

CORL STREET ELEMENTARY
PTO BOARD MEETING

November 14, 2023

In Attendance:

PTO Board Members: Dr. Kelly Mark, Sarah Schwartz (President), Heather Baruch-Bueter (Vice President), Kate Woodruff (Treasurer), Natalie Slane (Secretary)

Corl Street Faculty: Paige Davis, Nate Bechdel

Parents and Guests: Sam Siedel, Becky Moore, Alyssa Raffetto

Call to Order: 7:00 PM

I. Welcome/Introductions: Sarah Schwartz greeting. Parent and Board introductions

II. Principal's Remarks: Kelly Mark

1. Coffee and Conversation series with Dr. Mark- Special Topics
 - a. 1st will be December 7th 7:15am-7:45am topic of Schoolwide PBIS
2. Building Updates
 - a. Each class is working for a whole class PAWS ticket from specials teachers. PAWS tickets are color coded for each special
 - i. ie: library is blue
 - ii. Students are working toward a schoolwide reward – Bingo
 - b. Veterans Day assembly was a success. Thank you to the teachers who helped organize.
 - c. Mrs. Miller will be working with 2nd-5th grade for a reflex focus – rewarding on practice element as opposed to earning 'greenlight.'
3. 3- Hr. delay day survey being sent out from SCASD shortly
4. No School Wednesday – 11/22/23
5. 12/4/23 report cards will be available.

III. Committee Reports: Heather Baruch-Bueter

1. Roles to fill:
 - a. New Directory Chair Needed
 - b. New Field Day Chair (2024) – Alyssa Raffetto volunteered.
 - i. Will follow up with committee volunteers.
 - c. New Bookfair Chair (in 2 years).
2. Kristine Schwab Bookfair
 - a. Would like to have someone shadow her role next year in preparation for her to leave when her child moves on. She will be at Corl street the next 2 years. This would be a smooth transition for a new chair to have Kristine as a support and resource for the Book Fair process.
 - b. All for books coin drive \$ 1,314.28
 - i. Teachers rec'd \$ 55.00 gift cards for their classrooms
 - c. Donated 25 new books to our Corl St. Library
3. Yearbook has received volunteers and support; committee forming.

4. Book Exchange Chair (Spring 2024) – only organizing and sending out information.

IV. Treasurer's Report: Kate Woodruff

5. Author's visit has been paid
6. Coin wrappers were purchased for bookfair; Donuts were donated.
7. School Supplies – \$2685.00 so far; but not finalized yet. Some teachers still need to turn in receipts. Dr. Mark will follow up with these teachers.
8. Teacher Tuesday every other month
 - a. This month bought Papa Johns

V. Other Business: Teacher and Parent Remarks

1. 5th grade party
 - a. Extra fundraising conversation or increase to the 5th grade budget
 - b. Last year overspent by about \$700.00
 - c. Sarah will connect with Samantha and Kate to facilitate discussion, involve students with decision to fundraise or what they want to do for their end of year party
 - i. Suggestion to upcharge t-shirts
 - ii. Expo bake sale?
 - d. Urban Air – should we keep this as the end of year celebration or change it every year?
 - i. Seems like kids and teachers enjoy Urban Air. Nice tradition for kids to know and look forward to it.
2. Adult/Child Book club
 - a. Brooke Miller and Paige Davis will lead.
 - i. At least 30 pairs are signed up currently.
 - ii. Starts January 25th.
 - iii. Will be a complete hour; 5th graders will lead discussion for the first half hour, then second half hour will be craft and snacks.
3. 5th grade Field Trip Budget
 - a. Is Falling Waters still budgeted? Yes.
 - b. 5th grade has discretion to try to look at what they'd like to do with the field trip budget.
 - c. SCASD is looking at PTO budgets across the district to ensure equity for field trips, events and opportunities for all students.
4. Book Exchange
 - a. Bring gently used books that students can choose from to keep; book committee sorts by grade level. Then kids can come and pick books during the school day.
 - b. Question of what to do with left over books – don't want to keep every year; donate to AAUW or Little Libraries across the town.
 - c. Ask for volunteers to send out information and organize.
5. Sarah rec'd email from PSU Sports asking for interest in basketball game participation.

- a. Sarah will find out more details about this and report back

Minutes: October Minutes Approved

Motion to Adjourn: Sarah Schwartz

Next Meeting: 12/12/23 – Fully Remote Zoom Meeting

*Minutes prepared by Natalie Slane on November 14, 2023.