

General PTO Meeting  
Carmel Elementary PTO  
Thursday, February 9, 2023 at 7:00 PM

#### I. President

##### a. Welcome and Introductions

b. Guest Speakers: Mrs. Fisher and Mrs. Powell, CE Equity and Inclusion Committee. As a CE Family, we come from 23 different countries and speak 26 different languages. Mrs. Fisher and Mrs. Powell attend monthly meetings from other CCS elementaries. In these meetings they discuss what other schools are doing for E & I. Bring back to discuss with staff. They send out monthly EI emails in celebration of all religions and cultures. Interview students about holidays they celebrate and to share their culture. The Carmel Elementary T Shirts provided by the PTO, gives a chance for all students to feel part of the CE family. Map has been purchased so students can mark their home. Planning for a 2023/2024 International Family Night/Fair. Will work with the PTO EI committee for this event. Lots of new families are coming in and CE wants to make sure that they feel at home and part of CE.

c. 2023 - 2024 Slate and Budget. Slate and Budget will vote in April general meeting. Please fill out the PTO interest form, so that we may have a team and volunteers in place and ready from the very first day of the next school year.

Working on the Flower Sale which starts March 3rd. This is our biggest fundraiser and helps drive these activities like family fun night and the CE T-Shirt. We think this is the 52 year CE has held the flower fundraiser.

#### II. Vice President

a. Committee Updates. The MORE Group did a great job with Family Fun Night. The MORE Group is working out Flower Sale Report. There is an event being put together at Peace Water Winery for Newcomers. If you know a K-3 student who would like to join Math Pentathlon There is a need for snack pantry donations, please drop off to the front office and mark Snack Pantry.

III. Principal Report. Shoutout to get Background Checks as teachers are looking to have more volunteers in the classroom. We run into parents trying to get a last minute background check. Kindergarten Registration has started up, and already have 60 kindergartens registered. If you have neighbors who have incoming Kindergarteners, let them know how great CE is and to be sure and register for Kindergarten. NWEA window closed and will go home to parents next week in your email. Getting into the testing window soon. March is Iread 3 for 3rd grade students and ILearn will come up after Spring Break. It is a busy time. Welcomed 2 new staff members recently, Samantha Dukes is the new Social Worker. Mrs. Martin has taken over for the spring as the art teacher through the spring. We will post for a full time art teacher in late spring. Quick reminder about carpool - tighten up some safety procedures and routines. CE needs parent help with staying in the car during carpool. If you have to get out please cross at designated crosswalks and only when staff members say it is safe to cross.

#### IV. Treasurer

a. Budget report. From Jenny - Still touching base with teachers so they can utilize the \$150 per teacher grant. Excited for the 2023 - 2024 budget next year.

V. Communications. Check out the CE PTO Website and add content. Tiger Tales is a great place to get CE information.

VI. Recording Secretary

VII. School Board Liaison: New School Board is in session. SB in 2024 has a proposed changed date of the Monday after due to the solar eclipse.

VIII. New Business

a. Volunteers of the Month – Melissa Ross and 100 Book Club Committee

IX. Questions and Comments

X. Important Dates

a. Valentine's Day parties February 14

b. President's Day, no school February 20

c. Dine to Donate, Condado February 22 all day

d. Flower Sale Kick-Off March 3

e. General PTO Meeting March 17 at 8:30 am. We will present the 2023 - 2024 Slate and Budget for everyone to review.

f. Evereve Shop for a Cause March 29 all day