

CORL STREET ELEMENTARY
PTO BOARD MEETING

February 2, 2021

In **Attendance: PTO Board Members:** Dr. Kelly Mark (Principal), Samantha Banning (Co-President), Mike Banning (Co-President), Peter Miraldi (Secretary) **Parents and Guests:** Jennifer Pencek, Patricia Shoffner (1st grade), Brooke Davis (1st grade), Christina McNeil, Sonya Miller, Camilla Thorsen, David Hutchinson (School Board Representative).

Call to Order: 7:04 PM

I. Welcome/Introductions: Dr. Mark welcomed everyone and we introduced ourselves.

II. Principal's Remarks:

- A. These past two snow days have caused us to reschedule pictures for Friday which is also the 100th day of school.
- B. Check with your children's' teachers about when to deliver and pick up Valentine's Day cards/candy.
- C. We are finishing up winter benchmarking; reports will come home a few weeks after Friday.
- D. Our social-emotional screener will be completed for students by teachers, except for 4th and 5th graders (Dr. Mark will send a letter home).

II. School Board Report: David Hutchinson has no updates.

Minutes: The January minutes were accepted by consensus.

III. Treasurer's Report: Emma submitted her report in abstention:

- A. We finally got the funds from Member Planet for CCR and there was a box-tops payment that went into the sunshine fund.
- B. Notable expenses in the last month or so are as follows:
 - a. decals that we approved for the school improvement committee;
 - b. Dr. Mark said we will be unable to wax the floors where the decals are placed so we may revisit the location of the decals and move them to a low-traffic area.
 - c. a little bit spent on the art installation project Ann Tarantino is heading;
 - d. Teacher Tuesday lunches;
 - e. the Osbourne books (this went under undesignated funds);
 - f. the yoga mats for K (also under undesignated funds);
 - g. the donation that we made to the foodbank (also undesignated funds; note we approved \$250 but I paid the administrative fee of \$7 so that the full \$250 went to the foodbank).

- i. Dr. Mark asked if Emma meant to use Sunshine funds for the foodbank donation.
- C. Jennifer asked if we could designate some more PTO funds to community organizations.
 - a. Samantha said that she is fine with donating but also pointed out that the Cougar Cat Run did not bring in as much as it usually does.
 - b. Becca suggested that we could involve the students in the donation process if they are not able to go on field trips.

MOTION: Jennifer motioned to accept the treasurer's report and Samantha seconded. The motion carries.

IV. Committee Reports: N/A

V. Old Business

- A. Meg Handley and Lori Miraldi have been working on the fundraiser to purchase more books on diversity for our library.
 - a. If you wish to contribute, please send cash, checks made out to the Corl Street PTO to the front office or Venmo Meg Handley: @Meg-Handley.

VI. New Business

- A. School Wide Reward - Dr. Mark said some places are offering virtual field trips and these types of experiences could be a reward for everyone.
 - a. Mrs. Shoffner mentioned Wilderness Classroom as a valuable, virtual field experience in the Amazon Rainforest.
 - i. Mrs. Shoffner said it would be \$700 for two programs or \$400 for one program and we are considering doing it this month.
 - ii. Mike said we probably do not need to make a motion because there is money set aside for field trips.
 - iii. Samantha said she will notify Emma to set aside \$1000 for the field trip as well as juice boxes and snacks.
 - b. Samantha suggested that we could use the \$500 set aside for the ice cream social to do something at the end of the year, such as an ice cream pickup at the school.
 - i. Samantha mentioned that we could set a time during the picture day.
 - ii. Dr. Mark said we could do it in stages if students are outside so they are not too crowded.
 - iii. Mike asked how long lunch takes and Dr. Mark said less than 2 hours.
 - iv. Dr. Mark said it is worth looking into.
 - v. Samantha suggested that we add some more funds to provide ice cream for teachers as well (250 students and about 60 teachers/staff) so she will ask Emma about this and table it until our March meeting.

- vi. Dr. Mark said the end of the day (12:30 to 2:30) on the first week of June (maybe Tuesday, June 1st) may work better than lunch time.
- vii. Mrs. Shoffner asked if there will be a field day that week.

B. Corl Street Expo

- a. Dr. Mark said the Expo will likely be virtual and Mrs. Hooper wanted to make sure it is on our radar.

VII. Other Business

- A. Dr. Mark noted that Kindergarten registration is open and now online.

MOTION: Mike motioned to adjourn. Dr. Mark seconded. The motion carries and the meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 2, 2021; 7:00 PM via Zoom

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