

## CMES Advancement Committee Monthly Update

*Cornerstone Montessori Elementary School's mission is to support children from culturally and economically diverse backgrounds living in or near St. Paul's East Side through a rigorous and high-impact Montessori program that empowers them to make positive decisions, develop self-discipline, and create a true sense of responsibility for themselves and others in their community.*

### November 2023 Updates:

- *Still awaiting* decision on Casey's Cash for Classrooms (\$50k) to support staff training
- Decided to postpone application on Dryfus to the spring. Our application will be stronger and release of funds will work more conveniently within the school schedule.
- Participated in parent involvement Zoom meetings.
- Continued coordination with contracted grant writers with monthly meetings. Next meeting is 12/7/2023.
- Committee to work collaboratively with the marketing task force.
- Give to the Max! At the time of writing this report **31 donors raised \$6,055!** We surpassed our goal of \$6,000.

### Narrative:

While development activities are able to progress with limited committee participation, communication/engagement activities are at a stand still until we can engage the wider community to increase the size of the committee. The Advancement Committee was present at both parent involvement meetings held earlier this month, which had limited engagement. Do we want to try to reach out again in a different way/format? During community engagement activities this month, the committee could have reached at least 5 parents more effectively with a fluent Spanish speaker on the committee. This is a priority for the committee. Finally, G2TM Day for CMES was a huge success! Thank you to Chris, Carolyn, Jess, and everyone that helped! This report is respectfully submitted by trustee, Tyler Bouwens on 11/24/2023.