

CFES PTO MINUTES – FEBRUARY 7, 2023

9:30 a.m.

- **Welcome:** (Michelle Boyle) Call to order and overview of meeting topics.
- **Pre-First Presentation** (Mrs. Keller)

Exciting month in pre-first, 1st grade and Kindergarten classes, celebrating the 100th day of school and solidifying skills. Pre-First has been around for over 40 years. The program is for younger students who need more time to be successful in 1st grade. This year's new Winter Workshop for grades K-2 was so well organized and appreciated.
- **Principal's Report:** (Mrs. Clark)
 - (1) It's been a busy Winter so far, including FID Days, Bingo Night, Parents Night Out and the UD Band performance.
 - (2) Schedules for parents to sign up for Spring Conferences will be sent out soon.
 - (3) 5th grade teacher Mrs. Eschbach will be out on maternity leave on March 15th. There will be a long-term sub for her class.
 - (4) A climate survey will be administered to all 3-5 graders. Families will also have the opportunity to fill it out online.
 - (5) February's school wide character trait is kindness.
 - (6) Students are hard at work trying to achieve a million stickers in First in Math.
 - (7) Mr. Judd is tracking laps on the CFE Walking trail to showcase the total distance walked by all students.
 - (8) Auction items won by families will be slowly fulfilled before the end of the school year. Some items will wait for warmer weather.
 - (9) The school wide BEN Energy assembly will be at 10:30a on February 23rd.
 - (10) CFES will host the district School Board meeting on March 18th at 7:30p.
 - (11) April 19th will be a student wellness day for all grades.
- **PTO Business:** (Michelle Boyle)
 - (1) Community Outreach – update from Sara Krausz – families donated a record number of snacks to Mitchell Elementary School for the MLK service project. CFES students help sort and box more than 6,000

individual snacks for Mitchell students.

- (2) FOCUS presentation on the “Teenage Brain” is February 29th at the Kennett Library.
 - (3) The Talent Show is changing dates, moving to Friday, April 26th. The dress rehearsal will be on Thursday, April 25th, with practice days on the Tues/Wed of the week before.
 - (4) Open Positions 2024-2025 – Steph Maurer (Vice President) – Two parents have stepped up to volunteer for the vice president roles next year. Still looking for a social media chair.
 - (5) Parents Night Out – Steph Maurer (Chair) – Hugely successful event. More than 80 parents attended, and raised over \$14,000 for CFES. Will plan for it again next year.
 - (6) Book Fair – Kristen Zimmerman (Chair) - \$200 in bonus Scholastic dollar rewards are available to purchase items for school needs. It expires on 4/10.
 - (7) Hospitality & Passive Fundraising – Jess Lang (Chair) – Teachers were provided fruit and tea for a “fresh start” themed day in January. There will be a coffee truck on February 12th and a pizza lunch in March. March 20th is a Pizza Peddler dine and donate day, also booking Not Your Average Joe’s for four Thursday fundraisers in April. Square 1 Art has been booked for next year.
 - (8) Spirit Wear – Sharon Berry (Chair) – adding vinyl water bottle stickers and CFE logo socks to the spirit wear inventory.
- **Art Show:** (Michelle Boyle)
 - (1) Planning is in final stages for the new one-day format Art Show on Saturday, March 16th from 10a-5p. 60 artists are attending. \$10,600 has been raised so far in rental fees for screens and tables.
 - (2) Set-up will be from Noon-4p on Friday, March 15th in the gym.
 - (3) Previously featured artists are coming back for a diamond showcase on stage to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the show.
 - (4) Artists have been provided with a save the date graphic invitation they are sending out to customers.
 - (5) There are over 30 pieces of donated art to raffle off.
 - (6) Look for press coverage and articles in the local publications.
 - **Meeting Adjourned at:** 11:25 a.m.