

CPA PTO Meeting - October 13, 2022, 7pm
College Park Academy High School ILC

- Welcome and Introductions
- Grade Level Community Builder
- Leadership Updates
- Secretary's Report - Membership
- Treasurer's Report - Budget Review and Approval Vote
- Past Fundraisers and Events
- Upcoming Fundraisers and Events
- Q&A with Jenni Pompei, District 2 Board of Education candidate and CPA Parent
- New Business/Questions/Discussion
- Adjourn

Welcomes and Introductions

Mr. Baker- Updates

- Invitation to set up tours, email for more info
- Push for Google Reviews- parents and students QR code available
- Nov 7th, 25th Jan, 31st of March- Virtual Asynchronous days
- CPA Day- this weekend 10/15. Table will be set up. Abu-Arja and Mr. Baker will be present
- Hispanic Heritage Month- 10th/12th participated all month in a program. Start of celebrations. 9th/11th will participate 10/14, and MS 10/14
- End of Q1 in Connexus- Different end date that PGCPS; Oct 31st end of Quarter
- HS Homecoming- Oct 29th 7-10 pm
- MS Friday Nov 4th- Dance 7-9 Fall Harvest Dance
- 12th graders- Naviance Task due; reminder to parents
- Mr. Foreman- Check Phoenix Sports calendars for Fall Sports
- Godwin- Dual Enrollment apps open Nov 9th for 11th/12th graders
- MS- Boys/Girls basketball tryouts week of 10/24

Questions for Mr. Baker

Charge for Fall Harvest Dance? Yes. Snacks/DJ etc. Chaperones needed. Double checking on need for clearance/fingerprinting for parents. If previously cleared, still in the system. Fingerprinting valid for the entire duration of school. Annual safe schools need to be completed again.

Community Builder- 4 minutes, share out

Secretary's Report- Shared current membership and goal

Grade Level Volunteers- Shared out names and did introductions of present volunteers

Question- Are we able to do targeted info (email, calls, etc)? Yes!

Treasurer's Report

Share out grade level funds; emphasized events such as Urban Air as a model.

Questions-

What are grade level funds for? Field Trips, rewards, dances, tee-shirts, promotion, graduation events

Are we able to send food items to classrooms? Yes, needs to be store bought.

Have we ever tried to grant funding from towns? We are not our own 501c3, so don't have non-profit status. Haven't done in the past. CPA Inc. is a 501c3, and has hired a PT grant writer.

Projected Budget- Appreciate ppl joining and extra donations; we don't have a lot of events planned but looking ahead.

Call for a vote. Clarification- this is the whole year's plan? Yes, budget and actual.

Expense budget may increase a bit with in person events. For example, pancake dinners etc. Budget approved!

Events and Fundraisers

Teacher Appreciation- Question around listed dates. Request for ideas.

Question- Partnerships? Request for connections if families have them.

Facebook page suggestion for fundraising

Reviewed upcoming Events and Fundraisers

Discussion around need for community/family voices at CPA Board meetings particularly for spring sports

Fundraising- Asynchronous days are a good opportunity for community fundraisers such as Urban Air.

Clarification- Can't do dress down days for fundraisers

Jenni Pompi

Running for Board of Ed bc she's a parent in PGCPS and the perspective is needed. Loves living in PG County, and recognizes that as our schools grow and are successful so is our county. We need people on the board who put kids before politics. Doesn't believe that the board of ed should be a political on ramp. Wants our schools to be the best that we can.

Hoping to focus on equity/inclusion, 21st skills, outreach and engagement. CPA is a District 2 school. Share the District 2 areas.

Q: What's the remedy to the smear campaigns against PGCPs? It's unfair for ppl to attack our school district?

A: The bad news always outweighs the good news. Uplift our good stories- Climate Action plan for example. We have policies for equity and inclusion that we should be proud of. Curriculum is culturally relevant, grade level appropriate (with examples).

Attendee thanked Jenni for running; shared personal connection. Ask to advocate for policies for structured reading throughout the curriculum.

A: And giving teachers the resources to implement the policies.

Attendee discussed bilingual leadership/teachers and the need for bilingualism among staff in PGCPs. RP ES as an example.

A: Community schools such as RPES often have a liaison/coordinator. Sees some recognition of the need by PGCPs.

FB page as a suggested place to share information about Jenni's campaign.

New Business/Questions

What's been the biggest challenge that Leadership has seen, that can help parents support kids?

A: Over the summer looking at Edgenuity data, working with teachers around Math for students below grade level. If students don't have skills in particular areas, we have to find ways to get them caught up. On the flip, we have a lot of advanced students, finding ways to enrich and push those students. Facing the data and coming up with ideas and solutions to push our kids.

Q: Thank you for the effective communication, responsiveness. Waiting for the avalanche, when does the 6th grade HW hit?

A: If a student is doing all they need to at school, they shouldn't have a tremendous amount of homework. Reading 20-30 minutes and 30-45 minutes of HW.

Q: If Mr. Baker can collect big goals/items that teachers want. Drive the funding towards that.

Q: Field Trips? A: Yes!

Q: How are field trips funded?

A: At times PTO support. Student based budgeting has some \$ for transportation- trips, athletic events. Try for minimal charge.

Q: Facebook group VS. Facebook Page? Offer to set up a PTO FB page (Sarah)

Thank you to Mr. Baker for his diligence in being present, on duty etc.

Plan for Upcoming Event- Ice Skating, Wells Ice Rink
Suggestion for Roller Skating as well

Suggestion for Dance-a-thon; emphasis on collaboration
Read-a-thon