**CFES PTO MINUTES – APRIL 6, 2022**

**9:30 a.m.**

* **Welcome:** PTO Co-President Meredith Petruccelli welcomed everyone to the meeting both in-person and via Zoom.
* **Treasurer’s Report:** John Mitchell
  + Our 2021-2022 school revenue remains strong, thanks to donations from the Playground Powerup challenge and Art Show profits.
  + The State of Pennsylvania has approved our application to form a new PTO Entity. The goal is to launch it in August for the new school year.
* **Art Show:** Meredith Petruccelli, Jessica Lang & Meaghan Green
  + Most successful show in recent history. By the numbers, we had 61 artists, 235 buyers, sold 394 pieces of art, raffled off 30 items and 17 student experiences for a total profit of over $30,000 for the school.
  + For next year, we will try to streamline the checkout and check-in processes for artists, bring back food on Friday night, consider treats or small gifts for artists at the close of the show, and continue to keep costs small for printing and flyers.
* **Spring Enrichment Grants:** Review and Vote on PTO grant requests from teachers and staff. The PTO budget for grants totals $2,500 for this enrichment cycle, with board approval to use additional funding from savings to cover all requests.

1. Mrs. Bickings: $879 to add flexible seating to her 4th grade classroom. **Yes 10-0 (approved)**
2. Mr. McGarvey: $1,571 to add new audio and video components to the CFE Media Lounge. Camera equipment would total $734 and audio equipment would total $837. **Yes 10-0 (approved)**
3. Mr. Wagner: $700 to add a second Makey-Makey kit to the 4th grade classrooms. **Yes 10-0 (approved)**
4. Mrs. Clark: $3,000 for a meet the staff photo board to be constructed on the wall in the main lobby. **Yes 11-0** **\*(approved with board decision to use funding from the special projects budget)**

* **Principal’s Report:** Danielle Clark presented several updates:
  + Thank you to all volunteers and the PTO for your overwhelming efforts to make this year’s Art Show such a success.
  + Conferences begin today, with both in-person and remote options for working parents.
  + April’s core essential trait for students is Hope.
  + The old playground has been completely removed, and installation of the new playground is ready to begin over Spring Break, contingent on weather conditions. 4/26 is the target completion date.
  + There will be a school wide Earth Day celebration on Friday, April 22nd. There will be teacher lesson rotations in the morning, followed by a healthy lifestyle assembly in the afternoon. Kindergarten, 1st and pre-1st students will learn about healthy bodies through martial arts. 2nd grade will learn about healthy foods. 3rd grade will focus on bee keeping. 4th and 5th grade will learn about soils and fish ladders.
  + The PSSA testing window begins in April. ELA testing is 4/25-4/27. Math testing is 5/2-5/4, and Science testing is 5/5 & 5/6.
  + Field trips are now being scheduled and planned across all grades. Look for information on dates from your child’s teacher.
  + Java with John will take place at CFE this month, on Wednesday 4/20 at 9:15am in the library.
  + Looking ahead to May, the CFE Open House night is on May 19th and the Spring Concert is scheduled for May 25th.
* **PTO Business:**

1. 2022-2023 Board Positions: Jeff Ellison – reviewed open positions for next school year. Several events still need chairs or co-chairs. Will create a list to be distributed to parents interested in volunteering.
2. Staff Appreciation Week: Michelle Boyle & Jess Eldridge – invitations will be distributed in staff mailboxes. A signup genius has been emailed to parents to fill donations and volunteer slots. The dates this year are May 2nd – May 6th.

* **Meeting Adjourned at:** 11:50 a.m.