CORL STREET ELEMENTARY
PTO BOARD MEETING

November 2, 2020

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, Kristine Schwab, Spencer Hay (4th Grade), Terrill Salter, Cindy Miller, Kelly Essick (4th Grade), Sonya Miller.

Call to Order: 7:03 PM

I. Welcome/Introductions/Remarks: Samantha and Mike Banning welcomed everyone and we introduced ourselves.

II. Principal's Remarks:

A. Dr. Mark thanked everyone for being here and all of the kindness and support from all of our parents.
B. I am covering Fergusen and Corl Street, splitting my time 50/50.
C. Corl Street does not have a fulltime counselor but Mrs. Blair has been approved to help through at least Thanksgiving.
D. K-2 remote switches are happening next week (Tuesday, November 10th).
    a. The hybrid model is challenging for teachers and students.
    b. Having someone fully dedicated to both mediums will benefit everyone.
    c. There are no district-wide plans for this with 3-5 graders.
    d. We are trying to be creative in ways to support teachers in 3-5 grade.
    e. We are having conversations with the specialists as well to support.
        i. Emma asked about in-class students who become sick or cannot attend.
        ii. Dr. Mark said they will not remote-in but be provided some asynchronous work or activities.
    f. If someone is sick and not feeling well, they should focus on getting better and taking a sick day.
E. For 2-5 students, they took math assessments (math and reading for 4-5th graders).

MOTION: Kristine motioned to approve the October minutes and Emma seconded. Motion carries and the October minutes are approved.

II. School Board Report: N/A

III. Treasurer's Report: Emma reported:

A. We have a little over $8,000 from the Cougar Cat Run.
    a. We will likely not spend much in the coming year.
    b. We have about $27,500.
    c. Also, we have $10,000 in savings to cover field trips.
    d. We might want to be cautious about spending in the future.
B. We bought umbrellas for the students, school colors. .

MOTION: Terrill motioned to approve the Treasurer's report, Kristine seconded. Motion carries.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Garden – Samantha said that Mrs. Hoover asked if we can start working on the garden.
    a. Kristine Schwab said that Kate Woodruff agreed to co-chair with her.
    b. Dr. Mark said that a section is taped off for this.
    c. Kristine said that she will e-mail Mrs. Hooper for details.
    d. Emma said that we have a few hundred dollars designated for this.

B. Samantha said we have volunteers for the Yearbook Committee.
    a. Dr. Mark said that we have not re-scheduled pictures.
    b. Mrs. Campbell created Google folders for all of the teachers to upload photos.
    c. Becky will reach out to remote families so they can send pictures.

V. Old Business

A. Samantha said she talked with Dr. Mark about purchasing tents.
    a. This would require permits, liability insurance, and meet fire safety rules.
    b. Dr. Mark said we can revisit this for the spring.
    c. Emma noted that it would be nice to own tents for other occasions as well.
    d. Rental fees are $2,000 for four weeks.

VI. New Business

A. Virtual Field Trips
    a. Mrs. Hooper asked about money for $125 virtual field trip to Philadelphia.
    b. This would be outside of the normal field trip budget.

MOTION: Jen motioned to approve $125 for the 5th grade virtual field trip to Philadelphia. Terrill seconded. The Motion carries.

B. Dr. Mark said someone donated a Little Pantry to us.
    a. She asked if there was anyone who would like to help people to donate food.
    b. Emma said that we could use some Sunshine Funding to get this started.
    c. Mike suggested that the stairway up to Corl Street would be a good place for this.
    d. Kelly asked if we could ask faculty if anyone would like to help with this effort.
    e. Jen volunteered to help with this effort.

C. Samantha noted that the Baltimore Aquarium is offering free recorded tours.

D. Kelly asked about the process for school supplies reimbursement.
    a. Emma said that we can either approve the receipt in the office or scan and send them to Emma.
    b. Kelly said that all of the teachers are grateful for this.
E. Sonya Miller said let her know if you have anything for the Newsletter which should be out mid-November.
    a. Jen suggested to include some resources for families that could help with holiday needs.
    b. Emma suggested that we could promote the Sunshine Fund for people in need.
        i. Jen suggested that we should remind people that the Sunshine Fund is anonymous.
        ii. Dr. Mark said that she can highlight the Sunshine fund in her November newsletter.
        iii. Samantha noted that some schools have a mitten, glove, and hat tree and we could use sunshine funding for this.
        iv. Emma said we could order supplies to be made available.
        v. Kristine asked if we could donate items.
        vi. Dr. Mark said that she will ask Mrs. Wilson to take inventory of potential needs.
F. Kristine said Osborne will offer an online book fair later this month for two weeks, through December 6th.
    a. Our Corl Street Facebook page will be linked to this opportunity.
    b. Samantha asked how long the books would take to deliver.
        i. Kristine said they should be able to turn around the books in about a week.

MOTION: Dr. Mark motioned to adjourn, Samantha Banning seconded. The motion carries and the meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 1; 7:00 PM

*Minutes prepared by Peter Miraldi (pnm10@psu.edu) on November 2, 2020.