



CPS PTO Meeting Minutes: October 2024 Meeting

Date: 10/3/2024 | time: 9:30 - 10:11 am | Meeting called to order by Lynette Kelleher

IN ATTENDANCE -

- Board (voting members): Elena Kennedy, Ashley Young, Chris Winders, Kaitlin Waterson
- Committee coordinators: Sharon Whitt, Leise Meier, Jessie Pescatore
- CPS faculty / admin:
- Parents and other school community members: Matt DeCastro, Ryan Lester, Paul McLaughlin

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- No vote needed. September meeting minutes approved by Board email vote.

WELCOME / GENERAL UPDATES

Updates from Jim/Dennet/Matt

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Updates from Lynette / Krystle

- Spirit shirt launch!
- Open positions: This year - SAC, Fundraising Chair, Website / Graphic Design coordinator (non-voting); Next year (identified this year) - Faculty Appreciation, Library Volunteer Coordinator

BOARD / COMMITTEE COORDINATOR UPDATES

Timely updates

Publicity: Chris Winders

- Newsletter going out Friday 10/11 ; updates due to Chris by Tuesday 10/8

Fundraising:

- Current CE / faculty grants total: ~\$15K
- Mid-October push planned

Treasurer: Katie Vachon

- Faculty Grants underway

Curriculum Enrichments: Kaitlin Waterson, Catherine Hyun

- Understanding our differences: Learning Disabilities assembly (November TBD)

Faculty & Staff Appreciation: Meredith Belecki

- Faculty Appreciation Brunch went well 9/18

Room Parents: Kaitlin Waterson

- New policy went out to room parents
- Teacher survey

Events: Elena Kennedy

- Trunk or Treat - Fri. 10/18, 5:30-7:30; updates (judges, FD lights, volunteer needs, etc.)
- We will be implementing the Teal Pumpkin program. PTO will provide Teal pumpkins and allergy friendly/non food items for each trunk
- Need to place print order for posters....school machine is broken

Middle School: Deepa Chungi and Diane Troppoli

- Changes in middle school class reps - 5th grade not yet finalized
- Softball fundraiser update
- Spaghetti supper update

Husky Directory: Niressa Martin

- In progress

DEI Committee Update: Liese Meier

- Bollywood Dance Night Fundraiser on 11/14 at FRS. More details to come

CPS Garden: Ayla Barmer

- Working with Chef LaVon and Paul on growing herbs for cafeteria
- Pumpkin harvest

SEPAC: Jessie Pescator

- Clark Farm Market coffee chat, Tues. 10/8, 9am
- Focus on more participation—get word out about SEPAC

Any Other Business

- Fun Run?- everyone agreed this was worth exploring. LK to look into this with KG
- Belonging Collective has 200 yellow tulips to plant around the school as part of the belonging initiative.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 10:11 am