



CMIT Elementary PTO

SEPT 2024 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Sep 25, 2024 6:00 PM

PARTICIPANTS: PTO Board, Admin, Teachers, Parents

NOTE TAKER: Dominique Barnes

AGENDA: ☐ CMIT NES PTO Sep 2024

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Topic	Notes
Admin Updates	• The school has shared the testing that is coming up; parents should ensure their scholar(s) get plenty of rest so that they are at their best • The county has rolled out a new system, Synergy. The admin team asks for your patience as the county works out the kinks in the system. The teachers just recently got trained and access in some cases. ◦ Parents should work to get access to Parent Vue also. Progress reports will be delivered electronically. No physical paper will come home. The school will work with parents if there are any issues.
Recap of last year	• Fundraising: \$82,726 (from Read a thon, Double Good, Holiday Shop, tech fund) • Events: Donuts for Dad, Muffins for Moms, Grub for Grandparents, first year with a valentines day party and bringing the MD science center on campus • Over 70 parents volunteered last year! • Staff Support: teacher grants, teacher appreciation, holiday gifts • Spelling bee, assemblies, promotions and much more
Mission for 2024-25	• Building Community • Support Academic Achievement • Make a lasting impact on scholars
Goals	• Build Community • Fundraise • Support the school
What's new for this year	• Kindergarten Popsicle Playdate held in August so that new kindergarteners and their families could meet and build community • Winter Skate Party 12/15/24 at the Laurel Skating Rink • Sneaker Ball in April • PTO community Pop-Ups • PTO Facebook Group



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	• PTO Subcommittees • This year is an Election Year
Upcoming Committees	• Volunteer Engagement Committee - April B • Family Engagement Committee - Angel C • School Events Committee - Natasha P • Communication Committee - Dominique B • Fundraising Committee - Adrienne • Bylaws Committee • Reach out to the PTO email box to get plugged in & stay tuned for more information!
Financial Updates	• PTO introduced the 2024-25 draft budget and sent it out to paid members for a vote • Natasha also shared some of the systems and banks the PTO uses to hold funds, and track income and expenses, and controls in place to ensure we are good financial stewards. PTO is considering hiring an accountant to help manage the budget
Membership Update	• As of about noon today, we had 90 members which is somewhat down compared to last year • However, teacher memberships are up to 19! • Membership revenue is at \$2506. • You join on the PTO Website > Membership page • We raffled off a \$50 Amazon gift card to member! Congratulations, Karilys M! We will get in contact with you!
Event Recap	• PTO hosted a staff welcome back to school mixer at Amigos Laurel • PTO hosted Welcome Back Tigers to welcome our friends back to school in a big way • We hosted a Kindergarten Popsicle Playdate to help our tiniest scholars meet their classmates and make friends • PTO hosted on site volunteer fingerprinting and served 27 new volunteers!
Upcoming Events	• Read a thon is coming up! It starts on October 1, it is the most impactful fundraiser of the year, with great prizes. We shared the goals, key dates, and spirit week theme days. PTO will share the link to register via text message, and in the parent group. We will have classroom and individual incentives.



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Teacher Corner	• Donate to CMIT Donor's Choose projects and you are encouraged to take advantage when there are matching promotions. You can access all of the CMIT ES Donor's Choose projects from the PTO website on the "Support us" page. • Health Awareness Day is coming up on November 9. This great event brings community members together to learn more about health awareness topics such as eating healthy and staying fit. There will be vendors and guest speakers as well. Be on the look out for the opportunity to help plan this event, or save the date and attend. • 5th grade parents, especially dads, are encouraged to get fingerprinted early! The PTO may have another fingerprinting event in early 2025, but you do not need to wait for that.
Parent corner	• Sign up for BoxTops for Education: download the app, sign up and link the school to your account. If you have a walmart account, you can also link that and set it up to automatically count boxtops from walmart purchases. • Is the book fair tied to the Read-a-Thon? No it is not; these are two separate events • What is the general guidance for parking at the school for events? Arrive early, park in the school lot or on the street. Don't park in the businesses' lots across the street. They issued warnings to some parents and they may tow.