. EIS Info Meeting – April 20 at 9am
- g. Spirit Shop – Open April 21 from 10am-1pm
- h. Beautification Work Day – April 26 from 9:30am-12:30pm – Everyone welcome!
- i. Book Fair – week of April 25
- j. Teacher Appreciation Week – May 2
- k. STAAR Testing Dates – May 9 and 10; Closed Campus – May 9-12
- l. May 17 – PTO luncheon
- m. Field Day – May 20
- n. Kindergarten Graduation – May 31 at 9am
- o. Fourth Grade Graduation – June 1 at 1pm

Meeting Adjourned –10:02am