

September 20, 2022 CHES PTA Meeting
Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, September 20, 2022

Time: 5:30-6:30 pm

Location: Google Meetup (online)

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm

I. Welcome and Community Connection (20 min.)

- 5 min. Welcome/Introduction (HB)
- 10 min. Small group discussion (3-4 per group), with prompt
- 5-10 min. Recap, whole group conversation (CB)
- Community building around our purpose: In small breakout groups, we will introduce ourselves and envision together possibilities for our collective activity for the year.

Notes:

- *Heather thanks all for attending and introduces the community connection.*
- *Keywords that come up discussion of belonging: purpose, contribute, valued, non judgemental*
- *Lisa discusses the classroom charter: creating an agreement and converging on 5 or so words. What are they going to do to ensure these are met?*
- *Keywords that come up in discussion about how to create belonging: feeling comfortable reaching out, having a seat at the table, validating feelings, feeling acknowledged*

II. Teacher/Staff Round Robin (15 min. - 3-4 Presenters) (HB)

- Framing (inviting teachers to contribute ahead of time)
- Enthusiastic plugs for PTA-sponsored events
- Share a project that they are excited about
- Shout-out to a colleague that they'd like to recognize or acknowledge
- Principal's Report (Lisa Sahasrabudhe)

Notes:

- *Nicole Millman (band teacher) discusses a volunteer opportunity - need to clean the cafeteria stage and remove furniture to allow for band to happen*
 - *Action item: send out dates Friday 2-3 or Tuesday 2-3 for volunteers to sign-up to*

III. Approval of the [June 7, 2022 Meeting Minutes](#) (SW)

Notes:

- *Unanimous approval of the minutes*

IV. PTA Board Updates (20 min.)(SW)

- A. Secretary's Report (Sarah Wolfolds)
- B. [Treasurer's Report](#) (Ryan Kehoe)
- C. President's Report (Heather Beasley)
- D. Vice President's Report (Catherine Blumenkamp)

Notes:

- *Lisa's report: great first 10 days - calm and joyful; children have more freedom to move through the hallways*
 - *The Ice Cream social had about 300 people - 50-60% of the school*
 - *Curriculum night is upcoming - September 29th - and will be divided by grade level*
 - *The first drill was today*
 - *More events and opportunities to be announcement*
- *Treasurer's report: Anticipated budget loss of \$1k+ but actual was positive of \$2k+ from last year*
 - *Teacher discretionary fund will be \$75 for the first half of the year and we can assess where we are*
 - *Positive assessment of financial position*
- *President's report:*
 - *Events so far: kindergarten playdate; teacher/staff coffee conversation; mum fundraiser; ice cream social*
 - *Upcoming Events: Fall enrichment, curriculum night, teacher appreciation breakfast (9/30), silvergraphics, Gimme! Fundraiser; ski club, CHES loves snow*
 - *Action items: Need to find classroom caregivers*

V. General Discussion and Questions (5 minutes)(CB)

Notes:

- *Question in the chat about the Halloween Parade*
 - *Lisa responds that is cannot happen during the instructional day and an effort to create more inclusion*
 - *Catherine suggests the possibility of a pumpkin get together*

Meeting closes at 6:39