



Charles Ellis Montessori Academy
PTA

General Membership Meeting-
January 26, 2021

Call to Order, Inspiration, and Welcome
Old Business: November Minutes Approval (attached)
News from Ms. Tanya
Treasurer's Report
Committee Updates
Boosterthon Results
New Business
Announcements from School Council and MESS
Announcements
Adjournment



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Co-Presidents – Melanie Finnegan & Holly McCormick

Secretary – Dionne McAfee

Treasurer – Beverly Hall

Principal – Tanya Melville

Committee Chairs

Arts Enrichment – Amanda Fanelli

Bobcat Dads – Sean Finnegan

Campus Beautification – Jeni Brady

Communications – Sarah Smith

Cultural Diversity – Beverly Johnson

Health & Wellness – Mary Britton Senseney & Sarah Hartley

Membership – Lori Wynn

Parent Advisory – Kelly Pack & Erin Roma

School Safety – Christy Caughran

Science Enrichment – Jennifer Bailey & Lauren Wills

Teacher/Staff Appreciation – Yvette Upton

Teacher Liaison – Lisa O'Donnell

UPCOMING PTA EVENTS

BOOSTERTHON PRIZE DELIVERY - TBD

CULTURE FEST – February 25

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK – May 3

NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING –

April 20, 2021

OTHER NOTEWORTHY SPRING DATES

PRESIDENTS DAY, HOLIDAY – February 15

MONTESSORI WEEK - February 22

ST. PATRICK'S DAY – March 17

SPRING BREAK - March 29

Charles Ellis Montessori Academy PTA

Leadership Meeting November 12, 2020

6:30 PM, Zoom

Meeting called to order at 6:31pm

Melanie Finnegan welcomed 36 members

Motion to approve August minutes – Kelly moves/Mary Britton seconds. Minutes approved.

News from Ms. Tanya

New directives coming from Board at meeting tomorrow regarding phase-in for 2nd semester. Meeting will be recorded - can access thru SCCPSS website. We are now at capacity in the building. Wait list for students who want to come back to school. We are working to accommodate students based on teacher/staff numbers. Thanks to the teachers. We are transitioning to classroom teachers delivering Montessori lessons with materials. Success with creating a positive learning environment. Question about orientation to Montessori program for new families – hopefully will be offered in-person next semester but in the meantime please contact the school counsellors Ms. Rebecca and Ms. Ivey.

Treasurer's Report

\$22618.56 in the account beginning of October. Recent expenses include website maintenance, supplies, teacher training.

Ad hoc committee report: Playground Improvements

Will plant 4 trees in November. MPR dividers arrived.

Committee Updates

Arts Enrichment: Amanda Fanelli – Reflections update – winners moving on to District –video of winners will be posted on website. Put together art kit with Ms. Tiia for each student. Reach out to Ms Laura if you need a kit.

Bobcat Dads: Sean Finnegan n/a

Campus Beautification: Jeni Brady n/a

Communications: Sarah Smith – send updates for website or Peachjar.

Cultural Diversity: Beverly Johnson n/a. Melanie reports that Culture Fest is still scheduled for the spring.

Health & Wellness: Mary Britton Senseney, Sara Hartley. Wreath sale fundraiser a success. Everything with Nurse Chris is going well.

Membership: Lori Wynn – 134 members currently, short of 200 goal. Encourage parents to join!

Parent Advisory: Erin Roma, Kelly Pack -District 6 Fall Conference over. PTA sponsored attendance at an anti-racist workshop. Any students turning 18 as of January 5, 2021 can vote in the Senate run-off.

School Safety: Christy Caughran n/a

Science/STEAM Enrichment: Jenn Bailey, Lauren Wills – Science night will happen late Spring. Georgia Southern will help with support, materials, etc.

Teacher/Staff Appreciation: Yvette Upton – parent feedback on how well the teachers are doing. Crossing guard appreciation is next week – thank Ms Carlotta and PTA has a gift for her.

Teacher Liaison: Lisa O'Donnell – we have a new school website. Weekly Wonders newsletter has all new information – goes out via email, on website and FB.

Holly – Teacher grant applications have been submitted. Will announce winners next week.

Playground update: December 15 & 16 – new trees going into the playground.

Boosterthon update: This is our main fundraiser - look for email about event happening on January 15 – virtual and in person for students in the building. Every student and staff will get a t-shirt. Kicks off January 6.

Read-a-thon fundraiser underway: <https://app.memberhub.gives/e5f66b>

Angel Tree goal: will distribute 40 gift cards – still 14 cards needed.

Photography fundraiser a success. Thank you Rich Burkhart for donating your time.

Thank you to our business partners!

MESS – no updates

Ms Tanya notes that PTA, MESS and School Council are doing a great job.

Festival of Lights – On December 12 and 13 from noon -2pm students can pick up Boosterthon t-shirts and other gift items.

Adjourn 7:22pm.