

## CFES PTO MINUTES – MARCH 3, 2021

**Attendance:** Jeff Ellison, Meredith Petruccelli, Amy Day, Hoang Nguyen, Christina Condelles, Amanda Frake, Michelle Boyle, Danielle Clark, Jessica Lang, John Mitchell, Joyce Yoon, Sara Krausz, Charlotte DeNenno, and Elisa Maas. (14)

- **Meeting Started at:** 9:30 a.m. virtually on **Zoom:** Meredith Petruccelli opened the meeting with an overview of PTO business:
  - (1) Enrichment grant proposals will be voted on at the April meeting so the PTO can focus on the upcoming Art Show.
  - (2) Our Freddy's fundraiser was the biggest restaurant fundraiser to date, making more than \$300 for CFES.
  - (3) Our teacher appreciation coffee truck was visited by more than 50 staff members and teachers in February.
  - (4) Talent Show planning is underway, there are 31 virtual acts this year.
  
- **Meeting Minutes:** Christina Condelles presented the **February** meeting minutes. They were reviewed and approved.
  
- **Review Budget:** Hoang Nguyen presented the **February** budget and operating expenses so far.

**Expenditures included:** \$150.00 for hospitality and staff appreciation and \$200 for the 2020 5<sup>th</sup> grade leave behind project.

**Income included:** \$1,225.00 from Art Show sponsorships and \$50.00 from PTO booster donations.
  
- **Principal's Report:** Danielle Clark presented several updates:
  - (1) The coffee truck visit was a huge boost and treat for the staff and bus drivers.
  - (2) The staff is working on a Talent Show teaser to open the show. They'll hold a planning meeting later this morning.
  - (3) Patience is the core essential trait for March.
  - (4) Conference signup links have gone out to parents. Conferences will take place virtually over Zoom, March 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>.
  - (5) CFE will take part in Read Across America week with Stop, Drop and Read days to help bring students together.
  - (6) Helix the Turtle books have been donated to the CFE Life Skills class and our library.
  - (7) Donations are coming in for the Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser that Mr. Judd organized in February.
  - (8) UCFSD Facilities is ordering a large tent for the field in back of CFE for the warmer months. Students will be able to use it to eat lunch or have class outside.
  
- **PTO Updates:**
  - (1) Mitchell Elementary Fundraiser: Sara Krausz shared that all donations for blankets socks have been delivered to Mitchell. CFE families donated over 200 blankets and 1,200 pairs of socks. She is planning a school supply or backpack collection for the

end of the school year and will try and restart a pen pal program between students at both schools next year.

(2) Art Show: All committee members provided updates.

Meredith Petruccelli: Photos from all 62 artists have been collected and uploaded to the auction website. There are more than 600 pieces of art.

Jeff Ellison: A signup genius link went out for volunteers. Some shifts are already filling up.

John Mitchell: There has been some publicity for the show on several websites. Looking for more news coverage.

Jessica Lang: Posters and signs will be created for distribution to help advertise for the show.

(3) Staff Appreciation Week: Michelle Boyle has started planning for this week-long event, happening May 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>. There will be a waffle food truck for breakfast on the first day and another food truck for lunch later in the week. She is brainstorming staff gift ideas.

- **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Curriculum Update:** Mrs. DeNenno joined the meeting to share details about the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Kindness Project. Students are keeping a journal and charting acts of kindness. They are also watching a kindness video series and reading a class book called, "The Kindness Quilt." The students then made their own kindness quilt art project. They also wrote cards in German to a 3-year-old girl from Germany who is currently here in Pennsylvania undergoing medical treatment at CHOP.
- **Meeting Adjourned at:** 11:45 a.m.