

CORL STREET ELEMENTARY  
PTO BOARD MEETING

**OCTOBER 6, 2020**

In **Attendance: PTO Board Members:** Samantha Banning (Co-President), Mike Banning (Co-President), Dana Conklin (Vice President), Emma Jane Rose (Treasurer), Peter Miraldi (Secretary) **Parents and Guests:** Eric Crandall, Jackie O'Hara, Carlyne Rose Meehan, Jennifer Pencek, Kristine Schwab, Lori Miraldi, Meg Handley, Paije Davis (Librarian), Sonya Miller, Christina McNeil.

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

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

**II. Principal's Remarks:**

A. Dr. Mark was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

**MOTION:** Jennifer motioned to approve the September minutes. Emma seconded the motion. The motion carries and the September minutes are approved.

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

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

- A. We received a check from the Giant Rewards program (\$695) which will be added to the Sunshine fund.
- B. We also received money from Amazon Smile.
- C. We received a sponsor check from the McQuaide Blasko law firm (\$250)
- D. We are up to \$3,500 from the online fundraising.
- E. The only large expense was for school supplies from last month.
- F. For the future, we should think of alternate, online experiences we can do for the students.
- G. Emma said that Terrill notified her that there is a sign-up for Weiss rewards.
  - a. We need a volunteer to head the rewards program and sign up by October 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - b. When people use their points, the rewards go to the school.
  - c. Emma said she will sign us up.

**MOTION:** Jennifer motioned to approve the Treasurer's report and Jackie O'Hara seconded. The motion carries.

**IV. Committee Reports**

- A. Box Tops: Parents can send them with their children by October 23<sup>rd</sup> or drop them off to the office.
- B. Please submit Cougar Cat Run videos and pictures to Erin Crandall

## **V. Old Business**

- A. Samantha said that we have distributed chalk to students.
- B. Samantha noted that the tent rentals could not be held during the remote portion of school.
  - a. In lieu of the tents, can we vote to order hand-held umbrellas for a mask break if there is rain.
  - b. She will ask parents to send them but would like to have about 25 in case a student does not have one.
  - c. The cost would be about \$300.
  - d. Emma suggested that we could buy a large tent instead.
  - e. Samantha said that the permits could be an issue.
  - f. Mike said there would be liability insurance and storage issues.
  - g. Carlyne asked about future possibilities for tents.
  - h. Samantha said that they are rented through the school year.
  - i. Samantha noted that she will check with Dr. Mark about alternatives to renting tents.

**MOTION:** Jackie motioned to approve \$300 for the purchase of umbrellas. Kristine seconded. The motion carries.

## **VI. New Business**

- A. Teacher Tuesdays were not previously funded by the PTO.
  - a. Samantha asked if we could fund something a few times a year.
    - i. Then, we would not have to worry about donations or rely on parents to bring food.
    - ii. This would require food for about 45 people at a cost of \$250 to \$300.
  - b. Emma suggested adding some additional days to show appreciation for teachers.
    - i. Kristine said she liked this idea.
  - c. Paige suggested that coffee or candy would be welcomed as well; not necessarily a large breakfast.

**MOTION:** Kristine motioned to approve \$1000 per year for Teacher appreciation. Carlyne seconded. Motion carries.

- B. Meg Handley and Lori Miraldi suggested that we add more books to our library that represent a more diverse population in order to help combat systemic racism.
  - a. They would like the PTO to match their fundraising goal of \$500.
  - b. Emma said that we could match this money through our budget or through our Sunshine fund.
  - c. Kristine asked when the fundraiser was going to occur.
  - d. Meg said that it would not overlap with the Cougar Cat Run or Book Fair.
  - e. Kristine said there are not any fundraisers after the Book Fair which is the next two weeks, maybe closer to the winter holiday.

- f. Meg noted that the fundraiser will take place through e-mails and social media.
- g. Jen suggested creating an Amazon booklist so parents could buy books directly.
- h. Emma suggested coordinating with the diversity officer, Dr. Seria Chatters, to help find good books.
- i. Paije suggested that she can purchase books with childproof covers from a special source and will take care of the processing.
- j. Emma said Meg can collect checks or people can write checks to the PTO.
- k. Paige noted that this would be a very helpful effort and she has a list of possible titles.

**MOTION:** Kristine motioned to approve up to \$500 from our general funds to match fundraising efforts by Meg and Lori to purchase racially conscious books. Jackie seconded. Motion carries.

- C. Samantha indicated that Dr. Mark asked us about an addition of a stipend for the IST teacher and school counselor.
  - a. Emma said that we need to vote for this which is \$250 each, just like the other specials teachers.

**MOTION:** Jennifer motioned to approve \$250, each, for the IST teacher and School Counselor. Kristine seconded. Motion Carries.

Mike noted that our next PTO meeting will be November 2<sup>nd</sup> to allow time for election day.

**MOTION:** Mike motioned to adjourn, Samantha seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:02.

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

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 2; 7:00 PM**