



Cupertino Middle School Parent Teacher Organization

Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 15, 2020 | 3:30 – 4:30pm

Venue: Virtual (Zoom Meeting)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86018839584?pwd=WmVicXhvL2E2VDBGMVhYS3BaWXV1Zz09>

Meeting ID: 860 1883 9584 Passcode: gobears!

CMS-PTO BOARD 2020-2021

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">● President – Sara Grignon● Secretary – May Bakken● Treasurer – Ronda Gieryn● Fundraising – Abha Nulkar● Direct Donations Lead: Susan Gao● Small Events Lead: Shruti Dixit● Large Events Co-leads: Natalie Hargrove and Keily Morales● Online Communications Lead: Raka Agrawal | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Principal – Jean Wang● Vice Principals- Jeanine Woodell, Anu Iyer● Teacher Reps :<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Jeanette Henke - 6th Grade○ Kimberly Pantoja -8th Grade○ Kate Huang - 7th Grade○ Meredith Shyy - 7th Grade |
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Roll call:

Absent: Raka & Abha

MEETING AGENDA

1. Meeting call to order

Meeting commenced at 3:35pm

2. Unfinished Business

- a. CMS-PTO by law amendments/changes update - post by January 2021
 - i. Ronda made some suggestions and the board will meet offline from this meeting to **discuss and present in January 2021.**

3. Officer & Committee Reports

- a. **President's Report** (Sara)

- Jack Crane, is a former CMS student and Boy Scout working on an Eagle Scout project for CMS. He will be raising funds for a garden improvement project and is requesting to donate the funds into the PTO account for ease of accounting.
 - Vote to approve Jack's Eagle Scout project for CMS-PTO to accept donation (Motion: Kimberly, Jeanine second.
Ayes: All
Approved
CMS-PTO would be beneficiary for Garden Project
Target to fundraise \$500

- CUSD Update
 - Sara and Jean reviewed a one slider to be used to communicate to CMS school community about CUSD fundraising effort
 - CUSD will come back to us in mid January with an update

- Holiday Staff gift from CMS-PTO on behalf of school community
 - Giftcards should be received by Week Dec 14

b. Direct Donations (Susan)

- Some parents want to support the math team as CMS and would like to donate and have the donation to go through CMS-PTO.
- Vote to approve funds to route to CMS-PTO to receive funds for the CMS Math Club
 - Ayes: All
 - **Approved**

c. Treasurer's Report (Ronda)

- Treasurer's Update
- Audit Summary Presented and complete. Thank you Ronda and Connie for keeping us compliant.

d. Communications Report (Raka)

- CMS-PTO Newsletter - Raka will be sending a CMS-PTO newsletter in the next two days
- Calendar Update
- Communications Update

e. Community Programs Report

- Parent CMS-PTO Talks (Shruti)
- Elisabeth Stitt hosted an hour-long workshop called "The Family Meeting: 4 Steps to Increasing Harmony and Calm in Your Home". It was informative and well-received.

Be the Architect of Your Family.

After reflecting on the shift in parents over the last twenty-five years from more or less confident they were doing okay to isolated and anxious, former teacher Elisabeth Stitt founded Joyful Parenting Coaching in 2014. Elisabeth's mission is to support parents in getting the skills they need to restore their confidence as parents and their enjoyment in the role. Joyful Parenting Coaching newsletters, blogs, workshops and webinars all strive to provide a balance between concrete advice and the understanding that there are many, many ways to approach parenting--and each family has to find what works for them and the child they have.

“Good parenting is the millions of small gestures that we make that make our kids feel safe, secure, and connected.”

FEATURED WORKSHOPS

3 TERRIFIC TIPS FOR GETTING YOUR KIDS TO LISTEN

- Discover parenting is a skill that can be taught, learned and practiced
- Learn three of Elisabeth's favorite time-tested techniques for cooperation from children small to big

FORMING A CLOSE CONNECTION WITH YOUR KIDS

- Get the latest research on how connecting benefits growing brains
- Learn how to bring more playfulness and heartfelt communication into your home.

CREATING EFFECTIVE CONSEQUENCES WORKSHOP

- Find out when and how natural consequences are most effective
- Identify when logical consequences are required
- Learn the 3 Keys to Effective Logical Consequences

Book Elisabeth!

Parents Update from the school targeted for January 2021

Next Parent talk - Pending speaker availability **

- Student Professional Speaker Series (May)
- Posting recorded past sessions - Monday, January 11
- Looking for the next date for Artist Speaker Series (suggestions)
- **Financial advice for a kids session**
 1. *Finatic, a youth-run non-profit organization that hopes to educate middle and high schoolers on personal finance and basic money management concepts. Our mission is to provide students with a source of training so that they develop a strong understanding of finance and can create good financial habits at a young age. We have designed a program that includes three interactive, engaging, and concise sessions, each lasting an hour each that covers managing, saving, borrowing, investing, and protecting your money. We have already conducted numerous programs but*

we believe a partnership with Cupertino Middle School will allow us to reach additional middle schoolers and provide them with this imperative financial knowledge. If this would be of interest to Cupertino, we would love to hold a session during this Winter Break for your students.

- *Aditya Bagga | www.finatic.site/*

f. Community Events Report

- Brainstorm Spring Event

g. Fundraising Report (Abha)

- Dine Out nights
- Amazon Smiles
- Brainstorm other ideas to help raise funds

4. Principal’s Report

- *Encourage parents to complete survey so school can make plans*
- *Thank you to Jeanine and Anu for driving extra activities for CMS students with the leadership students*
- *Successful dance party hosted on Friday - shout out to counsellor Ms. Frida for getting DJ (50 in attendance)*
- *Bake-a-long (20 kids) Operation Care and Comfort*
- *Students making i-pillows for hospice patients*
- *Teachers submitting their orders for second half of academic year that PTO is supporting*

5. New Business - Including Proposals and Announcements

Mid year planning discussion

6. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 19 – 3:30pm – 4:30pm

CMS PTO Proposals				
Item#	Bucket	Requested By	Detailed Information/ Itemized Cost	Total Cost
1				
2				

				Total Cost of Proposals