

CMS PTO Minutes from the meeting June 6, 2013  
(Pending Board Approval)

**Welcome**

Megan Pickette and Nancy Grayson, PTO President and Co-President, called the meeting to order at 9:05 am. They welcomed all present and asked the meeting attendees to introduce themselves. They also thanked volunteers on the 2012-2013 PTO team.

**School Trips**

Principal Kristen St. George delivered her report, focusing on the trips that Chenery students are taking this week. The fifth graders have traveled in two groups to Ferry Beach Ecology School in Saco, ME. The eighth graders are in Washington, DC, and teachers and administrators on the trip report that the students stand out among other school groups because they are so well behaved. She described the protocol in place for various mishaps and emergencies that may occur on local and distant field trips.

Approximately 265 out of the 300 eighth graders are on the DC trip, with the 35 students in Belmont this week taking part in various curriculum-centered field trips.

**Upcoming class**

The final round of meetings with fourth-grade parents has taken place, and the Chenery Ambassadors (fifth graders) will be visiting the four elementary schools next week and giving tours of Chenery to fourth graders the week after next.

**Executive board and budget**

Elena Hanley, Co-Treasurer, presented the 2012-2013 PTO Treasurer's Report, which was approved.

Nancy Grayson shared the names of the individuals on the 2013-2014 Executive Board, and the slate was approved. She also presented the names of the various 2013-2014 Committee Chairs.

Nancy and Elena presented the 2013-2014 PTO budget. The budget was approved.

**Recent PTO activity**

Megan and Nancy provided an update on recent PTO activity. They thanked Heidi Sawyer, who organized the staff appreciation lunch, and they noted that the festivities stretched from coffee at the start of the school day to treats at the district leadership meeting that Kristen St George hosted in the afternoon. They also noted that taking place soon are the eighth grade Class Night and Reception, which take place, respectively, the night before the last day of school (at which seventh-grade parents are asked to assist) and at breakfast on the last day of school.

Ritz Butzer Carpenter gave a brief update on the PTO Club activity for this academic year. There were 43 clubs with a total of 416 enrollees, and 54 scholarships were granted. She mentioned that it would be a good idea to talk with the Chinese teachers about a club

for next year that could provide an introduction to Chinese language and culture, to help with Chinese language enrollment when the students move from fifth to sixth grade. As an aside, Nancy mentioned that all PTO clubs are led by Chenery teachers, which is the PTO's policy.

The minutes for the May 2, 2013, meeting were approved.

Nancy Grayson adjourned the meeting at 9:50am.

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