



CPS PTO Meeting Minutes: September 2024 Meeting

Date: 9/5/2024 | time: 9:30 - 10:32 am | Meeting called to order by Krystle Gibbs and Lynette Kelleher

IN ATTENDANCE -

- Board (voting members): Krystle Gibbs, Lynette Kelleher, Katie Vachon, Chris Winders, Elena Kennedy, Ashley Young, Kaitlin Waterson, Catherine Hyun, Deepa Chungi
- Committee coordinators: Niressa Martin, Liese Meier, Meredith Bielecki, Sharon Whitt
- CPS faculty / admin: Jim O'Shea
- Parents and other school community members: Brian Waterson, Ryan Lester, Hannah Larkin, Paul Correnty (guest, food services)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- No vote needed. First meeting of the year; 2023-2024 meeting minutes fully approved and posted.

WELCOME / GENERAL UPDATES

Updates from Jim/Dennet/Matt

- Jim: General welcome back to school. District Review from DESE - leadership from PTO, SEPAC, DEICAC, etc. invited to participate.

Updates from Lynette / Krystle

- Reminder: Elementary Back to School 9/12, Middle School Back to School 9/19
- Spirit shirts - "vintage" to be sold at Open House nights, new shirts launch 9/30
- Kindergarten bus chaperones – update on this week; plans for next year: use SignUp Genius, shift messaging to middle school parents, 3 shifts (two morning, first afternoon)
- Paul Correnty - food services / cafeteria input. Email: chefpaul@charter.net in next week or so. Looking to make creative updates and get out of box w/ school lunch to make "dining center" vs. cafeteria.

BOARD / COMMITTEE COORDINATOR UPDATES

Timely updates

Publicity: Chris Winders

- Newsletter going out Friday 9/13 ; updates due to Chris by Tuesday 9/10
- Advertising request for approval (water treatment company) - approved in meeting

Fundraising:

- CE letters in process

Treasurer: Katie Vachon

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Curriculum Enrichments: Kaitlin Waterson, Catherine Hyun

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Faculty & Staff Appreciation: Meredith Belecki

- Faculty Appreciation Brunch - originally set for 10/24, overlaps with Spaghetti Supper. Shifting to 9/18.

Room Parents: Kaitlin Waterson

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Events: Elena Kennedy

- Trunk or Treat - Confirmed for Friday, 10/18, 5:30-7:30
- Kindergarten Parents Boohoo/Yahoo Meet-up at Clark Farm Market was well-attended

Middle School: Deepa Chungi and Diane Troppoli

- Changes in middle school class reps - 5th grade not yet finalized
- 5th grade: softball as initial fundraiser (October 5) – 5th grade needs bank account opened
- Spaghetti supper feedback: more continuity, start early vs. later, middle school VP starts in Feb. before 6th grade

Husky Directory: Niressa Martin

- Chris and Niressa continuing to work with school on directory info (for room parents, as well)

DEI Committee Update: Liese Meier

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CPS Garden: Ayla Barmer

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SEPAC: Jessie Pescator

- First meeting 9/21

Any Other Business

- n/a

MEETING ADJOURNED at 10:32am