

## CSS PTA Meeting - November 9, 2021

**WELCOME:** Pres, Veronica welcomed everyone, and translated to spanish, announcing our new translation services.

### **APPROVAL OF OCT. MEETING MINUTES (attached) / *Aprobación de las actas de la reunión de octubre (se adjunta el acta de la reunión)***

- Shared the minutes from October Meeting for Parents to review
- Poll was launched for Approval of Minutes, close to 100% participation and majority of 90% approved

### **TREASURER'S REPORT / *Informe del tesorero***

- Register Balance = \$93,656.33
  - October Income includes:
    - \$9,665 in Uniform Sales
    - \$2,250 in Pie Sales
    - \$1355 in Turkey Trot
    - \$4745 in Membership
    - \$509 in 2020-21 Attorney Retainer return
  - October Expenses include:
    - \$10,668.65 in uniform clothing & patches purchases
    - Nearly \$2k in admin costs, food/drink for community event, department grant (piano cover & keyboard cases), delta math plus subscription, paypal/square expenses, etc.
- More than halfway to our annual fundraising goal of \$23,000, which all goes back to support the school. Need to raise \$11k more before end of 2021 in order to stay on track.
- Waiting for faculty to request things they need (i.e got virtual notebook requests for one class)
- Our projected programming costs for the year: \$67,350
- Things might amend as we finalize the cafeteria and library, which we'll come back to the membership.
- No questions

### **VOLUNTEERING UPDATES / *Actualizaciones de voluntariado***

- HOLIDAY GIFT BAGS for Faculty/Staff: We're bringing back the Holiday Gift Bag exchange for all of the faculty/staff. It's easy! Each family donates 12 items of the same thing (soap, candles, chocolate, socks, etc), plus each grade 12-14 large shopping bags. (UPDATE: donate items 12/13-17; volunteers will be needed Mon 12/20 and Tues 12/21 to divide, assemble and deliver the bags in appreciation of all of the amazing CSS faculty and staff).
- COOKBOOK: We're compiling a CSS cookbook celebrating the diverse culinary cultures at CSS! We've received many tasty recipes but we are eager for more

wonderful dishes, desserts and snacks to better represent the vibrancy of our community! Please share your family's favorite recipe(s), by completing this form by November 18th (one form per recipe).

- Goal to launch Cookbook before the holidays

#### **FUNDRAISING UPDATES / *Actualizaciones de recaudación de fondos***

- PIE SALE / *Venta de pasteles*: Deadline extended to 12/12 @ 3pm; as of 11/8 sold 160 pies (includes 20 for staff appreciation and 27 for charity); pick up is on 11/23; no pick up needed for staff appreciation or City Harvest; big thanks to Melanie Brazil for co-leading this initiative and helping bring a new tradition to CSS.
- TURKEY TROT / *Trote de pavo*: Goal is to do something healthy with (or without) the kids, outside and raise money; Nov 1 - 30; upcoming meet ups on 11/13 in Inwood, 11/21 in Fort Tryon Park; 76 people registered so far, 3 neighborhoods represented, 2 walks completed, 8 Turkey Trot leaders
- SPIRIT WEAR SALES / *Ventas de ropa de espíritu*: New items only sold by pre-order and limited sizes (order by 11/12); Please indicate your child's name & grade in the "Add an Order Note" field on the checkout screen
- SCHOOL STORE: Changes to in-person spirit wear sales:
  - Donated items and patches only
  - Cash or check only
  - New spirit wear display to check sizes, but not purchase
  - Place an order or submit payment for new spirit wear to be delivered to your child later
  - All credit card orders for new spirit wear should go through the online schools store

**SPECIAL TALK: "Social Media Safety: What parents need to know about TikTok, Instagram, and Snapchat to keep their children safe" / *Charla especial: "Seguridad en las redes sociales: lo que los padres deben saber sobre TikTok, Instagram y Snapchat para proteger a sus hijos"***

- CSS President, Veronica Villalpando, did a presentation on Social Media Safety