

## **Forest Dale Elementary PTO All Parent Meeting Minutes October 6, 2020 @6:30 via zoom**

Call to Order: A FDE PTO All Parent Meeting was held via Zoom on October 6, 2020. Attendees included Monica Craig, Erin Zoch, Mary Michael Gulden, Alisha Pankiw, Debbie Avery, Joy Boake, Lauren Holden, Shannon Pongratz, Pam Fallowfield, Liz Evans, Sara Inskeep, Amy Ashley, Khoa Tran, Sanjay Yesi, Ben Isack, Jennifer Penix, Monica Santos, Christina Huseman, Denette Miller Cronkright, Bella G, Parth, Addison, Mandi Gondol, Amy Charles, Michele Kirby, Tiffany Yang, Julie Cahill, Joel Schaafsma, Julianne Moore, Laura Ridderman, Landon Johnson, Emily Brown, Christine Williams, Hannah, Jared Kempson, Jessica Pinyerd, Kelli Sims, MQ, Macyauski, Jean Lloyd, Stephanie Beeker, Megan Ebersole, Petra, Maheshwari, L Buchholz, Lesley Pierce, Robert Elder, Melanie, Kristen Wells, Kelli Sims, Jamie Saffen, Hemanth Babu Y, Erin Brothers, Brandon Sherman, Drew, Keji A, Yasemin Basturk, Rabia, Sarah Fisher, Rachel Cera, Brandon Sherman, Chuck, Erin Corwin, Roxanne P, CLC, Galaxy S10e. *Above names taken from Zoom account names.*

1. Welcome and Approval of January Minutes- Monica Craig & Erin Zoch (Co-Presidents)
  - a. Our All Parent May meeting was cancelled due to Covid so minutes from January have not yet been approved. A motion to approve the minutes was made, seconded & all were in favor. Minutes approved. If anyone would like the minutes sent to them, please email Monica or Erin.
  - b. We also need to officially approve our 2020-21 Exec Board which is typically done in May. Motion to approve was made, seconded & all were in favor. All Exec Board members approved for this school year.
2. Carmel Education Foundation (CEF) Guest: Jenn Penix (Executive Director of CEF)
  - a. The mission of the Foundation is to support our students in academic achievement & lifelong learning. Similar to a PTO but serve all the schools in the district.
  - b. Non-profit funding partner for CCS—can raise funds for CCS. CEF gives out grant to teachers, scholarships to graduating seniors, funds district programs & big scale initiatives.
  - c. Fall 2020- awarding every school in district a grant for pandemic stability or inclusion initiatives. Funding relative to student population. HS \$5000, Middle Schools \$2500, Elementary Schools \$1000.
  - d. Carmel Clay School Board Forum- Conversation with Candidates, Oct 20 at 7pm, Facebook Live. Can submit questions by Oct 12 on CEF website.
  - e. “Ghosts Goblins Go” Event- [www.ghostandgoblinsgo.com](http://www.ghostandgoblinsgo.com), register a team & make a direct donation to foundation. Go out and do an activity together, wear your bib & write CCS hero “superhero” name, post on social media.
3. Principal’s Report - “State of Forest Dale”- Sara Inskeep (Principal)
  - a. PTO fundraising has purchased shade structures on playground, water bottle fillers, bike racks, webcams for teachers. PTO also coordinates Harvest parties, Valentine parties & other fundraising events for FDE.
  - b. By the end of October, we will be welcoming a St Vincent therapist into our school. He/she will have an office in our school but employed by St V. This gives parents an option to seek mental healthcare within our school building. Very excited for this partnership with St Vincent.
  - c. District hired additional School Resource Officers so we now share SRO with two elementary schools= ours is Trent McIntyre. As of next year, each school will have their own SRO.
  - d. CEF Grant- we applied two weeks ago and received notification that it was approved. Our initiative is diversity & inclusion. We will be purchasing a variety of books on diversity, equity & inclusion—teachers will have a choice to have within classrooms for curriculum. First step in a three year

plan. Identify shared values

- e. Majority of our virtual students came back in person. FDE is capping in person classes at 25 students per class. All FDE students switching from virtual to in person will be coming back to FDE. 3 kindergarteners from Woodbrook will attend FDE as well. 38 kids total K-5 returning.

#### 4. PTO Budget 2020-2021- Debbie Avery (Treasurer)

- a. 2020-21 Budget overview-- \$45,000 beginning bank in our budget. The majority of the budget has stayed same as past years; however, lowered some fundraising due to pandemic, moved a few expenses around. Goal to raise \$38,000 (most was done through our recent fall fundraising campaign).
- b. We expect to spend \$66,000 this year- teacher gifts & student programs.
- c. Participant questions regarding the income/expense ratio & the 2019/20 budget- PTO feels confident that expenses will be down this year with cancellations of events.
- d. Project Funds- gaga ball pit put up on playground last year, frames to display artwork in hallway, two way radios for all teachers. This year, we have purchased desk shields & web cams for all teachers. We have also sent out a questionnaire for the teachers to ask what other needs they have so that we can fund some of those requests as well.
- e. Motion to approve 2020/21 budget, seconded & approved unanimously.

#### 5. Boosterthon Updates- Rachel Cera & Pam Fallowfield (Past Presidents)

- a. Two week fundraiser- \$35,411 (\$36,000+ projected, no matching funds have been collected to date) raised through Dance Fit. Similar to past fundraising for the Fun Run. Virtual students could participate from home. At conclusion of fundraising, kids participated in a dance program with their class during gym. \$80 average per student. Many non-parent donations.
- b. Students started bringing home prizes today, the rest will be sent home tomorrow.

#### 6. District Updates- Erin Zoch

- a. Parent Resource Center- PTO will send website out to everyone. Provides an opportunity for parents to learn about all types of issues & tools to support—attendance, bus, social media, mental health and more. <https://www.ccs.k12.in.us/services/student-services/parent-resource-center>
- b. “Show Some C.L.A.S.S” COVID tips- things to do to keep your kids healthy in this time; also shares numbers across the district & county. <http://www.showsomeclass.org/>
- c. CCS Redistricting Information- CCS is using a company to collect data around the district—i.e. numbers of families, predictors of new children entering district. All schools will be affected by the redistricting. Focus groups have started, information will be taken to the board. Board vote & public announcement in December.

#### 7. School Events- Monica Craig

- a. Falcon Fest- event has been placed on hold for now, will re-evaluate in the Spring.
- b. Harvest Party- will look different this year. All School Bingo Party for all kids within classrooms.
- c. Book Fair- Nov 16-20; will be held in the lobby, theme is “Time Machine”; will not have the events that normally surround the fair that bring parents in. Students only, highly encouraged to use the e-wallet option with pre-loaded money on card. Will need some parent volunteers. Money we make goes back to Ms Arnold, our Librarian, who purchases more books for the library & also books for teachers classrooms.
- d. Literacy Night & Breakfast with Buddies- both cancelled

- e. Blood Drive- Oct 22nd 1-6pm & Nov 13th 1:30-6:30pm at Woodlands neighborhood clubhouse
- f. Events “to be decided” at later date:
  - Science Night- TBD
  - Ice Skating Event- TBD
  - Valentine’s Party- will do something within the classroom
  - Silent Auction- possibly an outdoor event in May, outdoors
  - FDE Spring Clubs – no field trips this semester, possibly 2nd Semester field trips

#### 8. Volunteer Opportunities

- a. Less events → less opportunities available. However, art room & media center both need volunteers! If you are not receiving the Sign Up Genius link via email, please contact [fdepto@gmail.com](mailto:fdepto@gmail.com). Must wear a mask & bring ID.
- b. There may be other various opportunities that will come via email throughout the year.

#### 9. Amazon/Kroger Rewards

- a. Amazon Smile & Kroger- sign up online to link FDE to your accounts as both programs give a percentage back to FDE.

#### Upcoming Dates

10/11: Chipotle’s Dine Out Night  
10/30: Harvest Party - School Wide Bingo  
11/2 - 11/6: All for Books  
11/10: Arni’s Dine out Night  
11/16 - 11/20: Book Fair  
1/26/21: All Parent PTO Meeting - “Coffee with the Principal”

- Be sure to follow us on **Twitter @fdefalconspto** & **Facebook (Forest Dale PTO)**.
- Opt in to the **Remind App** at <https://www.remind.com/join/8ab3d> for FDE updates.
- Check out the **PTO Website** at: <https://www.ccs.k12.in.us/pto-fde> for other ways to get involved!
- Please keep up with Ms. Inskeep’s weekly emails for upcoming events and information.