

September 30, 2021  
CES PTA General Membership Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm by President, Amanda Cantrell, via Zoom.

Pledge led by CES students, Preston and Sam Cantrell.

Vice President, Laura Wiseman, provided the inspiration.

Minutes from the previous General Membership Meeting (April 19th, 2021) were voted on and approved.

#### **Treasurer's Report- Milly Mount**

Beginning Balance for August 1, 2021- \$61,279.99.

Income- \$16,276.32 which consisted of corporate sponsors, membership income & DragonWear income.

Expenses- \$4,849.37. See the treasurer's report on the shared screen for details. Most expenses were paying impact grants for teachers and staff.

Ending Budget as of August 31, 2021- \$72,706.94

#### **Principal's Report- Michael Ruiz**

- He wished the meeting was in person, but thanked everyone for showing up on zoom.
- 1st quarter has been great. The number of students getting sent home because of contact tracing has dropped. This is due partly because of the change of rules for social distancing from 3 feet to 6 feet.
- Many fun events have taken place and are coming soon.
  - Grandparents' Day was a success. Mr. Ruiz enjoyed seeing everyone come out and be together in person. We are lucky to have the football field so we can hold events.
  - Dragon Dash is coming up, and will take place on the football field, as well.
  - Last week, a picture was taken of the entire school in maroon out on the field. The picture was posted on the website and social media outlets.
  - Over \$5,000 was raised for St. Jude last week. Ms. Freeman, who has a daughter currently in treatment at St. Jude, was grateful for the donation.
  - "Little Dragons Love to Read" Day was last week. Community members came into the classrooms to read books to the students.
- CES was awarded a TN Reward School for achievement and growth in test scores. Mr. Ruiz is so proud of the teachers and students of their hard work. It was very hard to earn this award during a pandemic, which shows how great our teachers and students are. Mr. Ruiz thanked the PTA and parents for keeping up teacher morale throughout the year.

- Fall break is coming up- October 11-15th. Mr. Ruiz wished everyone a safe and fun fall break.

## **New Business**

### **2020-2021 Budget Audit- Milly Mount**

After the close of our fiscal year which was June 30, 2021, we had our books audited and 2020 tax return prepared by a third party CPA. The audit came back with no discrepancies. If you have any questions or would like to see our audit and tax return please send me an email at [treasurer@mycespta.org](mailto:treasurer@mycespta.org).

### **Family Events- Donuts with Dragons- Kimberly Allen**

- Donuts with Dragons will be the week after fall break.
- The flyer was sent out on Parent Square and in students' folders.
- We are looking forward to another good time on the football field.

### **Fundraising Events- Dragon Dash- Andrea McGhee**

- The theme for CES this year is "Every Dragon Has a Story," so the Dragon Dash theme is "Seuss on the Loose." Dr. Seuss books will be in the classrooms hopefully next week, so the teachers can begin to read and use as they would like.
- Andrea explained that Dragon Dash is the big fall fundraiser fun run for the school. All proceeds from Dragon Dash stay at CES for impact grants.
- The goal is to raise \$30,000.
- Mr. Ruiz has agreed to allow parents to attend Dragon Dash.
- More information will come home next week concerning donations for Dragon Dash.
- The Get Moving FundHub website will be used again for online donations.
- Each student will receive a fun item to commemorate Dragon Dash 2021.

### **CES Budget for 2021-2022- Milly Mount**

The budget committee met over the summer and planned out the 2021-22 working budget. It was listed on the shared screen (via zoom).

Since this motion is coming from a standing committee, it needed to be seconded to open the floor for discussion. Lindsay Tilson seconded the motion.

Amanda Cantrell opened the floor for questions about the budget. There were no questions. The motion for approving the 2021-2022 budget was approved and passed.

Amanda thanked everyone for joining the meeting tonight. She mentioned that it is easier to meet quota for meetings when we are in person and students are singing, so she appreciated everyone making the effort to join.

Amanda mentioned that CES put luminaries in the classroom windows facing Peterson Lake in honor of the 1 week anniversary of the Kroger shooting. Several Collierville schools participated in the luminaries and she suggested driving by the school after dark.

Amanda adjourned the meeting at 6:45 pm.