

# MINUTES

## Cunningham Creek Elementary PTO

8/22/2023 | 6:00p | Meeting called to order by Sandra DeLuca.

### In Attendance:

Sandra DeLuca (President), Michelle Midgley (VP), Jessica Sievert (2<sup>nd</sup> VP), Amy Beals (Treasurer), Gretchen Forward (Secretary), Candice Moore (Parliamentarian), Principal Katie O'Connell, approximately 23 parents

### Public Meeting began at 6:00p

#### Principal's Update - Katie O'Connell

- Best start to the year!
- Approx. 730 kids at school
- CCE is fully staffed
- Front courtyard now available to have lunch with child
- Tuesday safety issue addressed, no threat, everything ran as it should
- Adding extra speakers at back of portables

#### Old Business-

- a. Marquee fully paid for, permits submitted. Once the district emails supplier for finalization we can break ground on new marquee. Will be in front of school near Roberts Rd.

#### Safety Specialist – Mike Strausbaugh & Deputy Harpin

- Mike Strausbaugh - liaison with school district
- Teachers receive 140+hrs of safety training
- Certified deputy sheriff in every school in St. Johns Co. All work with Mike Strausbaugh on everything they do. Ex: how to evacuate, feedback, entry points, daily basis contact.
- FortifyFlorida.com – app that all parents can install on their phone to report (anonymously or not) any tip they may hear from a child in school. Report suspicious activity. Goes to half of sheriff's office, superintendent, and all principals.
- All doors locked at all times (Deputy Hardin constantly checking as he walks halls also), must buzz in to get into school, secured front entryway.

- Sentegics – badge every employee has inside school. Everyone (including substitutes) receives training on this and can push the button on badge and get assistance or enter into lockdown mode. Automatically sends to Sheriff's office.

#### New Business- Sandra DeLuca

- a. PTO provided teachers breakfast, lounge stocked with snacks, \$50 GC to each
- b. Over \$2k raised from supply kits
- c. Staff shirts provided by PTO, spirit wear has been ordered and 2nd order will be sent in Sept. Field trip shirts will be in soon.
- d. PTO membership deadline is 9/20 - if classes get to 100% participation, they get class party and teacher receives gift card.
- e. Energy Bus – PTO will recognize kids that are class CEO at PTO meeting.
  1. First recognition will be October meeting with August & September CEO also.
  2. Teacher will reach out to parents to let them know if child is CEO.
- f. Back to School Bash 8/25 – 1-2 volunteers still needed. No charge for tickets if you volunteer for events.
- g. Grandparents Day – Date confirmed, pancakes, fun together.
- h. Grants Approved:
  1. Seat sacks for classroom
  2. Tech lab

#### Grant Request: Caitlin Omera & teaching partner: Speech Therapist

1. National speech therapist convention in Boston this year.
2. About 130 kids in speech program at CCE
3. \$400 registration fee for each
4. Things always changing and not many opportunities for extended learning. They want to provide the best for students
5. Unanimously approved by board & attendees.

*Meeting ended 7:20pm*