CORL STREET ELEMENTARY
PTO BOARD MEETING

February 4, 2020

In Attendance: **PTO Board Members:** Dr. Kelly Mark (Principal), Jennifer Pencek (President), Emma Jane Rose (Treasurer), Peter Miraldi (Secretary) **Parents and Guests:** Rebecca Thorsen, Stephanie Stamair (5th Grade Party), Pat Shoffner (1st Grade Teacher), Veronica Iacobazzo (5h Grade Party, Book Swap), Pamela Trout (Directory Chair), Mike Banning, Samantha Banning, Lisa Jimenez (online), Sam (online), Emily (online).

Call to Order: 7:05 PM

I. Welcome/Introductions/Remarks: Jen Pencek welcomed everyone.

II. Principal's Remarks: Dr. Mark reported:

A. It was wonderful to celebrate the 100th day of school (without any missed days)
B. We wrapped up our benchmark assessment.
    a. The district is working on collecting norms.
    b. Those will come home in a few weeks.
C. 1st through 5th graders will receive report cards tomorrow (STEM, PE, Art, Music).
D. Reminder: Expo is coming up at the end of March.
    a. I sent out a link with a pdf and link to sign up.
E. Composting is back at Corl Street thanks to the 5th graders and Mrs. Hooper.

III. School Board Report: N/A

IV. Treasurer's Report: Emma reported:

A. We are about to get into our big spending period (field trips, etc.)
B. We received $800 from Box Tops.
C. We purchased a violin from the Sunshine Fund which will remain at the school once the student is done with it.

MOTION: Samantha Banning motioned to accept the treasurer's report, Mike banning seconded. The motion carries.

V. Committee Reports:

A. Directory: Pamela Trout reported:
    a. Last year, our Directory was bought by Membership Toolkit and the price has gone up from $300 to $450, but the cost covers items that we would not use.
    b. Pamela compared our current directory to other vendors:
        i. Membership Toolkit (current) $450/year
        ii. runPTO $299/year
        iii. atozconnect Free with adds or $2 per student per year.
    c. Jen asked if they all seemed secure.
        i. Pamela said that she believes they are all secure.
    d. Emma asked if the atozconnect sent ads to the directory.

i. Pamela said that they did not; only banner ads on site.

e. Mike Banning asked how difficult it would be to move to a new platform.
    i. Pamela said that the data migration would require a new login.
f. Pamela said that runPTO seemd to have what we needed and easy to hand over to next Directory committee.

MOTION: Mike Banning motioned to switch our directory to runPTO. Samantha Banning seconded. The motion carries.

B. 5th Grade Party: Veronica Iacobazzo reported:
    a. Her group of 9 people deliberated ideas for sending-off our 5th Graders.
    b. They are planning to invite students to Get Air (Monday, June 1 from about 10 to noon) and then to a picnic lunch (Holmes Foster Park).
    c. They are planning on creating Tye Die T-Shirts
    d. Veronica asked about nurses and busses for the event.
        i. Dr. Mark said she will look into this.
        ii. Emma said that the PTO would be able to pay for nurses if the district does not fund this.
    e. Pat Shoffner asked about conflicts with field day.
        i. Dr. Mark said that there will not be any conflict.
    f. The committee is hoping to put together some kid-friendly, healthy food option.
    g. We will have a sign-up genius go out in May for parents to volunteer to help.
C. Book Swap: Veronica Iacobazzo reported:
    a. This is an every-other-year event around November.
    b. Veronica asked if we should continue this event or adapt it.
        i. Pat Shoffner said that the event is very popular.
        ii. Veronica suggested that do it every May.

VI. Old Business

A. School Improvement line item: Rebecca Thorsen reported:
    a. We should create a line-item in the budget to fund a 5th grade class project/gift for Corl Street.
    b. This would involve a committee to oversee and approve the project/gift.
    c. Rebecca suggested a line item of $300 for the new committee.
    d. Mike Banning suggested that the group at large should approve the project.

MOTION: Veronica Iacobazzo motioned to create a line-item on the budget for $300 for school improvements. Stephanie Stamair seconded. The motion carries.

e. The Executive board decided to create a standing School Improvement Committee and Rebecca Thorsen agreed to chair the committee.

VII. New business

A. Music Teacher Appreciation: Jen Pencek reported:
    a. We are looking for volunteers to help celebrate music teachers on Tuesday, March 17th
    b. There is a sign-up genius on our homepage.

VII. Other business.

A. Jen Pencek noted that if you are interested in serving as president or vice president for PTO, please let her know because, if we do not have candidates, our PTO will dissolve.
    a. We need nominations at the April meeting so we can vote in May.
    b. The parent's page indicates the duties of president and vice president.
B. Veronica Iacobazzo asked if there is any recognition for graduating 5th graders.
    a. Stephanie Stamair said that there is an assembly that recognizes the 5th graders.
    b. Pat Shoffner said that the principal usually gives a speech.
    c. Dr. Mark said that she would work with Veronica on some ideas.

MOTION: Samantha Banning motioned to adjourn. Mike Banning seconded. The motion carries.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 PM

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 3rd; 7:00 PM

*Minutes prepared by Peter Miraldi (pnm10@psu.edu) on February 4th, 2020.