

CFES PTO MINUTES – APRIL 7, 2021

Attendance: Jeff Ellison, Meredith Petruccelli, Amy Day, Hoang Nguyen, Christina Condelles, Amanda Frake, Michelle Boyle, Danielle Clark, John Wagner, Neha Ruparel, Claudia Ledakis, Meaghan Green, Jessica Lang, John Mitchell, Katherine Lombardo, and Elisa Maas. (16)

- **Meeting Started at:** 9:30 a.m. virtually on **Zoom**.
- **Meeting Minutes:** Christina Condelles presented the **March** meeting minutes. They were reviewed and approved.
- **Review Budget:** Hoang Nguyen presented the **March** budget and operating expenses so far.
Expenditures included: \$313.36 for staff appreciation and \$350.00 for UCFSD donations.
Income included: \$5,020.32 from Art Show sponsorships, \$256.18 from yearbook payments, and \$1,918.39 from passive fundraising.
- **Review & Vote of Enrichment/PTO Grant Requests:** Meredith Petruccelli presented the list of teacher and staff requests. Votes were held anonymously through an online poll.
 - (1) Mr. Judd: \$325 for additional Playground equipment. **Yes 10-0**
 - (2) Mrs. Broderick: \$75 for a virtual field trip for the 5th grade to learn about colonial times and the Brandywine Battlefield. **Yes 10-0**
 - (3) PTO: \$500 to increase the budget for staff appreciation week. **Yes 10-0**
 - (4) PTO: \$675 to hire a Rita's Ice Truck to provide an end of year treat for all students. **Yes 10-0**
- **Principal's Report:** Danielle Clark presented several updates:
 - (1) An email will be sent on Friday for families to register for the Zoom webinar event viewing party for the Talent Show.
 - (2) Teachers gave great feedback on parent participation in the virtual spring conferences in March.
 - (3) Peace is the core essential trait for April.
 - (4) The PSSA's will be held for 3rd-5th graders in Language Arts, Math and Science from May 24th through June 4th.
 - (5) Six CFE students entered the virtual science fair this year and five students placed.
 - (6) Plans are underway for the end of the year to make it a fun sendoff for kids, including a Field Day and a dance party.
 - (7) The district will host summer reading and math academies for students in need. Families will get an invitation if their child qualifies
- **PTO Updates:**
 - (1) Art Show Recap: Meaghan Green shared the final numbers from the online auction. There were 62 artists, 500 works of art, 25 teacher experiences and 100 buyers. Online sales totaled \$57,000 with nearly \$6,000 in sponsorships. We raised more than \$20,000 for CFE. Dropoff and pickup of items is this weekend, 4/9-4/11.

- (2) PTO Board: Meredith Petruccelli discussed the positions that are open for next school year. We are looking to fill both board and committee positions.
 - (3) Staff Appreciation Week: Michelle Boyle detailed plans for the week of 5/3-5/7 that include decorating the school on Friday 4/30, a waffle truck on Monday, a snack buffet on Tuesday, a candy buffet on Wednesday, a student flower thank you project on Thursday and a lunch food truck on Friday. She is collecting items from parents for raffle baskets and through an Amazon wish list.
 - (4) 5th Grade End of Year plans: Christina Condelles shared the latest on the 5th grade events that include distribution of Class of 2021 t-shirts, the "Ideal Bookshelf" leave behind project, a 5th grade fun night at Treehouse World, a picnic style 5th grade breakfast and a clap-out on the last day.
 - (5) Talent Show: Neha Ruparel and Claudia Ledakis joined the meeting with details on the plans for the virtual show on 4/16. They are creating an i-movie of the video acts, teachers are making a welcome message, Danielle will share a link to register for the webinar, and they are making a trailer to show to students in school.
- **4rd Grade Curriculum Update:** Mr. Wagner joined the meeting to share details about how the 4th grade is continuing to create meaningful learning experiences in a pandemic. They turned the annual invention convention into a flip grid project. Students made their presentations into commercials similar to a shark tank pitch. They also completed Black History month presentations. And the PTO Flocabulary grant has been a huge success. The school has completed 5,000 activities on it so far.
 - **Meeting Adjourned at:** 11:45 a.m.