

## CFES PTO MINUTES – MARCH 4, 2020

**Attendance:** Joyce Yoon, Jessica Lang, Jeff Ellison, Megan Doyer, Hoang Nguyen, Christina Condelles, Amy Day, Karen Dempsey, Christina Rayos, and Katherine Lombardo. (10)

- **Meeting Started at:** 9:32 a.m.
- **Greenhouse Presentation:** 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher Megan Doyer gave an update on the CFE STEM garden proposal. She discussed plans to involve all grades along with community members to build a school greenhouse. It would provide project based learning to give students STEM and design opportunities. 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grades could also utilize the greenhouse for plants, rocks and minerals science units. There could also be a partnership with our sister school Mitchell Elementary to grow food. Preliminary plans would involve asking the district to install the concrete slab, the PTO to provide funding to build the structure, and educational grants for supplies. A potential 5<sup>th</sup> grade leave behind project could help with a mural to beautify the area.
- **UCF Scholarship Fund:** Karen Dempsey from the UHS PTO gave a presentation on the annual Unionville Chadds Ford Scholarship Fund for outstanding graduating seniors. It's supported by the PTOs at all district schools, and donations solicited from staff and parents. Last year they were able to give out eight grants for \$1,000 dollars. This year they have more than 40 applicants. 96 families donated last year. We have over 2,000 families in the district. Would love to get more people involved. Any amount is welcomed.
- **Meeting Minutes:** Christina Condelles presented the February meeting minutes. They were reviewed and approved with no comments or opposition.
- **Review and Approve Budget:** Hoang Nguyen presented the February budget and operating expenses so far.  
**Expenditures included:** \$600.00 for accounting services, \$250.00 for UCFSB donations, \$422.88 for community service, \$713.93 for Family Fun Night, \$640.90 for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade end of year party, \$87.58 for homeroom parents, \$205.52 for teacher appreciation week, \$250.00 for the KIND fund, \$2,500.00 for school t-shirts, and \$234.85 for teacher grants.  
**Income included:** \$222.90 from Box Tops, \$67.00 for directory and bus note sales, \$422.76 from passive fundraising, \$95.00 from PTO membership donations.  
**Addition:** Added a \$500 approval to buy school t-shirts for new students and kindergartners next year.  
The budget was approved with no opposition.
- **Art Show Update:** Jessica Lang shared the latest on Art Show preparations. Many more volunteers are needed, especially for the Saturday hours. There will be a new layout this year. Chadd's Café will serve food on Saturday, along with two food trucks. Christine's

painting party class will also be offered on Saturday. The last Art Show planning meeting is March 11<sup>th</sup>.

- **Review of Enrichment Grant Requests:** There is a total of \$5,336.00 in the budget for Spring grants and an additional \$5,162.82 for new projects. Joyce Yoon presented the list of teacher and staff requests that total \$42,998.82:
  - (1) Silke Hansen: \$1,000 for outdoor benches for the blacktop area during recess.
  - (2) Marisa Gehris: \$521.88 for flexible seating in the gifted classroom.
  - (3) Danielle Clark: \$18,000.00 for furniture for the new library remodel.
  - (4) Eva Straub: \$476.94 flexible seating for the reading specialist classroom.
  - (5) Megan Doyer: \$23,000.00 to build a greenhouse.
  
- **Enrichment Grant Vote Results:**

Voters had the option to approve and fully fund the requests, approve and partially fund the requests or deny the requests.

  - (1) Recess seating: **Yes (fully fund) 6-1-1**
  - (2) Gifted class flexible seating: **Yes (fully fund) 6-0-2**
  - (3) New library furniture: **Yes (partially fund at \$8,000.00) 0-8-0**
  - (4) Reading class flexible seating: **Yes (fully fund) 5-0-3**
  - (5) Greenhouse: **No 2-1-5**
  
- **Meeting Adjourned at:** 11:27 a.m.