



MINUTES

Cool Spring Elementary PTA Meeting

Tuesday, February 16, 2021 | 6:30pm

Board members

Mindy Trzcinski, President | Jessica Huff, VP Fundraising | Nikki Maples-Reynolds, VP Communications | Rosa Seda, Treasurer | Eloise Simmonds, Secretary | Chris Cadwell, Principal

WELCOME!

In Attendance: Mindy Trzcinski, Jessica Huff, Rosa Seda, Eloise Simmonds, Chris Cadwell, and Nikki Mayples-Reynolds.

A. Welcome (Mindy Trzcinski) – Meeting started at 6:38 pm.

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B. Approval of the Minutes (Eloise Simmonds) – January meeting minutes approved. Approved by Mindy, Nikki, and Mr. Cadwell.

C. President's Report (Mindy Trzcinski)

Thank you, Rosa, for the stocking the staff lounge. We coordinated with Maudie Cakes that is run by one of our Cool Spring parents. They delivered cupcakes to the school today for the staff.

Volunteer appreciation: for the Staff who assisted with Virtual Game night. We would like to recognize Heather Colon, Mrs. Blakeney, and Mrs. Isler. They did a great job running the games and interacting with the families before the games. We would like to thank Chick-Fil-A for donating the prizes at the last minute. Have a certificate of appreciation for Mrs. Stein. We are wrapping up our together but apart art exhibit. She made google slides for the students on how to do a self-portrait. She also helped with handing out the Art supplies. We appreciate those staff members.

Officer Reports:

a. VP Fundraising (Jessica Huff)

We are booking vendors for Spirit truck food night. In the planning phases for Raise Craze. With the help from Mindy, the vintage spirit wear is on the site. There were some purchases.

b. VP Communication (Nikki Maples Reynolds)

Newsletter went over well. If anyone has any suggestions on communicating better, please let Nikki know.

c. Principal's Report (Chris Cadwell)

Thanks to all the families for their support in preparation for students returning to Hybrid. The cookies and cupcakes were appreciated by the staff. March 2nd is Read Across America Day; we are making it Read Across America week. We will have some special spirit day things that week. We would like some guest readers to come to the classroom that week.

We will have other activities that week like Story walk outside. Mrs. Walker is putting that together. You read a book while you exercise using a short picture book. We will publicize that in our weekly update. On March 5th we will be doing a virtual read aloud night at 6:30pm. For the yearbook, we would like to highlight our penguin strong community with pages in the yearbook. We would like families to send in pictures of students either doing activities or learning. Directions went out for that; it can be done using the Schoology app and the directions is on our website also. Yearbooks will be up for sale this week. That information should be on the website, but if not then we will be publicizing that in our weekly update on Sunday. Technology/Modern Learning survey link went out today to families. It is a division wide survey to understand from families on how technology is helping with student learning. Will use that information at the district level and school level for future planning. Survey will close February 26th. It will be a short survey.

February 26 – 5th grade, middle school course recommendation letters will go out.

March 2nd – County wide professional learning day. No school for students on that day.

March 17 – Kindergarten registration begin. Also, registration for all grades who are new.

March 18-19 – will be Spring picture days with Life Touch. Hybrid students will take their pictures in the morning and open for Penguins learning at home in the afternoon.

d. Treasurer's Report (Rosa Seda)

This month had a few expenses. Teacher reimbursement for fund requests.

January Expenses: \$674.61

Deposits: \$158.00, one uncleared check.

Playground account: \$12,826.00

Operating checking account: \$11,738.00

Total: \$24,564.00

Fund request balance: \$4,700.00

This report will be posted on the website. Any questions, please reach out to Rosa Seda.

D. New Business

- i. **Minority Student Achievement Advisory Committee (MSAAC) Representative Report (Tameka Mais)** Meeting will be February 17th at 7:00pm. Meeting link is on the Facebook page.
- i. **Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Representative (Joe Sable)** There is a summary of the meeting and next meeting link details on the Facebook page.
- ii. **Upcoming Events: Virtual Read Aloud Night (Mindy Trzcinski)**

We have a couple of teachers signed up to do the Virtual read aloud. Four teachers in total so far have signed up. Email sent to Specials teachers to get them to do the read aloud. Placed an order for 1,000 bookmarks. They were \$60.00 and will be here on the 20th. Once we know how many teachers have signed up, we can do an optional sign-up genius for students. If there is an issue that night, those who registered using the Sign-up Genius, will get a notification. If you pre-register ahead of time, you can go to the school to pick up microwave popcorn and bookmark. If we have 200 kids sign up, then the budget for the event will be \$120.00. If we end up with extra, it will be put in the lounge. We will have to cut off the registration a couple of days before the event. It will not be required to register so people will be able to still attend. We will see how it goes and if time allows, we can do another Virtual Game night.
- iii. **Call for Volunteers: Silent Auction, Upcoming Nominating Committee, Raise Craze (Mindy Trzcinski)** Looking for help with the nominating committee. Will discuss in detail in the next meeting. Asking for applications for people who would like to serve on the executive board for next year. We need 3 people for that. We need some volunteers for the Raise Craze which will be the main fundraiser.

Silent Auction: We will post the letter for the silent Auction so you can take to businesses. Looking for items with varying values. March 7-13th will be the auction. Any question, you can reach out to anyone on the executive board.
- i. **Adjourn: Meeting ended at 7:01pm**

UPCOMING DATES

March 2021:

March 2: PTA Exec Committee Meeting 5:30 PM, PTA General Meeting*, 6:30 PM

*Nominating Committee Volunteers

March 2: In School Display "Together or Apart: Always a Penguin At Heart"

March 5: Virtual Read Aloud Night

March 7-13: Silent Auction

April 2021:

April 20: PTA Exec Committee Meeting 5:30 PM, PTA General Meeting*, 6:30 PM

*Intent to Serve Forms due for PTA Elections

April 19-April 30: Raise Craze

April 22: Food Truck Spirit Night

May 2021:

May 3-7: Teacher Appreciation Week

May 18: PTA Exec Committee Meeting 5:30 PM, PTA General Meeting*, 6:30 PM

*PTA Elections

June 2021:

June 3-4: Virtual/In Person Field Day

June 14: Fifth Grade End of Year Celebration

All the most current information always available on our website www.coolspringpta.org!

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