

# Clinton Township Foundation for Educational Excellence

All-Staff Meeting
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## CTFEE versus the PTA



- Funds innovate educational programs that span all academic areas including:
  - Stem/Technology
  - \* Core curriculum
  - \* Art/music
  - \* Fitness
  - \* Character fulfillment
  - \* Staff development
- Things that may not have been funded otherwise through the regular school budget
- Based on grants requests written by teachers and administrators



- \* Dedicated to promoting children's health, well-being and educational success through strong parent, family and community involvement
- \* Things like:
  - Ice Cream Social
  - Pumpkin carving
  - \* Assemblies
  - \* Staff Appreciation
  - \* Gallery Time

# CTFEE Fundraising

# Currently the Foundation is relying on Corporate grants with private donations as a secondary source, this is a change from previous years

- Grant requests to local businesses, and larger corporations
  - Companies want to fund certain initiatives around areas of interest for them
  - The broader area of items we are fundraising for, the more options we have on who to contact
  - Do you know anyone?!
- \* Partnering for Innovation Campaign private donations
- Take a Stand/Buy a Seat campaign
- 2017 Mother's Day Flower Fundraiser (may be an annual event)
- One other large fundraiser activity in planning



The Hyde and Watson Foundation



## What has the CTFEE Funded?

#### Throughout the last 4-5 years, here are some highlights:

- Erik LeGrand visit
- Projector and Screen for the Gym (CTMS)
- Farm to Fitness Trail (RVS)
- Hands on Science Project (PMG)
- Bristlebots (S.T.E.A.M) (SRS)
- Spruce Run School Song
- Bringing Bass to the Band (RVS)
- 2017 funding initiative -- Designing Solutions MakerBot 3D Printer (CTMS)
- 2017 funding initiative Body Image and Media Literacy Seminar (CTMS)
- 2017 funding initiative- Discovery Education Science Textbooks (CTMS)

## What can you do to help?

#### Write grants!



- \* Don't be afraid if you have an idea or a need, submit it!
- No idea is a bad idea
- If your grant isn't approved or cannot be funded in the current grant wave, it may be able to be in the next one
- \* Other schools are a good place to start –what do other schools have that we want our students/staff to have?
- \* What is the future of education and how can we move closer?

### Some Ideas...

#### Think inside and outside of the box!!

#### Areas to think about:

- \* Technology
- Self-awareness/confidence type initiatives
- \* Anti-bullying
- \* Enrichment items
- \* Sustainability
- \* Health
- \* Class Trips
- School improvements (sound systems, laptops, air conditioning!)

#### What other schools have done:

- \* Weather Station
- Classrooms 4 the Future
- \* Chromebooks
- \* Science Department Probeware
- \* Farm to Table
- \* Book Nook
- Sky is the Limit Wilderness Therapy
- Read and Ride (Bikes vs. Desks)
- \* District Wide Art Show
- Broadcast Leadership Cameras
- \* Interactive easel board

## What's the Process?

# Process of submitting grants is easy, the approval process afterwards takes time but submitting ideas is straightforward

- \* ANY teachers can write grants, submit to principals
- Administration and principals also write grants
- Those that get approved go to Dir. Of Curriculum & Superintendent
- Approved grants go the BOE

- Begin; End of School Year
- September: Grant Write-Ups
- End of September: Approved grants to Superintendent
- \* BOE meeting October 20<sup>th</sup>
- \* Grant requests to CTFEE funding is determined
- Second wave of grants in February

Contact us for grant paperwork and get your grants in by end of September!