



Casa Esperanza Montessori

Parent Faculty Association Meeting

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November 6, 2019, 8:30 a.m.

Co-Presidents: Ghenet Mogos and Teresa Lockhart

Co-Vice Presidents: Kristen King and Laura Chapman

Treasurer: Ghenet Yosief

Secretary: TeeJay Lanspery

Head of School: GeRita Connor

Agenda:

General welcome and attendance

Passive Fundraising Committee

Education Committee

Hospitality Committee

Events Committee

School Support

Playground

Active Fundraising Committee

Budget Update

Communications Committee

Bylaws

Head of School Update

Minutes:

Passive Fundraising Committee:

Opportunities for passively donating money to Casa were brought up. Amazon Smile, Scrip online for the holidays, Box Tops via the new app, Mabel's Labels, Shutterfly, Terracycle and Come Sip and Scan

Education Committee:

United Artists update was given as they need volunteers 9-10:30 all day Tuesday-Thursday in the Media Center; we were updated on the Butterfly Ambassador Project; Marine Club sessions are full and volunteers are needed; Garden Club has a planter box painting plan **Hospitality:**

Staff appreciation updates: weekly treats, luncheon success, power issues with water cooler/microwaves/possible vending machine; Coffee Bar donations request via MG for November and December

Events :

Fall Festival success acknowledging that MG needs more to do at the event; Book Fair publicity was discussed as a letter goes home with students in their Friday Folders there will be Huskies items this year as the Husky is Casa's new mascot with profit to PFA and remainder to Ocracoke disaster charity; Literacy Night was discussed with pizza from the same vendor MG uses; STEM Night date set at February 6, NC State students to run it again with a special addition this year of "Doctor's Corner" to connect our community with members of the medical field who are also parents at Casa

School Support:

Uniform Swap was discussed and strategies for bigger success figured largely (there will be a swap at Literacy Night adding coats and book bags); recycling was mentioned with a proposal for better involvement; Art Panels are still being completed with volunteer and student aid to help beautiful and update Casa walls; Sensory Path success and the video was discussed as there is an introductory video out on YouTube which explains the path and how to best use it

Playground:

Benches and anchors to be completed which tie-in with the other new playground pieces **Active**

Fundraising :

Casa Gear is going great; Kendra Scott event November 22nd with birthday month discount; sponsorship is going great and PFA formal "thank you" notes were discussed **Head of School**

Update:

Sra. Connor discussed the struggles with non-universal Spanish translation as the community brought up dialect problems via the Spanish version of the weekly call/email from Casa. The situation is being addressed. Clubs were discussed as to needing more space, start date, and 21 Teachers with 18 Paras participating. She discussed the facility concerns in regards to space needed as well and assured the community that the Board, Development and Facilities Committee are working on this issue as the long-range plan is continued growth; we are currently hindered by lack of space as we're "bursting" now with 30-30+ students per room and a 6 year continued lease with a rate increase every year; space/building options are being discussed as we have 90 MG students with 140 rising UE and MG total next year. The focus is on CH and MG (start to finish) going forward.
