



CPS PTO Meeting Agenda: September 2025

Date: September 4, 2025 | Time: 10:00am

WELCOME, CALL TO ORDER - Meeting called to order at 10:02 am by Meredith Bielecki

ROLL CALL

- Board (voting members): Meredith Bielecki (Co-President), Kaitlin Waterson (Co-President), Chris Winders (Publicity), Karen Landale (Curriculum Enrichment), Deepa Chungi (MS VP), Naiara Vaz (Curriculum Enrichment)
- Committee coordinators: Lynette Kelleher (merchandise), Krystle Gibbs (room parent coordinator), Ashley Young (teacher appreciation), Ryan Lester (treasurer - class of 2029), Liese Meier (class rep 2028, DEICAC, library coordinator, book fair coordinator) Kathleen Redman (class rep 2029), JoAnn Barber (class rep 2029)
- CPS faculty / admin: Dennet Sidell (Elementary principal and class of 2026 treasurer), Jim O'Shea (Superintendent and MS principal)
- Parents and other school community members: Cat Magielnicki (K parent)

GENERAL UPDATES

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

Welcome back!

Met with new CTA leadership - David Zuckerman and Stephanie Schneider - want to collaborate with the PTO and have a greater involvement in the community.

Tech series in collaboration with Concord PTGs this year for parents and students.

CPS UPDATES

Administration:

Elementary School: Dennet Sidell - first fire drill last week. Back to school night is 9/11/25 - same format as last year with a traditional open house format.

Spirit shirt days - all teachers and staff will receive a spirit shirt. Planning spirit shirt days throughout the year to promote school spirit. Students can wear spirit shirts or something else colorful.

Superintendent/Middle School: Jim O'Shea - smooth start to the year from his perspective. Everyone

is off to a great start. Going for the “one school” approach - the Carlisle School - great first whole school assembly yesterday. Great kick off for the year. Want to bring the school together with shared expectations and make sure we are inclusive and everyone is part of it.

MS Open House - 9/18/25 - parents will come for a meeting at 6:30 and then visit classrooms at 6:50 with grade level programming. Recognize new faculty, talk about expectations for the year. PTO and SEPAC can have tables

BOARD / COMMITTEE COORDINATOR UPDATES

Publicity: Chris Winders - September newsletter going out Friday, 9/12. Content due by 9/9. New email addresses are up and running - let Chris know if you have any issues. Chris, co-presidents are “Super Admins.” If you have recommendations of things you should be able to do let Chris know. She needs updated photos for the website. In response to getting teachers more involved, she created a voluntary sign up for the PTO newsletter - many have opted in already.

Website - Chris and Krystle are trying to simplify our site as much as possible. New website will be launched by the end of the year - new look, easier to navigate. New site will be easier to update and connect to the finance system more easily. They made steady progress over the summer.

Kicks for Cancer/Mighty Moose - Sandy Graham is organizing a pink day on September 26. Will advertise that the pop-up is at CCHS on September 20. Too hard to get the pop-up to Carlisle, and there are is no option to order online.

Fundraising: Ian Applegate - no update.

Treasurer: Katie Vachon - no update.

Curriculum Enrichment: Karen Landale and Naiara Vaz - Naiara will take elementary, Karen will do middle school. Reached out to parent liaisons and grade levels and will need to fill in a few spots. May have new volunteers who might be able to serve as liaisons.

Need a replacement faculty contact for Read Across America. Identifying a program for 4th grade as well.

Faculty & Staff Appreciation: Ashley Young and Lindsay Zanga - Faculty and Staff Appreciation Brunch - September 16 at 12:30 pm (first half day). Information is going out in the Buzz and will go via room parents as well. Need volunteers to help set up and donate funds to make it happen.

Room Parents: Krystle Gibbs and Janelle Kapusta - lots of volunteers this year. A few classes did not have volunteers but they found them. All room parents have been introduced to the teachers. Holding a meeting with all room parents on Monday evening to discuss guidelines, and then they will introduce themselves to their classes.

Events: Elena Kennedy

Middle School: Deepa Chungi - **8th grade** - graduation planning will start in December. \$300 left over from the ice cream social at the end of 7th grade. Is there something the teachers still need? Or can it be spent for something else?

7th grade - play team is picking a date for the reveal to tell the kids what the play is going to be.

6th grade - looking for Spaghetti Supper volunteers. Need ticket and raffle chairs. Theme is “Ciao

Down” - 50 year celebration. Will use Give Butter for ticket sales.

5th grade - Sunday, October 5 - softball game with the teachers. Lots of sponsorships already. Shirts are ready to order. Concessions - checking with Holly to make sure about them. Rec says they can provide tents. Tie dye event. Happy that David Zuckerman is recruiting teachers to participate.

Husky Directory: Niressa Martin - no update.

DEI Committee Update: Liese Meier - they have been meeting. May have listening sessions for Jewish students/families, Muslim students/families - hoping to nail down dates by the end of the month.

CPS Garden: Ayla Barmer - no update.

SEPAC: Jessie Pescatore and Almudena Pacheco - set their meeting schedule for the year - second Thursdays of every month at 9:30 am on zoom.

Merchandise: Lynette and Sung are meeting tomorrow. Lots of requests for Carlisle merch - good opportunity to fundraise. Look at getting Carlisle Cares shirts or a collaboration with DEI. Can put them all up through Bonfire and people can order what they want.

ADJOURNED - 11 am

Minutes prepared by Kaitlin Waterson and approved October 2, 2025.