Minutes

Cool Spring Elementary PTA Meeting

Tuesday, September 13, 2022 | 6:30pm

# Board members

Mindy Trzcinski, President | Kathleen Schwab, VP Fundraising | Nikki Maples-Reynolds, VP Communications | Kelley Wilkerson, VP Events | Courtney Fiala, Treasurer | Eloise Simmonds, Secretary | Chris Cadwell, Principal

| **WELCOME!**   1. **Welcome (Mindy Trzcinski)- Meeting started at 6:3**3**pm (**20 **total people in att**endance - both virtual and in person) 2. President's Report (Mindy T.)    1. 109 Total PTA Members    2. The welcome back picnic was a success and thank you to all who attended.    3. Mentioned that there are many volunteer opportunities and encouraged all who are interested to reach out to learn more. 3. **Officer Reports:**    1. **VP Fundraising (**Kathleen S.**)**       1. The School of excellence survey will be going out next week.       2. Raise Craze will start 10/03 and go through 10/17       3. Sponsorship levels and encouraged all who might know someone to pass along the information on how to become a Cool Spring Sponsor.    2. Treasurer's Report (Courtney F.)       1. Overall: $28,035.65 of which:       2. $ 18,034.49 Main Account       3. $ 10.001.16 Fund Request Account       4. We currently have NO fund requests and have had NO fund requests requested    3. Events Report (Kelly W.)       1. Donuts with Grown-ups is scheduled for two days this month 09/21 & 09/23       2. 3 houses on one day and 3 houses on the other- but you are able to attend the opposite day should the date your students house is given not work with your schedule.          1. 09/21- Arctic Fox (red), Narwhal (purple), & Snowy Owl (green)          2. 09/23- Caribou (yellow), Snow Leopard (orange), & Polar Bear (blue)       3. Family Service Night is scheduled for 10/06    4. Communications Report (Nikki M.)       1. Encouraged all everyone to join the Cool Spring PTA Facebook page & read Mr. Cadwells SMORES letter.       2. All events scheduled will be/have been posted to the Cool Spring PTA Facebook page. Holidays have also been added to help keep the school calendar visible.    5. **Principal’s Report (Chris Cadwell)**       1. Shared slides about the LCPS Strategic Plan, Goals, Principals, and Actions          1. All information can be found on the county website.       2. Share information on the NEW Cool Spring HOUSE SYSTEM          1. Goal is to create the opportunity to make relationships with peers outside of the students current grade and class.          2. House meetings will take place 1x week from 8:05-8:30am (school wide)             1. Meetings will center around social/emotional learning and character traits.             2. How to track house points- Teachers and staff can award points to students and houses for positive behaviors or displaying a character trait. All points can be tracked via the DoJo.             3. The house system does not replace all other Cool Spring guidelines and student expectations but is in addition to.             4. FIRST HOUSE MEETING IS 09/15          3. Update on School             1. Thanks to the PTA for the Staff Back to School Breakfast             2. Cool Spring currently has 614 enrolled students             3. 09/26- NO SCHOOL             4. 09/27- Movable Monday - will follow the Monday Specials schedule.             5. 09/15- Marks the start of Hispanic Heritage Month   students will be learning about various people and lessons pertaining to Hispanic Heritage Month   * + - * 1. Be sure to click the SMORES link at the bottom of Mr. Cadwells emails as they offer more details about happenings in the school.  1. **New Business**    1. Minority Student Achievement Advisory Committee (MSAAC) Representative Report (Eloise Simmonds)       1. Voted to have Eloise Simminds be the MSAAC Rep (PASSED)       2. NO Report to give       3. encouraged anyone interested in being an alternative MSAAC Rep. to join.    2. Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Representative (Joe Sable)       1. No Report to give       2. voted to have Joe Sable be the SEAC Rep. (PASSED)       3. encouraged anyone interested in being an alternative SEAC Rep. to join.    3. LEAF Report (Melanie Srivisal, Rep.)       1. The LCPS Policy Reviews are updated to the County Website          1. check lcps.org/policy to see the updates       2. Next meeting will be 09/19    4. Review of the 2021-2022 Budget (Mindy T.)       1. During the 2021-2022 school year we exceeded our fundraising goal- Raise Craze had a net cap of 24K       2. Spent $3,100 in Student/Community/Support       3. Spent $3,300 in staff support       4. Granted $7,600 in Fund Requests       5. Major expense: Contributed $30,000 to the new playground    5. Review of the 2022-2021 Budget (Courtney F.)       1. Walked through the proposed 22-23 budget and where money has been allocated.       2. Voted to accept the Budget (PASSED)          1. Motion by [Nikki Maples-Reynolds](mailto:vpcommunications@coolspringpta.org)          2. 2nd by Megan Hill. 2. Open Forum    1. Parent question about volunteer opportunities       1. within the classroom, your students teacher will let you know of opportunities       2. The PTA will post opportunities through a email within MemberHub but will also be adding sign-up links on the Cool Spring PTA Facebook page       3. All parents/guardians are able to come into the school and have lunch with your student.    2. Parent question about the 4th grade VA Studies Cost       1. Why are some schools covering the cost of this for the students?          1. this is a program that Cool Spring has opted to use and is not county wide, which is why the families are paying the cost ($15)       2. How can someone donate funds to help cover the cost for another student?          1. Mrs. Laura will accept funds through the front office.          2. Families can reach out to the school Parent Liaison Jackie Eisenhower for obtaining funds for the VA Studies guide.    3. Parent Question about 4th Grade Field Trip       1. Parent was told that the 4th grade will be going to the National Zoo on a field trip       2. Why the Zoo and not somewhere that goes along with the VA Studies lesson?          1. Field Trips are decided on by the grade level teams (teachers)          2. Field Trips always correlate with some sort of the academic calendar and lessons being taught.          3. Nothing has been finalized and teachers are still deciding.    4. Parent Question about campaigning and mentioned that the campaigning at the back to school night was abrasive.       1. the policy states that campaigning can not happen closer that 40ft from the doors       2. campaigning in the school is not allowed. 3. Adjourn Meeting ended at 7:30pm |
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