**CFES PTO MINUTES – FEBRUARY 2, 2022**

**9:30 a.m.**

* **Welcome:** PTO Co-President Jeff Ellison welcomed everyone to the meeting via Zoom, with an update on school events for the Spring.
  + Talent Show now has a chair, and will be assisted by last year’s chair. The goal is to hold the show in person in April.
  + May Pole has a chair as well, along with two parent volunteers. Still need more parent helpers. The chair of the 2019 Maypole will help the new team.
* **Treasurer’s Report:** John Mitchell discussed the state of the budget for mid-year, along with fundraising totals.
  + The PTO will need $20,000 in our budget to fund the remainder of the events, grants and commitments for the 2021-2022 school year.
  + The Playground Powerup challenge raised a total of $23,356 fundraising dollars from student efforts and parent and family contributions. We pledged to contribute $35,000 from PTO reserves to the new playground’s main structure.
* **Playground Add-ons Vote:** In a unanimous 10-0 vote, the PTO agreed to add additional funding to the new playground installation in the amount of $26,500. This will pay for two add-on components to the main structure. The items include a spinner unit for $7,000 and a vertex climber for $19,500. That brings the PTO’s total playground expenses to $61,500.
* **Principal’s Report:** Danielle Clark presented several updates:

1. The school-wide character trait for February is Compassion. Please look for way to demonstrate this with your child.
2. PSSA tutoring has begun for students in grades 3-5.
3. The school is planning for a possible “Healthy Earth, Healthy You” assembly on April 22nd to promote Earth Day and wellness.
4. A district wide 4th grade ice skating party has been approved. Plans are still being worked out.
5. Mr. McGarvey is developing a new after school club, with PTO support, to teach video editing. Information to come!
6. Bus Driver appreciation day is February 22nd, currently looking for ways to show recognition.
7. The new Chadd the Charger mascot costume has been delivered. It may be revealed at the re-opening of the new CFE playground.
8. Delivery and installation of the new playground is still on track for mid-March.

* **PTO Business:**

1. Paint Night: Amanda Frake – this will be a virtual family fun night to replace the in person event on February 25th. Students will be able to paint an abstract horse, along with experts from Pinot’s Palette on Zoom. Cost is $25 per family. This is not a fundraiser.
2. PTO Board positions: Michelle Boyle – we are actively searching for two vice-presidents for next school year. If you are interested or know anyone who may be interested in filling this role, please contact Michelle (micheboyle15@gmail.com) or Amanda ([afrake26@gmail.com](mailto:afrake26@gmail.com)).
3. Teacher Appreciation Week: Michelle Boyle – a new co-chair has volunteered for this annual event for staff. Plans will be discussed at next month’s meeting.
4. Passive Fundraising: Jessica Lang – Square 1 Art raised $2,600 for the school. Last month’s Panera restaurant fundraiser brought in $150 and Mod Pizza raised $365.
5. Art Show: Jessica Lang and Meagan Green – 65 artists have RSVPed yes to attend this year’s show. We will use the square-up digital program to keep track of inventory this year. A press release is ready to go out, pending district approval. The Art Show committee will begin meeting bi-weekly. A signup genius for volunteers will be distributed soon.

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