

August 10, 2023

Dear Connections Parents and Staff;

The board of Connections Education Center is excited to welcome both our new and returning parents to the upcoming 2023-2024 school year.

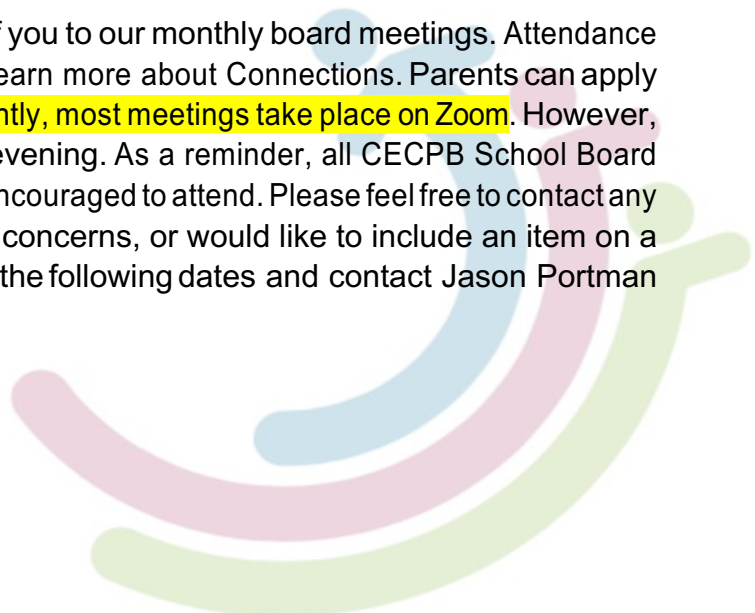
The faculty and staff at Connections provides you and your child with an excellent educational experience. We provide a stable and experienced staff; an individual curriculum that meets your child's specific needs; a low student/teacher ratio; a fine arts program that includes art and music; and a health and wellness program which includes nutrition classes, independent living skills, a sports program, and swimming instruction. But we need your help!

Parents are an essential part of our success at Connections. We need you to support our teachers by volunteering your valuable time to help us meet the needs of the school. We are asking that each family volunteer **40 hours over the 10 month school year**. The 4 hours a month are crucial to meeting your child's needs and the smooth operation of the school. Volunteering will help you make a difference at your child's school.

As a charter school, we receive money from the federal and state government. However, these funds only cover 70% of the costs to run our school. To make up this gap in funding, we encourage you to participate in school fundraising activities through the SAC and PTO as well as volunteer. Parent participation helped us meet our fundraising goal last year. This year our goal is to raise more so that we can provide new programs for the children. It will take us all to do it!

The CECPB Board of Directors is the governing body of this charter school. Board members are responsible for overseeing the activities of the school that include budget, operating policies, and managing disputes or conflicts. The board meets monthly to discuss and vote on the affairs of the school. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the CECPB Board of Directors, please do not hesitate to contact our Parent Representative, Orlando Ortiz.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite all of you to our monthly board meetings. Attendance at these meetings is an excellent opportunity to learn more about Connections. Parents can apply these hours to their volunteer commitment. **Currently, most meetings take place on Zoom**. However, we will have two meetings at the school in the evening. As a reminder, all CECPB School Board meetings are open to the public, and everyone is encouraged to attend. Please feel free to contact any of the officers or directors if you have questions, concerns, or would like to include an item on a meeting agenda. Please mark your calendar for the following dates and contact Jason Portman for Zoom meeting link.



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**Connections Education Center of the Palm Beaches
Board Meeting Schedule for July 2023 until June 2024**

Friday, July 21, 2023	9:00 AM
Friday, August 18, 2023	9:00 AM
Thursday, September 21st, 2023 Annual Meeting	6:00 PM Connections Board Room
Friday, October 20, 2023	9:00 AM
Friday, November 17, 2023 Third Friday of the month	9:00 AM
December- no meeting	
Friday, January 19, 2024	9:00 AM
Friday, February 16, 2024	9:00 AM
Friday, March 15, 2024	9:00 AM
Thursday, April 18, 2024	6:00 PM Connections Board Room
Friday, May 17, 2024	9:00 AM
Friday, June 21, 2024	9:00 AM

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It is vital to the success of our school that all parents use their resources to make CECPB the best it can be for all children. We need the assistance of each and every family. Thank you in advance for making this year the most successful one for Connections Education Center of the Palm Beaches.

All the best,

Sonia Kay, Ph.D., OTR

Board Chair