



CPS PTO Meeting Agenda: January 2026

Date: January 8, 2026 | Time: 10:00am

WELCOME, CALL TO ORDER at 10:04 am

ROLL CALL

- Board (voting members): Meredith Bielecki, Kaitlin Waterson, Katie Vachon, Chris Winders, Karen Landale
- Committee coordinators: Ryan Lester, Liese Meier, Lynette Kelleher
- CPS faculty / admin: none
- Parents and other school community members: Greta Nordblom

GENERAL UPDATES

Updates from PTO Co-Presidents: Meredith Bielecki and Kaitlin Waterson

- Approved December 2025 meeting minutes
- Assemblies at school for grades 3-5 and 6-8 on January 30 by IROC2 - Institute for Responsible Online and Cellphone Communication.
- Volunteer substitutes - initiative to allow the school to have a formative mentorship program for teachers. Want to give teachers an opportunity to observe other teachers in action, and ask for volunteers to come in for single class periods to allow teachers to visit other classrooms. The school will provide training for any volunteers.

Updates from CPS Faculty / admin: none

BOARD / COMMITTEE COORDINATOR UPDATES

Timely updates

Publicity: Chris Winders - newsletter going out 1/16 - content due by 1/13. Website updates should be coming in February.

Fundraising: May 9 joint PTO/CEF fundraiser - "My So Called Prom." Katie sent a deposit for the Nashoba Brooks Barn. The last fundraiser (Monte Carlisle) raised \$34.5K for each organization. Like with Monte Carlisle, the PTO will handle joint finances for both organizations and then cut a check to the CEF after the event.

Raised \$318.14 from Minted cards fundraiser in 2025.

Tsongas Center tickets - will raise some money.

Treasurer: Katie Vachon - see updates under fundraising and CE.

Curriculum Enrichment: Karen Landale and Naiara Vaz - need to confirm if the kindergarten will do an in town program with CCF in spring. Katie Vachon is on the board and will get other information. Projected overall CE spending is in line with previous years.

We received a \$350 grant from the Carlisle Cultural Council for the first grade Plimoth Patuxet program. Katie will send the W9. Kaitlin will write a letter to the Mosquito.

Consider publicizing CE programs better - when they are, what kids learn and ask the Mosquito to come. Karen will work with Chris on this.

Faculty & Staff Appreciation: Ashley is working on a survey to determine if we will do a potluck or catered lunch.

Room Parents: Krystle Gibbs and Janelle Kapusta - no updates

Events: Elena Kennedy - no updates

Middle School: 7th grade play rehearsals started this week. The class did a 2.5 hour rehearsal on Monday right after school - the first day back after break. The director, Kendra, is breaking the rehearsals up into blocks instead of asking everyone to stay every day. Producers asked the 7th grade team if they might consider not doing tests the first week of rehearsal. 100% class participation (currently looking for a spot for a new student).

Husky Directory: Niressa Martin - no updates

DEI Committee Update: Liese Meier - multicultural festival is on 2/4. Looking for new families to come in and present cultural information on trifold (more emphasis on culture than countries). The fair will be during the school day and the potluck is after school. Protecting free speech in schools presentation is on January 15 at CCHS - being organized by CPS DEICAC and CCHS DEICAC.

Book fair - Liese Meier - March 9-13 - Raul the Third is the visiting author. Will sell gift cards the week before and circulate sign ups for volunteers as before.

CPS Garden: Ayla Barmer - no updates

SEPAC: Jessie Pescatore and Almudena Pacheco - no updates

CEF: Ryan Lester - winter maker space sessions are current focus. Woodworking is in high demand. Ceramics was half full and robotics partial enrollment, too. CEF will meet about upcoming fundraiser.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNED 10:56 am.

Minutes prepared by Kaitlin Waterson and approved (date).