**CFES PTO MINUTES – OCTOBER 12, 2022**

**9:30 a.m.**

* **PTO Business:**

1. Fall Festival – Amanda Frake (Chair): Very successful event at Ramsey’s Farm on 9/30. Ticket sales profited $3,000 for the PTO.
2. Book Fair – Kara Hyman (Chair): Books have been delivered. Setup is 10/14. Flyers are going home with students today.
3. Mitchell Elementary & KACS Donations – Sara Krausz (Chair): The CFES community donated 100 water bottles and 75 backpacks to our sister school in Philadelphia. Families also donated more than 2,000 pounds of food to the Kennett Food cupboard. CFES had the most donations for the district. We will celebrate with a popsicle party for students. The PTO board gave unanimous approval to reincorporate a line item for community service to the budget, totaling $400 dollars.
4. 3rd Grade Read-A-Thon – Christina Condelles (Chair): The kickoff event is Friday, 10/14. The celebration will be Friday, 11/18. Our theme this year is “Passport to Adventure: A Magical Journey in Reading” based on the Magic Treehouse Series. We have a few more open spots for parent volunteers.
5. Foreign Language Club – Elisa Maas (Chair): There are 62 students registered. Classes begin October 18th. We are offering different levels of Spanish and French.
6. Homeroom Parents – Kristen Zimmerman (Chair): All class parents have been chosen. It was a very smooth process this year. Will begin sending out more communications through the classes this school year.
7. Square 1 Art – Jessica Lang (Chair): Look for the student catalog pages to come home next week. The ordering process will deliver the items in time for the holidays.
8. Buddy Breakfast – Meredith Petruccelli (Chair): Area businesses are donating funds to pay for food. Wegman’s will supply the donuts. Another email needs to be sent to ask for RSVP’s.

* **Principal’s Report:** Danielle Clark presented several updates:
  + Teachers used the recent in-service day for First in Math training. The school has 200,000 points earned so far, with the goal of students earning one million for the year.
  + The new walking and learning path is being used every week. Students have logged 23 miles of walking so far. New signs will be installed over winter break.
  + Planning to install new swings on the primary playground over winter break as well.
  + Our core essential trait for October is “grit.”
  + PSSA parent letters will go out next week with scores from the testing last Spring. Star test reports will be sent digitally.
  + There is a school wide bus competition for good behavior. The first bus to follow the rules, and spell out the word Chargers by earning letters, will get dismissed five minutes early and be allowed to play outside until it’s time to board the bus.
  + A similar competition is underway in the cafeteria. The best-behaved class will win the recognition of “golden utensils.” This year there are three lunch periods, combining 4th/5th, 2nd/3rd, and 1st/pre-first/y-care into shared lunch times.
  + Look for a PTC conference link to be emailed on October 27th to pick dates and times for November conferences.
  + The Halloween parade is planned for 10:30 a.m. on 10/31. The students will make a lap around the entire school for families.
* **Fall Enrichment Grants:** Review and Vote on PTO grant requests from teachers and staff. The PTO budget for grants totals $6,000 for this school year, with board approval to use an additional $400 in funding from savings to cover all requests.

1. Mrs. Broderick: $552 to subscribe to the online literacy site “Flocabulary.” This would provide shared access to teachers in grades 2,3,4, and 5. **Yes 8-1 (approved)**
2. Mrs. DeNenno: $1,466.86 to purchase whiteboard tables, flex seating, and chair pockets for her 3rd grade classroom to help with executive functioning and organization of materials. **Yes 5-4 (approved)**
3. Mr. McGarvey: $1,263.00 to purchase a class set of Sphero coding robots for grades K-3rd for STEM lessons in technology classes. **Yes 6-3 (approved)**
4. Mrs. Hughes: $807.00 to purchase flexible seating, lap desks and yoga mats for her 3rd grade classroom to increase student focus and engagement. **Yes 7-2 (approved)**
5. Mrs. Gillespie: $2,300.00 for teacher training for all K-2 teachers, K-2 learning support, and PE teachers in the area of executive functioning skills, language development, and gross and fine motor skills for students. **Yes 5-4 (approved)**

* **Meeting Adjourned at:** 12:05 p.m.