

CES PTA Meeting Agenda

September 16, 2025, at 7:00 pm

CES Media Center

Meeting called to order at 7:03p

Attendees:

Board Members:

Emily Kroiss (President), Rebecca Gorsuch (Vice President), Ashley Marks (Secretary), Meghan Nickerson (Treasurer), Evelyn Sommers (PTACHC Delegate), Nicole Lower (PTACHC Delegate)

Members:

Karishma Chengappa, Deborah Bradshaw, Danielle Haddy, Molly Maulding, Emily Massey, Caitlyn Bevard, Zehra Hussain, Takashi Kamatsu, Michael Stokvis, Abby Stonestrom, Kendal Rutherford, Hathen Chen, Gunjan Patel, Xinran Li, Eric Pang, Emi DiStefano, Eileen Buckle, Cristina Tundo, Desi Madrazo, Gosia Gurtin, Zeena Chi, Michelle Cazzola, Nancy Luther, Eileen Brewer, Jen Livingston, Annie Scheffer

Non Members:

Frank King, Pedro Garcia

Staff:

Dina Brewer (Principal), Tina Lewis (Assistant principal), Meg Roth, Ana Maria Layton

1. Introductions Board, Administration and Attendees

- Brief introductions from all for community
- Hybrid meeting format introduction testing

2. Principal / Assistant Principal's Items

- New staff members and whiteboards over the summer
- BTSN Feedback
 - One night convenient for multiple children
 - Positive relationship building with families via teacher phone calls
 - Families did miss the opportunity to build community that was missing with a pre-recorded video
 - Mrs. Lewis requested emails for further feedback
- School Improvement Plans: Math, Reading, Attendance, Discipline (HCPSS based)
 - Dr. Brewer distributed data on 3-5th grade Math and ELA
 - 1. Goal is to be Level 3 (out of 4)
 - CES less well in Math than ELA; goal to be transparent with the community with data and goals
 - Dr. Brewer willing to a full presentation at a later date
 - 1. Data and testing dates will be posted on the website
 - 2. Follow up presentation requested
 - CES typically scores higher than the county and state average in Math and ELA

- Mrs. Lewis addresses HCPSS code of conduct
 - Streamline responses to discipline to create a CES community response
 - Levels 1-5
 1. Levels 1-3 Classroom teacher, paraeducator: reflection sheet
 - a. Visuals for smaller children, texts for older children
 - b. Reflect with children in the moment
 2. Higher levels of conduct go straight to Dr. Brewer and Mrs. Lewis

3. President / Vice President Items

- Emily asked everyone to review the provided agenda with bulleted notes to preserve time and ask question
- [Policies for Meetings](#)
 - Primary communication through email
- Approval of Minutes - [May](#)
 - Rebecca Gorsuch asked for a motion to approve the May meeting minutes. Meghan Nickerson seconded. A voice vote was called with no opposition, the motion carried.
- [Calendar for the year](#) (Subject to Change)
 - PTA Meeting Dates: 9/16/25, 10/14/25, 11/18/25, 1/13/26, 2/10/26, 3/10/26, 4/14/26, 5/12/26

4. Membership Update

- We are up on membership from last year
- Cougar Patron donation is down
 - Cougar Patron donation is voluntary donation in addition to membership
 - All Cougar Patron goes straight to CES PTA
 - Online donations have automatic email receipt with 501(c)3

5. Treasurer Report

- Approval of the 2025-2026 Budget
 - Rebuilding year, focus on fundraising
 - Cougar Patron donations lower this year
 1. Goal is to pay for assemblies and classroom enrichment
 - Need to hit Fun Run goal; low engagement so far
 - \$8K in corporate sponsorships secured
 - Classroom enrichment expenses include commitments from last year
 - 5th grade programming - relying on grants for Artist in Education; will not do the AiE program if we don't receive the grant funding
- Danielle Haddy asked for a motion to approve the budget based on actuals as presented by the Treasurer. Rebecca Gorsuch seconded. A voice vote was called with no opposition, the motion carried.
- The budget has been approved and we will be able to spend from all accounts
- Reminder from Meghan that she needs a physical original receipt to reimburse

6. PTACHC Report

7. Committee Reports

8. Q & A

- Cultural Night potential date change
 - Memorial Day weekend was difficult for attendance
- RHHS difficult to book in advance; looking to try at CMS and earlier in the year
- Dr. Brewer is following up with room parent status with teachers and school volunteers

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Upcoming Dates:

- **Friday, September 26: Fun Run**
- **Tuesday, October 14, 7p: Hybrid PTA meeting**
- **Saturday, October 25: Trunk or Treat**