

# COLUMBIA SECONDARY SCHOOL

for Math, Science, & Engineering

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## November 2023 Executive Board Meeting Agenda

### 1. Treasurer's Report

- a. Co-Pres and Treasurer talked through Robotics Grant request and payment
- b. CK reconciled everything as of today and updated the running budget.
  - i. Reissued check that hit bank in July (over \$2k)
  - ii. In Oct earned over \$1k in bake sales and \$2k in spirit wear
  - iii. Bought items for photos, about \$1k
  - iv. Exp for Spirit Wear sales, \$6k (have exceeded both income/sales for Spirit Wear)
  - v. Membership Dues over \$2k
  - vi. Q: regarding approving teacher grants (in Oct over \$3k)
    1. Soccer Uniforms (\$2184) - Athletics
    2. Hispanic Celebration
    3. Need to ask those that received grant money for photos to put in the next PTA GM meeting slideshow
  - vii. New Requests:
    1. Spring Soccer State Championship \$2.5k Grant request
    2. Cheerleader New Uniform Request in Donor Choose = \$4719, but the request is to commit half, aka matching donations = \$2360
    3. Asking to review the Athletics budget of \$10k, and would like DeLucia to do a complete overview.

### 2. Fundraising Update/Brainstorm

- a. Pie Goal is 100! We need to put an order in on Friday AM (got order for 45 now)
- b. Turkey Trot - great turnout last weekend; another on 11/19 by Leanne (will end at Buunni); and Danielle Hartley will do another on 11/25
- c. Christmas Tree Wreaths - no one has pictures on their sites; trying to hem up DeLucia to
- d. Picture Day - have everything we need (still need collars to be sown inside C&G); vendor will send out QR codes
- e. Farm to People - two new reps will get check and new code
- f. Bake Sale - need to publicize a little more for this coming Friday
- g. Holiday Gift - mention it at next week's meeting and then send out blasts
- h. Teacher Appreciation Week - would like to take this on so that it's not last minute (talk with AP Flaherty about the plans)

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3. What's App chat messages - a few parents in HS made comments about all of the PTA notices in the WAchats; however middle school parents; decided that parents can be their own filter
4. SLT update
  - a. Scouting for a contract lawyer - PARora is looking for resources; may ask CU for assistance
  - b. DOE Budget Cuts - someone in SLT requested budget but no one has seen it; didn't get to talk in detail
    - i. Why are we lacking 2nd Teacher for Regents Class
    - ii. Why are we sharing the Speech Therapist
    - iii. And more
  - c. Next SLT meeting will include a lot more questions, esp why budget was never discussed.
5. Facilities Update
  - a. Playground - the mounds have been dismantled and are in the process of being removed;
    - i. Dave begged PARora and APs to file for the park permits for CSS to have access after school
    - ii. Schedule school yard time with the other 2 schools
    - iii. Dave emailed MB Levine and CM Abreu to stay on top of it.
  - b. Sent SCA another email to get an update on the other projects in the building
  - c. Space Sharing - in email to other principals, received email from PS125 to have a Space Committee meeting
  - d. Building Signage - Dave will follow up with PARora
6. CEC5 Update
  - a. Space Utilization people at the Chancellor's meeting was beneficial
    - i. Process is undergoing regarding the Class Size adjustments that are legally binding
    - ii. They have to visit each school, esp the MS class sizes
    - iii. Not having spaces for required services.
    - iv. Sheila will re-connect with the Building Utilization folks
  - b. Made some other presentations
  - c. Was an on-going dispute about Charter School marketing and open houses
  - d. Sent the Senior student slot to be filled on the CEC5 board
7. GM Agenda
  - Family engagement for additional GM participation (PTA letters)