

CORL STREET ELEMENTARY  
PTO BOARD MEETING

**January 5, 2021**

In **Attendance: PTO Board Members:** Dr. Kelly Mark (Principal), Samantha Banning (Co-President), Mike Banning (Co-President), Emma Jane Rose (Treasurer), Peter Miraldi (Secretary) **Parents and Guests:** Jennifer Pencek, Sonya Miller, Christina McNeill, Becca Thorsen, Cathy Miller, Sarah Windish, Xiaoxing Wang.

**Call to Order:** 7:03 PM

**I. Welcome/Introductions/Remarks:** Samantha and Mike Banning welcomed everyone.

**II. Principal's Remarks:**

- A. I am full time back at Corl Street.
- B. I do not have any information about next week.
- C. Right before break, the books from the PTO were delivered.
  - a. Karen can get them for you.
  - b. Samantha said that the kids were excited about the books.
- D. Mrs. Davis and Blair took the lead in hosting the event before break.
- E. Toward the end of the month, we will have our next round of benchmark testing
- F. Sonya asked if there was an update on school pictures.
  - a. Dr. Mark said there is no update yet.
  - b. Sarah Banning said the planned date is Feb 1 with March 5<sup>th</sup> makeup
  - c. Dr. Mark said we will need to create a schedule for photos.

**II. School Board Report:** N/A

- A. Dr. Mark said that she would contact Dave Hutchinson to let him know about our meetings.

**MOTION:** Becca motioned to approve the December minutes and Emma seconded. Motion carries and the December minutes are approved.

**III. Treasurer's Report:** Emma reported:

- A. Emma said that we didn't do much financially this past month
- B. We received over \$7,500 for the Cougar Cat Run from Member Planet.
  - a. We were expecting about \$7,900
  - b. There may be ways to accept donations without using member planet and paying fees.

**IV. Committee Reports:** N/A

**V. Old Business**

- A. PTO book gifts with bookmarks and bookplates were distributed to students prior to start of winter break.

## VI. New Business

- A. Becca said that Erin Bronson (ASES teacher at Corl Street) requested to purchase a sensory pack (a stick on path for hallway floor) for \$300 from their school improvement fund.
  - a. Emma said she can submit (scan and send) receipt for a reimbursement or have them invoice Corl Street Elementary.
  - b. Dr. Mark said they will choose a spot next week.
- B. Dr. Mark asked if there are any big events coming up this spring.
  - a. Emma suggested teachers could use funds from field trip monies for some virtual experiences.
  - b. Emma noted that we have \$30,000 in the bank, not counting the \$3,000 for the mural project (\$5,000 is designated for the Sunshine Fund).
  - c. She said we could fund community service projects or tents.
  - d. Dr. Mark noted that Mrs. Hooper enjoyed her class' virtual field trip and Emma shared a letter from the students expressing their appreciation.
  - e. Dr. Mark said that COVID grant money has helped many families and there hasn't been a demand for the Sunshine Fund money.
  - f. Jennifer Pencek said that Reptaland is promoting their virtual field trip.
- C. Jennifer asked about My Little Pantry update.
  - a. Dr. Mark said that Mrs. Hooper's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class took on the pantry and said she would check to see if there is an update.
- D. Emma asked if one of our classes would be interested in coordinating efforts to help a local food bank.
  - a. Jennifer said that once we are back in person, there may be more of a request for Sunshine Fund money.
  - b. Cathy Miller said that with the changing weather, there may be more of a need for winter clothing.
- E. Sarah Windish asked if Meal Distribution would end in 2020.
  - a. Dr. Mark said that has been extended through the rest of the school year.
  - b. Our food service program was recognized for their work, providing over 700,000 meals.
  - c. Dr. Mark asked if we could send a congratulatory message to the food service team.
  - d. Jennifer Pencek said she would like to see them congratulated and a donation to the food bank made on their behalf.

**MOTION:** Jennifer Pencek motioned to make a \$250 donation from the Sunshine Fund to the State College food bank on behalf of our Food Service Team. Sarah Windish seconded the motion. The Motion Carries.

- e. Emma said that she will send the check to the food bank.
- f. Sarah Windish said that her class and the other second grade class would write some thank you cards.
- g. She will send materials home on Monday to be returned on the following Monday.

**MOTION:** Samantha motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mike seconded. The motion carries and the meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 2; 7:00 PM via Zoom**

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