

April 11, 2024 CHES PTA Hybrid Meeting

Minutes

Date: Thursday, April 11th

Time: 5:45 – 6:45pm

Location: Hybrid: LACS Library or [Zoom](#)

In attendance: Kim Anderson, Maureen Carroll, Priscilla Reyer, Lizzie Juaniza-Saso, Ryan Kehoe, Aileen Grainger, Alex Yeung, Christina Chaudhry, Ian Kysel, Mark Wells, Heather Beasley, Mary Ann Huntley, Katie Fiorella

I. Welcome (5 min)

II. Program Discussion (30 min)

- Debrief – Recent Programs
 - School dance was a success! Having a bigger gym space made it special for the kids, some parents said they were really happy with the location because they were able to walk, balloons were fun-but maybe not next year ☺, having different options available for students to engage was a good idea - for future events clarify if this is a drop off event, will someone be chaperoning the students who are dropped off
- 2024-2025 PTA Recruitment
 - Need a Vice-President and Treasurer for next year's board
 - VP – ideally will be shadowing and then stepping into the President role next year, Kim will be graduating from CHES, Maureen will be moving from VP role to President
 - Treasurer- critical to fill this opening, Ryan will be stepping out as he has fulfilled his 2 years
 - We need nominations, goal is to vote in new board members by May, so that there is a longer onboarding
 - Email Becca nominations, the nominating committee will be meeting to confirm the appointments
 - Put in a plug for board positions during the talent show, could do a buddy system, make this engaging- Aileen will follow up with Alexa about this, can also do a pitch for CHES 5K Run to get volunteers, can put up signage so people can sign up via QR at the talent show
- Teacher Appreciation Week, 5/6-5/10
- Talent Show, 4/19
 - Aileen will touch base with Alexa about announcing PTA plugs nominations and announcements during the talent show

- Logistical needs for talent show? Possibly decorations, will there be chairs or risers, need to confirm set up of chairs and risers, Aileen can put in request to facilities for chairs to be set up, Aileen will follow up with Alexa
- Upcoming Information Session – Capital Budget Plan
 - Heather – upcoming information session 5/9 @CHES cafeteria 5:45 – 6:45pm (will move the CHES PTA meeting to the following Thursday – 5/16)
 - This will give the CHES community an opportunity to vote on the Capital Budget plan, coming up on May 21st, for those interested in background information people can go back and watch voting meetings, there are also 1-pagers available under BOE ICSD that gives more targeted information
- CHES 5K a& Fun Run, 5/5
 - Mark has a limited amount of yard signs available, but also has postcards, please get in touch with him to distribute and spread the word. Think of local businesses, high traffic areas to reach the broader community
- Great Escape, 5/29
- Field Day 6/20
 - Heather will be working with the PE teacher team on Field day logistics, will hear more soon
- Ithaca Swim Club Day, TBD
 - Mixed review on Ithaca Swim club because of options unavailable to kindergartners, they were only allowed to be in wading pool if they did not have an adult with them
 - Aileen is looking into Cass Park as well, will follow up with Ithaca Swim Club – Katie F. is willing to help coordinate this day as well
- CHESnuts funding
 - Use from Enrichment surplus \$400 for printing
- Yearbook
 - Deadline for submissions: Wednesday, 5/15
 - Submit by Memorial Day
 - Need more candid submissions
- 5th grade field trip fundraising
 - Hanging Basket Sale
 - Car Wash
 - Concessions
- End-of-year events & fundraisers
 - Online Auction, selling gift cards or services as another way to raise PTA funds

- Kindergarten Orientation
 - Dates? Still in development will hear more
 - Volunteers needed

III. PTA Board Updates (15 min)

- A. Principal's Report (Aileen Grainger)
- B. Secretary's Report (Lizzie Juaniza-Saso)
 - 1. Approval of [March minutes](#) Approved – all in favor
- C. Treasurer's Report (Ryan Kehoe)
 - 1. [March report](#) Approved – all in favor
 - 2. \$400 will be taken from Enrichment surplus and used towards CHESNuts magazine printing. Although it looks like a lot of funds have recently come in for the 5k and other programming, after paying out for the 5k and Enrichment, the budget will even out
- D. President's Report (Kim Anderson)
- E. Vice President's Report (Maureen Carroll)

IV. General Questions & Announcements (10 min)

- 1. Reschedule May PTA meeting to Thursday, 5/16 (voting meeting!)

Adjourned 6:46pm