



Parent Teacher Association

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Cedar Grove Elementary PTA Meeting Minutes June 3rd 2025

Attendees:

Karina Hirshorn	Penny German	Christopher Wynne
Jessica Lorey	Ivy Doss	Natasha Dotrang
Stacey Melendez	Ina Suh	Vanessa & Taman Morris
Mimi Cao	Kavita Patel	Janet Remsnyder
Georgia Anderson	Anna Bieniek	Debi Voiner
Bethany Ventura	Nehall Guitierrez	N Stephen
Jen Capellman	Jinnah	Hetal M

- I. **Called to Order** - Meeting called to order by Jessica Lorey at 7:07pm
- II. **Approved Agenda**
- III. **Approved Minutes from previous meeting** April Meeting
- IV. **Officers gave their Reports**
 - **President - Jessica Lorey**
 - Jessica thanked all our volunteers
 - a) Nicole Saltzman - Delegate
 - b) Colby James - Book Fair
 - c) Nehall Gutierrez- Membership chair, Escape room
 - d) Debi Voiner - Spirit night, clubs, silent auction
 - e) Georgia Anderson - Bingo Night

- f) Janet Remsnyder - Holiday shop
- g) Mimi Cao - Winter Wonderland
- h) Pranita - Paint Night
- i) Anna Bieniek - Spirit Wear, will continue to stay at CGES, HW, STEM Night
- j) Kavita Patel - STEM Night, Website
- k) Natasha Dotrang - Around the World Night
- l) Ms. Troup - goes through all our STEM night applications, plans all cultural assemblies, volunteered to do it all again next year
- m) Mrs. Hirshhorn - thank you for helping us with everything
- n) Building Services - they are all supportive and doing so much behind the scenes, all the support at our events
- o) Mr. Wynne, Mrs. German, Mrs. Fair, Mrs. Popham - Thank you for all your support and everything you do. We are going to miss you Mrs. German
- p) Thank you to our executive board - Ivy, Natasha, Ina
- Year end review - Jessica made a board of events and things we have been able to accomplish with the PTA funds this year
- **Vice President - Natasha Dotrang**
 - Asked for last Chair updates
 - a) **Spirit Night Chair** - Debi Voiner reported that we made \$460 Villa Maya Spirit Night in May
 - b) **Staff Appreciation, around the world night, Movie night** - Natasha Dotrang commented that Around the world night was a success, appreciated everyone's feedback, moving it to Hallie Wells was great. Jessica Lorey did around the world for staff appreciation, mentioned it was successful. Movie night will be June 13th , End of the year celebration, and will have a food truck and icy truck. Will start at 8:30pm - flyers will go out next week.
 - c) **Yearbook** - Ina Suh reported that there were 166 preorders, 210 copies were ordered ahead of time, and we have 20 left as of now. Ms. Berman's class was the only class who didn't receive it but will come soon. - mentioned to parents on Whats App.
- **Secretary - Ina Suh** - nothing to report

- **Treasurer - Ivy Doss**

- Ivy reported went over income, we are right on budget, not much more except yearbook expenses. We have the Buddy bear picnic coming up, 5th grade year end picnic, movie night, and pay for year books. Overall, we did pretty well, and need to discuss our summer budget later in our meeting.. Jessica Lorey mentioned that the buddy benches came under budget (waiting on shipping cost).

V. Principal's Report - Christopher Wynne

- Mr Wynne mentioned the boundary study - could affect Hallie Wells and Damascus High School so please stay tuned with that. .
- Mr Wynne thanked for Around the World night, Staff appreciation, Girls on the Run, Bear Day, Career day.
- Mentioned next year's enrollment, 16, 22, 19, 24, 25, 28.
- Congratulated Mrs. German, Ms. Bencal, Mrs. Zimmerman retirement, Mrs. Mele will not be returning to CGES, Mrs. Capellman is going to Whetstone Elementary.
- KidsCo enrollment is not looking good so they might not come back.
- Volunteer appreciation breakfast is tomorrow, reminded parents to come and join if they can
- Reminded 5th grade promotion is June 13th at 10am.
- Echoed all of Mrs. Lorey's thank you's but wanted to recognize Mrs. Lorey's herself for all her effort and collaboration for staff and our CGES families
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VI. Assistant Principal Report - Penny German

- Thanked everyone and said a few notes to the parents.

Question from the floor - Debi Voiner asked when will the final decision be made if KidsCo will or will not be back? Will we know before the summer?

Mr. Wynne responded and said he does not know and will communicate as soon as he finds out. Jessica Lorey mentioned to spread the word as well to bring enrollment up.

VII. Staff Liaison Report - Karina Hirschhorn

- Mrs Hirschhorn mentioned that she loved having Around the World night at Hallie

Wells. Noting that having more space was great.

- Mrs Hirschhorn echoed Mr. Wynne's comments about staff appreciation week,
- Thanked parents for Bear Day volunteer
- Last cultural assembly is scheduled
- Reminded the volunteers for tomorrow's Volunteer breakfast

VIII. Nominating Board -

- Mrs. Hirshhorn mentioned that no one else from the nomination board was present so she will report that no one nominated anyone other than who is on the board already so we do not have to have an election. The board all confirmed that they will stay on the board and if there are no objections, we will keep the board members the same. Took time to see if there were any objections and there weren't.
- Congratulations to everyone for having the same board members for another year.

IX. New Business

- Jessica Lorey mentioned the financial meeting that needs to be scheduled at the end of the year and will need 3 volunteers. Please let us know.
 - Nehall Guterrez
 - Mrs. Hirshhorn
 - Morris's
- **Summer Budget** - Ivy Doss shared summer budget so we can spend between July-September. This is a way to bridge the summer months so that we can get things ready. \$3,500 is the budget and needs a motion on the floor, Move to approve the summer budget.
 - Kindergarten Playdates
 - Silent Auction Items
 - Welcome back bash
 - Open House support
 - Staff welcome back breakfast
 - Building services requested mats for the school
- Jessica Lorey asked for questions or comments.
 - Ivy and Kavita - Thanked Jessica Lorey for all she does.

X. Adjournment - meeting adjourned at 7:38pm