



April General Meeting Agenda (2022-2023)

Location: 6th floor Cafeteria

Tuesday, April 18, 2022

6:15PM to 7:30PM

1. Call to order & Welcome - Nydia Prishker and Leanne Gonzalez-Singer, Co-Presidents
 - Co-presidents Nydia Prishker and Leanne Gonzalez-Singer call meeting to order at 6:22 p.m with 21 participants; Leanne reviewed the agenda
2. Approval of Minutes - Laurie Brown Kindred, Recording Secretary
 - The link and QR code for minutes from last month's meeting were projected on screen for all those present to review.
 - Co-Recording Secretary, Laurie Brown Kindred, summarized last month's meeting minutes. Motion to approve and approved with 100% participation.
3. Co-Presidents' Report - Nydia Prishker and Leanne Gonzalez-Singer, Co-Presidents
 - Erin Flaherty confirmed as Assistant Principal! Congratulations!
 - Discussed ongoing communications with elected officials about our building 425 W. 123rd St., including Borough President Mark Levine, City Councilman Shaun Abreau and State Assemblyman Daniel O'Donnell
 - Community Education Council (CEC) Elections will be held April 21 - May 9; go to schools.nyc.gov/Elections2023 for more information about candidates and voting
 - Need volunteers for Nominating Committee for PTA Exec Board elections for next year's members; elections will take place at June General PTA meeting; please contact CSSPTAPresident@columbiasecondary.org
4. Treasurer's Report - Starr Peoples, Treasurer
 - As of close of business March 1, 2023 there is \$73,797.03 in the PTA bank account. The balance on March 31, 2023 was \$83,194.63.
 - i. Receipts for March
 1. Uniform/Spirit Wear Sales = \$2230.00
 2. Bake Sale = \$1037.00
 3. Membership Donations = \$12,466.00
 - ii. Expenses in March
 1. Dept./Grade Level Grant -\$1014, Admission for a Faculty Member, 5 students to Columbia University Press Association's Spring

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2. School wide Support - \$174.21, Small Tables for PTA use
 3. Dept./Grade Level Grant - \$300, Math Software Licenses for x and x grades
 3. Dept./Grade Level Grant - \$192.90 ELA Supplies, Composition Notebooks, 7th Grade
 4. Dept./Grade Level Grant - \$41.36 ELA Supplies, Identity Boxes, 7th Grade
 5. PayPal/Square/Ludus Expenses - approx \$378
 6. Athletics - \$1418.25, Ultimate Frisbee Uniforms
 7. Spring Fling - \$1750 Deposit for Spring Fling Venue
 8. 8th Grade Graduation Ceremony - \$1000 Deposit for 8th Grade Step-up Ceremony Venue
 9. Cultural Heritage - \$250 Performer for Hispanic Heritage Month Showcase
 10. Food for Events/Conferences - \$768 Welcome Breakfast for Principal Aurora, \$400 Buuni PTA Parent Mixer, \$945 Teacher Lunches during Parent/Teacher Conferences
 11. Teacher Mini-Grants - \$216.60 Frost Valley Supplies,
- The PTA Assistant Treasurer position is currently vacant. If you are interested in volunteering for this position please contact me.
 - Any questions, please contact **Starr Peoples**, CSS PTA Treasurer
 - PTATreasurer@columbiasecondary.org

5. Principal's Report - Principal Vikram Arora

- STATE TESTING THIS WEEK! - please get a good rest and come on time!
- HIRING NEW FACULTY - looking for teachers for chemistry, phys ed, special education, spanish; looking to hire to fill positions currently filled by substitute teachers; please notify Principal Arora/CSS with referrals
- NEW COURSES - Will be adding AP Statistics (important today with increasing use of data analysis); will add either AP Government or AP Research, adding a course in Cybersecurity; will strengthen 9th grade Computer Science and include Python programming language
- SUPPLEMENTARY MATH ENRICHMENT - considering the platforms EDIA and ALEKS (used at Bronx Science) to augment CSS math curriculum; these will augment classroom teaching with targeted assistance
- ROBOTICS - We won the best Rookie Team award at the NYC Regional Competition!
- OTHER UPDATES -
 - i. Mental Health Clinic - looking to use an existing space in CSS for Association to Benefit Children (ABC) staff to be available daily (currently only available once per week)

- ii. Playground - construction is progressing well
- iii. Field Trips - college trips to University of Connecticut and Marist University, and a trip to Six Flags (grade?)

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6. School Leadership Team (SLT) Report - Leanne Gonzalez-Singer

Erin Flaherty voted Acting Chair of SLT through June 2023

- **Highlight issues from March SLT meeting:**
 - i. Harold DeLucia named Dean of Students
 - ii. Teacher recruiting: Chemistry, Spanish, Special Ed, ELL and Phys. Ed.
 - iii. Cell phone policies: has been debated but no consensus on interventions;
 - iv. Accelerated Math Curriculum: Principal Arora wants to explore new curricula like Number theory, discrete math, data science. Avoid 'acceleration for acceleration's sake'
- Student members were absent from this meeting.
- On March 30, Supt. offered CSS a relocation to a campus at Madison/127th; SLT did not accept - not well located to our existing transit lines, nor to Columbia University
- **Next SLT meeting: Thursday, April 27 at 5:30pm**
- *To join the SLT meeting as an observer, please email our Parent Coordinator Ms. Isis Ramos to request the Zoom link the day before the meeting at isisramos@columbiasecondary.org*

7. Faculty Report - AP Flaherty

- CSS-CU Committee has pivoted to "protection of minors" training, and Fall Immersion and Fall Edge had robust applications! Faculty Committee approved applicants for most courses applied for, and all applicants were approved for at least 1 course
- Moving forward, application process expected to take place in March of prior year due to these requirements
- The fall will be the most robust since 2020 cohort; expecting approx. 45 credit bearing students for next fall; goal is to get closer to 70 which was norm for CSS prior to the pandemic
- Encourage students to pursue courses that are more for "fun" and enrichment, in addition to more rigorous academic classes
- Teachers looking forward to some summer PD - APSIs, etc
 - i. Have younger staff, figuring out a way to train and retain them
- Senior activities (awards + dinner; trip; graduation) returned to pre-pandemic scale
- Working with administration to identify key special education extension licenses, and supporting demo lessons in the classroom at present.

8. Facilities Report - Dave Thom, VP of Facilities (presented by Leanne Gonzalez-Singer)

- Schoolyard remains on track for completion sometime in Fall 2023
- School Construction Authority (SCA) now working on a \$2.5M pool and \$500k basement cafeteria renovation design. SCA has not shared a timeline for award and construction. Could be several years away.
- Scaffolding finally removed from W123rd St!

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- Library and Tech Room construction completed but stuck on final FDNY inspection. No date, so guessing 1-2 more months.
- No update on joint CSS-PS 125 effort to make W123rd St into a Play Street. Seems stalled.
- Roof repairs on leaks still in design; expect work to continue until fall.
- The DOE system failed; CSS has not received the 56% share of common spaces it should have been allotted based on its share of building student population. We were getting by with an average closer to 25%. The rules have not been followed.
- We are supporting Principal Arora to try to correct this long standing issue. That process has now started; I defer to his reports on Building Council and programming meetings as to how this is going.
- Critical that this is addressed before the new library, tech room, and schoolyard open next year in addition to cafeteria, gym and auditorium scheduling.
- Talking to local elected officials about the space issues to help steer DOE to production solutions.
- Next Shared Space Committee meeting to be held before the end of April; should include one teacher and one parent from each school
- Security staffing at our building with periodic understaffing of guards.
- Lack of signage for CSS, which led to confusion in a Columbia Spectator article about the pool renovation; the article and photo did not identify CSS as a school in the building. Despite being in the building for 16 years, we do not have installed signage. We had no signage other than a banner, which was removed while the scaffold was up.

9. Fundraising & Volunteering Updates - Leanne Gonzalez-Singer

** We still need a PTA VP of Fundraising (and will for next year) to facilitate and manage fundraising efforts and to recruit volunteers for specific events (e.g., bake sales); does not require attendance at all events, and much of the job can be done remotely. **

- **In Person Fundraising**
 - i. **BAKE SALES**

1. Spring Bake Sale - April 28
2. Donations needed; can bring home baked or store bought items

3. Students may contribute baked goods for community service credit

ii. SPIRIT WEAR SALES

1. 5th floor sales/pick up: 1st Monday of the month
2. Next dates: May 1, June 5
3. Items not picked up by June 5 will be donated.
4. Link to Online Store:
5. The online store is open for one week prior to the pickup date

iii. Online Fundraising

1. **FARM TO PEOPLE:**
2. <https://farmtopeople.com/>

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3. Fundraising Code: FARMTOCSS

4. Or email questions@farmtopeople.com: "I'd like to join the CSS PTA Fundraiser"

iv. ANNUAL APPEAL - Danielle Hartley

1. We still don't have a VP of Fundraising. Will work to have smaller groups who are managing each of the various fundraising events, but need one person to manage them overall.
2. Last month we doubled our participation to 14% and surpassed our annual goal of \$23,000 for family donations! Thank you!
3. Our goal is to have 25% participation in the annual appeal by May's Spring Fling.
4. Suggested donation is \$250 per family, but no amount is too small! \$10, \$5, it all adds up and makes a difference!
5. To reach our goal, we ask that every family give any amount by scanning this QR code (see slide show below)

v. SPRING BAKE SALE - Friday April 28th

1. CSS PTA Bake Sales are a cherished tradition
2. We need bakers/donors - store bought treats are fine
3. We need VOLUNTEERS to work the sale
4. Students line up for treats! **but If we do not get enough volunteers by Thursday April 27, we must cancel.**
5. PLEASE SIGN UP!
6. Typically we raise \$500-\$1000 per sale

vi. SPRING FLING IS BACK!

1. MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
 - a. When: **May 19, 2023 from 6-10PM**
 - b. Where: **Buunni Inwood**, 4961 Broadway, NYC 10034
 - c. Tickets are limited - purchase now!
2. NEED VOLUNTEERS!
 - a. Video Compilation - URGENTLY NEED help to put together a video highlighting the many programs that the

- PTA funds each year; students may help too
- b. Catering Donations
- c. Decorate
- d. Event Set-Up
- e. Event Operations
- f. Event Strike and Clean-Up
- g. Questions? ptaspringfling@columbiasecondary.org

3. KEEP THOSE DONATIONS COMING!

- a. Auction site will go live **April 23**
- b. The auction will be virtual, except for 3 items which only be available at the live event
- c. Currently at 70% of our auction donation target
- d. All donations, large or small, are welcome; each family is encouraged to donate one item
- e. Can you help with:

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- i. TICKETS: Sports, Theater, Concerts, Events
- ii. EXPERIENCES: Tours, Museums, Unique Activities, Memorabilia
- iii. RESTAURANTS: Gift Certificates
- iv. FITNESS: Classes, Training Sessions
- v. GIFT CARDS
- vi. WINE
- f. Questions? ptaspringfling@columbiasecondary.org
- vii. CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS - Desiree Rodriguez, VP for Parent Resources
 - 1. **Spring BAKE SALE!**
 - a. These occur monthly; next is Friday, April 28
 - b. Use the QR code to sign-up
 - 2. **Spirit Wear**
 - a. Need help with the next sale on May 8; for several hours after school for distribution; high school students may get volunteer hours for this as well
 - b. Contact Lillian: PTAfundraising@columbiasecondary.org
 - 3. **SPRING FLING**
 - a. Volunteer to help with set-up, planning etc.
 - b. Contact: ptaspringfling@columbiasecondary.org
 - 4. **Community Education Council (CEC) 5**
 - a. Get involved! We seek a parent of a middle school student to represent CSS at the CEC5; please contact CSS PTA President if interested
 - b. Next General CEC5 meeting: April 26, 2023, 6:30pm @ PS36

- c. CEC5 Candidates Forum will be available on recording
- d. Vote for CEC5 candidates: April 21 - May 9; anyone with a student in CSS middle school is eligible to vote

5. Why Volunteer?

- a. Raises money for the school
- b. Allows us to continue CSS traditions; without volunteers these events are at risk
- c. Builds community
- d. Meet other parents
- e. Your children appreciate it
- f. Low level commitment (an hour really makes a difference)
- g. IT'S FUN!

10. Announcements/New Business

- BAKE SALES
 - i. April 28 - Spring Bake Sale
 - ii. May 12 - Teacher Appreciation Bake Sale
 - iii. June 2 - Last Bake Sale of the Year!
- SPIRIT WEAR SALE

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- i. April 3
- ii. May 8
- iii. June 5

11. Adjournment

- Upcoming Meetings for SY 2022-23
 - i. **5/16/2023 8:30am-9:30am**
 - ii. **6/13/2023 6:15pm-7:30pm**
- Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

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4. **Treasurer's Report** - Starr Peoples, Treasurer
5. **Principal's Report**
6. **SLT Report**
7. **Faculty Report**
8. **Facilities Report** - Dave Thom, VP of Facilities
9. **Fundraising & Volunteering Updates**
10. **Announcements/New Business**
11. **Adjournment**

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Approval of March 2023 Minutes

PTA RECORDING SECRETARY



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Link to the complete minutes (Also see QR code for the link):

March 2023 Minutes

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1N1uqgRfN_R92eEW4iVKX7su_RQu8l-po5ltJ2G5aG-u4/edit



March General Meeting Summary of Minutes (2022-2023)

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Location: ZOOM at 6:15PM to 7:30PM

1. Call to Order & Welcome

- Co-presidents Nydia Priester and Leanne Gonzalez-Singer call meeting to order at 6:25pm with 88 participants
- Maria Heeren served as Spanish interpreter and translated the meeting live on Zoom.

2. Approval of Minutes

- The link and QR code for minutes from last month's meeting were projected on screen for all those present to review.
- Co-Recording Secretary, Laurie Brown (Knox), summarized last month's meeting minutes.
- Motion to approve minutes from February meeting and minutes were approved with 100% participation.

3. Co-President's Report - Leanne Gonzalez-Singer

- Praise and Congratulations Principal J.A. Lense Nelson Thank you for your service! She has been promoted to Student Services Manager for Community School District 8
- Welcome to our new Principal, Wilson Arana! Principal Arana started at CSS on Monday, March 13th, 2023 and previously worked as the Assistant Principal of Mathematics at Bronx Science.
- Communications Updates
 - PTA Executive Board has emailed Superintendent Sean Dawsonport regarding the space issues at 425 West 121st, the email mentioned that a new space is being vacated by another charter school that could serve as a possible relocation site for KIPP STARS; Dupt. Dawsonport responded that he will elevate this issue to the Deputy Chancellor.
 - PTA Co-Presidents have contacted the NYPD requesting additional security (a new guard was placed at security desk on Friday, March 13). Officer Pamela Litaly admitted that there is a shortage of school security officers, but PTA is working on getting the position permanently filled.

4. Treasurer's Report

- As of close of business Feb 15, 2023 there is \$12,719.83 in the PTA bank account. There are \$295 worth of pending charges, leaving a current register balance of \$12,424.83
 - Receipts for February
 - UniformSport Wear Sales = \$1033.00
 - Bake Sale = \$507.00
 - Membership Donations = \$850.00
 - Expenses in February
 - Dept. Grade Level Grant - \$736.89 Community Builder, 8th Grade
 - Dept. Grade Level Grant - \$878.62 Replacement Robotics Kits and Tools, 10th

- Grade
 - School Wide Support - \$260.26 Tissues
 - Payroll/Square/Lexus Expenses - \$51.50
 - Cultural Heritage - \$28.17 Black History Month Flags (2)
 - Cultural Heritage - \$250 Photo Accompaniment for Black History Month Showcase
 - Cultural Heritage - \$200 Performer for Black History Month Showcase
 - Food for Events/Conferences - \$55.96 Open House/Refreshments, \$480 PTA Parent Meet

- We are in great shape to fund items that CSS needs and we want to continue to support our students and teachers. Please donate what you can through the online store prior to payroll
- Also, the PTA Assistant Treasurer position is currently vacant. If you are interested in volunteering for this position please contact me.
- Finally, please feel free to contact the PTA Treasurer, Star Peoples, or any PTA Executive Board Member with any questions you may have.
- Remember, we have 501(c)(3) status as a public charity, so donors can deduct contributions.
- The Running Budget Worksheet was presented.

5. WELCOME TO OUR NEW PRINCIPAL, Mr. Wilson Arana

- Principal Arana introduced himself and described his background on getting into education as an instructor and then an administrator at Bronx Science (enriched through the Improvements).
- CSS is the first school for which he sought the position of Principal and he is very happy to be a part of the CSS community! He talked about how he's used with confidence as he talks to CSS teachers, and is open to communication and taking about problems (please make an appointment with his secretary). He discussed the need to be strategic and logical regarding space issues.

6. CSS DIPLOMA | COMMUNITY SERVICE - Bilingual High School Counselor, Elia Cardella

- Ms. Cardella discussed the credit requirements and Regents requirements for four options for high school diploma (see table of graduation requirements in slide show attached below):
 - NY Regents Diploma
 - Credit Requirements: 44 minimum required credits (every student must complete these REQUIRED credits: English, Social Studies & PE, plus 2 years of Foreign Language)
 - Assessment Requirements: 3 required Regents exams (8th - passing score) Math, Science, ELA Regents, Social Studies Regents (at CSS only give US History Regents), 11 regents exam (another Math, Science or LOTE, and Spanish Regents)
 - NY Advanced Regents Diploma
 - Credit Requirements: 44 minimum required credits (above NY Regents Diploma plus 3 years of 6 credits of Foreign Language)
 - Assessment Requirements: 5 required Regents exams (above, plus 3 math - Algebra, Geometry and Trig, plus 3 Science exams - Living Environment, plus option to pick 2 of 3, Earth Science, Chemistry or Physics)
 - CSS Diploma (not required for graduation but consistent with CSS's curriculum)
 - Credit Requirements: 33 minimum required credits (above for NY Advanced

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- Regents Diploma plus 8 engineering and 8 philosophy)
- Assessment Requirements: 8 required exams + 1 College Course + 160 hrs of service (of which 150 hours must be from high school, 10 may be from middle school). Community Service hours must be submitted to Counselor Corbinde (community service hours are service that does not include compensation)
 - NYS Local Diploma (for Students with 80% who don't pass any of the above credit and/or assessment requirements)
 - Credit Requirements: 44 minimum required credits
 - Assessment Requirements: 8 required Regents exams (80+ passing score)
7. **CBS COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY (CBS-CU) COURSEWORK - AP ERIN FLAHERTY - open to 8th - 11th graders need**
- CJ College Edge (receive a transcript)
 - Credit bearing, a "real" college course
 - Significant time commitment, meets multiple times per week and may have additional small discussion sections
 - Readings done outside of class; students need independence and organizational skills to seek office hours, TA support, etc
 - Students are in-class alongside undergraduates
 - Summer College Edge is only for returning students
 - CJ College Immersion (do not receive a transcript)
 - Non credit-bearing
 - Great entry point, great for summer
 - Lower time commitment (can be paired with other activities)
 - Highly engaging
 - Tailored towards high school students
 - High school students only
 - Summer immersion is during the week, school year immersion courses are on Saturday and Sundays
 - Geared to younger high school students
 - All classmates will be other high school students
 - Application Process
 - Step 1: Students who meet GPA requirements are invited to apply to appropriate program (Edge, Immersion, both); application requires essay response, may reach-out to Prof. Flaherty if questions about eligibility
 - Step 2: Teacher committee evaluates students using CBS-CU rubric (attached in slide show below)
 - CBS-CU committee reviews 8 score student application responses
 - Committee approves, approves conditionally, or disapproves student entrance to CU
 - CU waives fees for College Immersion program, however waivers are limited and student may be excluded
 - CJ College Edge does not have a specific cap
 - Approved students are enrolled to CU (given CUE, connected to advisor etc)
 - CBS has students apply well in advance due to multiple requirements from CU

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- CSS comprises 95% of the building population but has been receiving only ~25% of shared space time periods. Process of working with other schools to better follow the DOE formula needs to be rebuilt from scratch.
 - No news on converting W122nd into a Play Street. Application submitted last fall, DOE was supportive, but seems stalled. Lack of support from the three school admins may have been an issue (parking).
8. **Fundraising - Lillian Chew and Danielle Harley**
- Spit Year Sales** - Will consistently be on the first Monday of the month (take cash or card). We NEED VOLUNTEERS! (volunteers can also get community service hours). Please remind your kids as we have pre-owned stock ready to be picked up!
 - Green Classroom Sales** - (Friday, March 17th) We need 4 volunteers for each shift.
- VOLUNTEERS & DONATIONS NEEDED!** Links & QR codes to follow.
- Future Bake Sales:**
 - April 28th - Spring Bake Sale
 - May 12th - Teacher Appreciation Bake Sale
 - June 2nd - Last Bake Sale of the Year!
 - Students can earn up to 3 community service hours for baking for the Bake Sale!
- Annual Appeal**
- Goal for this year is \$23,880.
 - We have fallen short of our goal this year, 8% of the families have donated to the Annual Appeal for a total of about \$15k.
 - Our goal is to have 90% participation in the annual appeal by May's Spring Fling.
 - Any amount that you give is greatly appreciated (MID TAX DEDUCTIBLE)
 - See "Get Involved/Donate" on the CSS website
 - Examples of use of past funds: robotics, journalism club, uniforms for athletics, events and food for events, teacher small grants
- Online Fundraising**
- Eat2Go.Foodie** is an online farmers market that sells locally grown and prepared foods; use code **FARMFOODS** at that portion of sales go to CBS PTA. See CSS family email for details. (<https://eat2gopeople.com/>). As little as one item is a subscription. You can order as little as 1 item, as little or as much as you like. You can cancel at any time.
 - Also participate in BOX TOPS!
- Tree Lungs Fundraisers**
- Green Classroom Annual Appeal** (see above)
 - Immersion Benefit** - watch for the link in PTA Communications emails
- Bake Sale** (in coming 3-4 weeks) In person and online auction!
- Friday May 19th from 8 - 10 p.m. at CSS parent owned Gable House in Inwood 4881 Broadway
 - Ticket price is \$85 per person/\$188 per couple in advance; \$175 at the door; includes food and two drinks and entertainment, and three in-person live auction items
 - Please volunteer! There are several ways you can help out: donate food, help create the video compilation, decorate, set-up, collect money at the door, strike at the end of the night. Please email PTAhelping@columnssecondary.org
 - Donate auction items or procure them from local businesses. Examples from the past

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- for registration, because of this, the course GEORG may not be available at the time of application. CSS advisor will help students register for appropriate courses when course numbers and times become available.
- Success in the course depends on a student's independence and initiative; the CBS-CU committee assesses these qualities in student applications according to the score reference rubric sheet (attached in slides below). CSS encourages students to go through the application process themselves to demonstrate the qualities necessary for success.
 - Timely application is important because the courses fill up.
- **CBS-CU and IMMERSION COMMITTEE - rubric sheet**
- | Performance | Independent | Qualities | Score Scale | Students' responses |
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| 1. Student demonstrates a strong understanding of the course content and is able to apply this knowledge to new situations. | 2. Student demonstrates a strong understanding of the course content and is able to apply this knowledge to new situations. | 3. Student demonstrates a strong understanding of the course content and is able to apply this knowledge to new situations. | 4. Student demonstrates a strong understanding of the course content and is able to apply this knowledge to new situations. | 5. Student demonstrates a strong understanding of the course content and is able to apply this knowledge to new situations. |
- Students need to have a certain amount of skills in order to be eligible
 - Students should fill out their own application, look at the course catalog and choose the courses for themselves
 - This is open to 8th graders
 - Request parental help is to give them the confidence to talk to the CBS support team
 - Application process is due on Monday 3/20/23
 - Is it worth it? It definitely adds to the homework load
 - As of 3/11, the proof of course at CU will be filed.

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- ank: camping site donated by Prof Hubbard, Broadway tickets, art pieces and classes, yoga training and sessions, sports event tickets, MPO City hall tour by Mark Levine, Texas Beach Front Condo for up to 8 people, college admissions and career counseling
- If you have a great idea for an auction item, please send it to PTAhelping@columnssecondary.org.
9. **CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!**
- The PTA STILL NEEDS a VP of Fundraising** - the work can be mostly remote! Please email CSPTAhelping@columnssecondary.org if interested.
 - In addition to the Bake Sale, Spit Year Sale and Spring Fling, we need volunteers for:**
 - Need volunteers from current high school families for 8th-grade high school orientation; please contact cosatosh@columnssecondary.org
 - Need volunteers for next Spit Year sale on April 5, 2023.
 - Need volunteers for Community Education Council 5 (CEC5) representation; includes monthly meetings with representatives from all elementary and middle schools
 - WHY VOLUNTEER?**
 - Raises for the money for the school
 - Allow us to continue CSS traditions, without volunteers, these events are at risk.
 - Builds community
 - Meet other parents
 - Your children appreciate it!
 - Low-level commitment (an hour really makes a difference!)
 - It's FUN!
10. **VIRTUAL PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES**
- Thursday 3/23 and Friday 3/24; see email from AP Gordon for sign-up information
- Adjournment**
- Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m. (90 in attendance)
- NEXT PTA MEETINGS**
- April 18, 2023 8-10:30 P.M. **May 16, 2023 8-10:30 A.M.**
 June 12, 2023 6-7:30 P.M.
- Attachments:** Slide Show

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