

Second PTA Executive Board Meeting: School Year 2006-07
Thursday September 28, 2006 7:00-9:00pm

PTA Board Members in attendance:

Kristy Keteltas, President

Lynn Gertzog, Sheryl Golub, Lois Kramer, Deb Lang, Maxine Schnitzer, and Lucy Winkler.

Karen Hutchinson and Yong Sun were not in attendance.

PTA Budget

The PTA Board reviewed and discussed the CSES PTA Budget. The PTA Board agreed that some minor line items did not accurately reflect the true expense or income (e.g., Bingo Night for 2007 has expense and income of \$500 but Bingo Night is not being held this year). A motion to pass the budget as amended was made and a motion was made to second that motion. The PTA Budget for 2007 was passed unanimously by all attendees.

PTA Bank Accounts

The PTA Board discussed the need for the Treasurer to have flexibility to transfer monies from the PTA savings account into the PTA checking account when the incoming expenses are greater than current balance in the PTA checking account. The Board will draft guidelines to allow transfer of funds between PTA bank accounts in certain circumstances.

PTA Educational Foundation

The PTA Board discussed the necessary separation between the PTA and the CSES Educational Foundation. The PTA Board confirmed its role to try to provide for the best education of the students which is separate and apart from the CSES Educational Foundation which seeks to provide funding for educational objectives. The PTA Board discussed that any excess funds at the end of the year may be donated to the CSES Educational Foundation but that the 2 entities roles remain very distinct.

PTA Funding of Activities

The PTA Board discussed the request by FLES to provide additional funding in order to enable some FLES classes at CSES. Some FLES classes, at this time, are under-registered. FLES will not hold the class without additional registrants or additional funds. The PTA Board agreed that the funding was not appropriate as it benefited only a very small number of students. Some PTA Board members thought perhaps the gap in funding could be sought from the parents of the students already registered. The science club, this year, is a similar example whereby the activity fee paid by the registrants covers the necessary costs of providing the activity. The PTA Board wants to ensure that all flyers for after-school activities requiring a participation fee provide an alert on the flyer that scholarship applications can be submitted for such after-school activities in the event of a financial need or hardship.

Spirit Wear Fridays

The PTA Board discussed CSES Spirit Wear Fridays. The PTA Board noted that they did not want students, and/or parents to feel obligated to purchase any branded CSES spirit wear gear simply to participate in the activity and wanted to promote the wearing of the school colors as an alternative way to demonstrate student spirit. The PTA Board decided against working with an entity that could sell the wear directly to the community as it was unclear what CSES or the students would gain from this.

CSES Volunteer Guidelines

The PTA Board discussed the development of standards of behavior that all CSES volunteers would be expected to adhere to at any CSES event. The Board will draft such guidelines that can be provided to volunteers in the future.

Homework Help Club

The PTA Board learned about a student survey which indicated CSES students did not feel they could always get questions on their homework answered. This item scored low on the survey. In order to address this issue, the PTA Board discussed a variety of options including an after-school homework help club staffed by volunteer parents or students. Some members were concerned that volunteer students and parents were not properly trained to provide homework help. There was an overall concern that the homework help club would not be well attended and concern was expressed over how students would be designated to attend such session (e.g. parent request, student request, teacher request). The PTA Board will continue this discussion in the future.

New Math Groupings

The PTA Board recapped the discussion from the New Math Group meeting which was held on Monday September 25th. A follow up discussion will be held at the PTA Meeting being held October 10.

PTA Meetings

The next PTA meetings will be held Tuesday October 10.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted, Lucy Winkler, Secretary