



Colonial Hills Elementary
May PTA Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, October 17, 2023 - 7:00pm
CHES Library

Meeting called to order @ 7:00 pm

Building Plans: Randy Banks

- Master Facilities Plan Update – we are 1 year away from beginning to try and solve the elementary school puzzle. This will be the initiation of Phase 3 of the facilities plan.
 - Phase 1: Task force was created – aging facilities, balance enrollment, capacity for all. This was solved by moving 6th grade to the middle schools and the buildings are up to a common standard
 - Phase 2: Budget/Impact along with trying to address the aging facilities and capacity for all – this phase was designed to have an impact to everyone. High School phase 1 should open September 2024. Will establish a standard at the high school level.
 - Phase 3: Task Force will be formed in 2024 – the focus of this phase will be looking at the elementary schools. If CHES is proposed to be rebuilt in this phase – the school will need to be a bigger elementary school. Renovate to replace ratios will be re-assessed in January as a part of this phase. The goal is to bring all elementary schools up to the same standard. PTA member will be asked to serve on this task force. Enrollment projections will also be completed as a part of the planning.

President's Report: Natalie McCarthy

- Approval of September Meeting Minutes
 - Jamie H.– motion
 - Annie S.– second
 - Minutes approved at 7:27 pm
- Teacher Grants
 - Update on application from Mrs. Latshaw
 - Books were no longer on sale at the time of purchase. Difference in cost \$93.97. (Grand total was \$171.71)
 - Motion to approve: Annie S.
 - Second to approve: Rebecca G.
 - Motion passed: at 7:29pm
 - Application from Ms. Merringer
 - Pool noodles for up to \$500 for putt putt course for title 1 family night and be used in bowling nights and field days; this is a replacement request and additional for additional programming. Needs 150 standard noodles.
 - Motion to approve: Rebecca G.
 - Second to approve: Kate M.
 - Motion passed at 7:39 pm
- Classroom Funds Update
 - Change in the process has worked well. Six teachers have used their funds at this time.
- 2024-2025 School Supplies
 - Set up to use the same company (First Day) – will need teacher lists in January.

- Navigating kids with technology and social media
 - Lynsey Pearson to be approached about sharing information with the PTA at a future meeting.
- School board candidates
 - <https://www.worthingtonchamber.org/2023/09/18/candidateforum/>

Vice President's Report: Kristen Klopfer and Leslie McChesney

- Pancake Breakfast
 - 11/4/23 – 9-11 am – \$7 a plate, pay at the door; there will also be baked goods for sale

Secretary Report: Shelley Coleman Casto

- Communication channels – face book, Friday emails, and Facebook. Working on updating the CHES website.

Treasurer's Report: Jill Kleinhenz

- Walk-a-thon fundraising results: full results around \$5800 (will see this in October)
- Spirit Wear income more than \$700
- Cross Country dedicated funds (Blaine Classic) – will see in October's report
- Book Fair
 - Scholastic Dollars vs Dedicated funds
- \$319 in Kroger Rewards
- Paid Ohio PTA dues

Principal's Report: Sherri Berridge

- Phys Ed program and Skating Program – Mel Merringer
 - It is a valuable program for the kids. This is a program that we want to continue and need to set up a plan for that program to make it a sustainable program. Will move to every other year model to help with the sustainability of the program and procure the funding for the program. The program is about \$11 per student – the PTA would fund \$6 per student and then work to fundraise the rest of the cost.
 - Ideas for funding – restaurant dinners, fund a skater program, skate zone kickbacks to be used for the program.
 - Long term goal is to establish a dedicated fund for the PE program.
 - Shared vision of PE – warm up, tasks and application, positive behavior and community building in the classroom. Shared state standards for curriculum for elementary PE. Has grants to help support some of the funding needed for programming and has received approximately \$15000 worth of equipment.
 - Wants to focus on the classroom to community to build a love of physical activity.
 - There is a chairperson needed to help coordinate a fundraiser with Mel.
- Halloween/Fall Parties
 - Parade on 10/31 at 1 pm – parents can set up for the party at 12:30 pm
 - No scary costumes, no weapons, no scary masks
- Principals Fund Fundraiser
 - Sale will happen beginning of November – poinsettia/wreaths.
 - Switched picture companies and as a result the funds that go to the principal's fund have decreased.
 - The fundraiser will help to supplement this decrease in income from the picture sales.
- Flags for Flag football at recess – Kristen will work with Sherri to get these.

Committee Updates and Announcements:

- Square 1 Art – Kristen Klopfer
 - Artwork has been shipped and fliers will go home soon. Goal is to have artwork back before the holidays for holiday gifts.
- Trick the Trail – Kristen Klopfer and Kate McCracken

- 10/26 from 6-8 pm; This event will be on South Field and on the cross country trail in the ravine. There will be food, fun, and pumpkin carving contest.
- Book Fair – Lynsey Pearson
 - Happening this week!
- Staff appreciation monthly brunches/conference dinner – Ann Shank
 - Dinner is covered for tomorrow – Bob Evans
- Membership and directory – Benjamin Reid
 - Directories are in process
 - 10 new members in the last month
- Reflections – Natalie Smith
 - 10/6 – project work night it was small but fun
 - Wants to do celebrate those students that participated
- DEI committee – Shauna Hoover
 - Working on DEI certification
- PTAC – Courtney Berman
- Prideful Paws – Sarah Mullen
- Skate Parties – Heather Smith
- Curriculum Liaison – Shauna Hoover
 - special education audit this fall with report to be shared in early 2024
- Plant Sale – Jackie Ackerman
- Holiday Helpers – Emily Chalfant
 - Need another co-chair
 - Program run around the holidays to help families that need extra help; families complete wishlist
 - Lists will be compiled and then put into a sign-up genius that will be sent out mid to late November.
 - Gifts and clothing for kids and family item
 - 2022 we supported 19 families with 55 kids and donated over \$3000 in gift cards

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm