

January PTO Minutes:  
January 19, 2023 9 am

1. Introductions/Welcome: In attendance Andrea Jansky, Georgia Babatsikos, Delphine Dell'Era, Olivia Ahnemann, Meghan Strenczewilk, Darcie Canales, Mindy Kefer, Mary McCafferty, Beth Wilberger

#### Approval of December minutes

2. Coordinator Updates - still looking desperately for a Vice President - Beth will put out an email to the school directory. VP typically takes on the president role the following school year. President is a 10 hours/month commitment.
- FET - Georgia gave an overview of this Spanish speaking group that meets at 6 pm the first Tuesday of the month in the library. This group serves Spanish speaking families and their student's concerns and guides families to resources available. At least a 30% Spanish speaking population at CMS. Translators are present. Discussed ways to help integrate this group or familiarize this group with PTO. Cultural differences, norms impact how those families participate at CMS, so cultural awareness/sensitivity is needed. Olivia questioned how her role as the new family welcome coordinator could engage Spanish speaking families to participate in PTO. Georgia feels those families do want to be a part of the bigger school system and that a personal invitation/connection (such as attending an FET meeting) would be more meaningful than an invitation over an email (such as a call for volunteer through Help at School). She mentioned the upcoming

dance as an opportunity to engage those families, as there are many volunteer opportunities. Georgia wonders if meetings at night would be more attended by the FET community and suggests 1 person/month from PTO rotate to attend a FET meeting. Olivia will attend the next one.

- PEN - Event on Jan 30th in library at 6pm. Education Specialist and Founder of Elevated Adolescence, Ashley Chandler, will speak on raising a middle schooler and building connection. Adults only. Confirming with Liz whether a translator will be available so we can involve the FET community. (Discussed a plan to send out email to inform/remind families of PEN events to differentiate from the regular weekly CMS email). A survey to gather additional topics for PEN to cover was linked in the weekly Cyclone Connections from Kathleen.
  - Dance - Dance is scheduled for February 24th 5:30-7:30. Hoping to get Help At School email sent out as soon as possible with volunteers/needs, FAQ, specific details, etc. DJ and Photo Booth guys booked. There will be pizza, drinks, snacks. Student council doing decorations; the theme is "Black and White." Group discussed whether food should be free (more inclusive), available for purchase (fundraising opportunity), and a ticket system was discussed.
3. Treasurer - Delphine. - Fundraising in the Fall went well, so we have adequate funds.

Savings \$3000

Business account \$12,800  
Winter Party/dance will cost \$800; Help at School costs were \$600;  
Donation from United Way - \$1000  
Meghan has expenses for bike/walk to school costs - she will update  
Delphine.

4. Weston/VP update - Flamenco dancers coming to perform Jan 26th. Boulder High School counselors coming late January for 8th graders.

Honor Roll Recognition day- Feb 3rd. Approximately 300 kids made the honor roll. 3.5 GPA or higher qualified students for Honor Roll. Plan is for certificates to be distributed in flex classes, and a ticket for a treat at lunch time. Parents can watch the livestream that morning.

Basketball game: 8th grade boys Jan 19th in gym.

Jan 26 - superintendent coming to CMS.

Career Technology programs - starting a nail club/cosmetology club - 12 students will be going Fri Jan 20th to Arapahoe campus to learn some nail techniques with a plan to form a club; Leah Taylor in charge of that club.

Theater clubs starting Thursday this week.

Spelling bee next week. Liz and Weston are checking in with each class in

small groups, regarding digital citizenship norms, being on time, responsibilities as a student, GoGuardian - trying to do the right thing.

Next meeting is Thursday, Feb 16th at 9am in the Library, All are welcome.