



Colonial Hills Elementary  
November PTA Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, November 19, 2024 - 7:00pm  
CHES Library

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm  
Approval of November meeting minutes:  
Minutes approved at 7:06 pm

**President's Report: Natalie McCarthy**

- Walk-a-thon fundraising platform
  - Have approached Mrs. Berridge on ways to make the walk-a-thon a more engaging and interactive. There is a platform called APEX that has approached the PTA.
  - We are exploring ways to hype up the fundraiser locally with PTA talking to the classes
- Parent/Family education
  - Kids and Tech presentation is on zoom this evening led by Lynsey Pearson.
  - Have been talking about other family education opportunities for 2025
- PTA board positions for next school year
  - The board will be rolling out of their positions this year. Consider a position (president, VP, secretary, and treasurer)

**Vice President's Report: Kristen Klopfer and Leslie McChesney**

- Pancake breakfast re-cap
  - It was successful event – raised just over \$500 dollars this year; looking for other ways to promote the event to the neighborhood to engage the community/neighborhood more.
  - The intent of this event is to build and foster community

**Secretary's Report:**

- Website
  - Continues to be in process
- Calendar link
  - they

**Treasurer's Report: Jill Kleinhenz**

- Treasurer's Report
  - Book Fair Funds
    - Will see this money added to the dedicated fund
  - Just over \$400 dollars for the Skate Fund
  - Conference meals – you will see the cost of this in the report
  - \$582 from the walk-a-thon will hit in October

**Principal's Report: Sherri Berridge**

- Principal's Fundraiser
  - Have already made \$800 – some of this will help cover the increasing cost of fieldtrip admissions when kids have forgotten money or cannot afford to pay

- Will use this to replace House shirt
- Will use this also to buy some of the things for House meetings and Pride meetings
- Gives more flexibility to meet the needs of the school outside of academics
- Glow Bowling
  - It is this Friday – free for families and any donations will go towards the skating fund
  - There are a few slots left
- Group of alumni that have \$500 to donate to programming to the Skating program; they will come to the school and Ms. Merringer will talk about the skating program.
  - Ms. Merringer is exploring how Granby does their fundraising for their skate program

### **School Composting Presentation:**

- There is a composting program at Worthington Estates and Evening Street
- Compost Exchange is who would support this program
  - The biggest challenge is maintaining the integrity of the bins
  - \$850 a semester is the cost of the program
    - There is a grant that would possibly help defray the cost
  - To make this happen – we would need the buy in from the community and have a strong group of volunteers
  - Discussion:
    - Want to make this happen but there are logistical challenges
    - Discussed whether or not there is an option to do an ad hoc for PTA events
    - Is there a possibility to partner with Linworth to help with their volunteer hours?
    - Discussed having a table at next year’s Ice Cream Social to gauge interest

### **Pastapalooza Jan. 30, 2025:**

- Call for planning committee has gone out
- First meeting will be on 11/26 at 6 pm; will be at the Old Worthington Library in the Wolfe Room

### **Committee Updates and Announcements:**

- Holiday Helpers
  - Information has been collected and more information coming soon
- Staff appreciation monthly brunches
  - Third grade will host in December
- Teacher classroom funds
  - Teachers are using their funds – there is a steady flow of requests
    - Will need to send to Mrs. Berridge how much of the teacher funds have been used at the end of December and then again at the end of the year
- Reflections
  - Submissions are due 11/23
- Clean the Ravine/Outdoor classroom
  - Continuing to work on getting the roof fixed
- PTAC
- Prideful Paws
  - Discussed ways to make this more supportive of the community – should there be a bit of change in the messaging to promote the ability for families to “paw” another students yard
- Skate Parties/Skate Program Fundraising
  - Chipotle – 12/9 Campus View Chipotle from 4-8 pm
- Spirit Wear
  - Scarves, hats, and PJ pants will be coming soon
- DEI
  - Looking for ways to weave in DEI in all the events that we already do and partner with the other committees

- Ways to partner with the school/teachers in the things that we already do – helping families access the school
- Culture cookbook
- Cardboard Challenge
  - January 11, 2025
- Book Fair
  - Had a conversation on a way to make the book fair more equitable and having more consistent ways to support making sure that all kids have access to the book fair
  - Classroom Counts Campaign was what Mrs. Swagger used
  - DEI committee will partner with messaging on ways to support

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:25 pm