CORL STREET ELEMENTARY
PTO BOARD MEETING

May 1, 2018

In Attendance:
PTO Board Members: Charlotte Zmyslo (Principal), Terrill Salter (President), Jen Reutzel (Vice President), Emma Jane Rose (Treasurer) **Committee Chairs:** Jen Pencek (Field Day/Box Tops), Jackie O'Hara (Box Tops/Movies), Veronica Lacobazzo (Book Exchange), Wendy Stapleton (Author Visit), Bill Wrbican (Newsletter), Susan McCormick (Yearbook), Karen Moser (5th Grade Party) **Parents and Guests:** David Hutchinson (School Board), Jill Ross (Teacher), Ming Ni, Jing Nie, Amber Roy, Sven Olsson, Connie Olsson, Lisa Jimenez, Peter Miraldi

Call to Order: 6:34 PM

I. Welcome and Introductions: Terrill Salter begins introductions.

II. Principal's Remarks: Charlotte Zmyslo answers questions about new schedule.

A. Will students be kept in from recess for incomplete or unfinished homework?)
    a. Recess will be 30 minutes every day.
    b. We are currently hiring two paraprofessionals for each school.
    c. Children cannot be kept in to finish homework.
    d. Homework will start around 3rd grade but limited in amount/time.
    e. There will be 5 specials, starting at 8:10 in the morning.

B. Will Kindergarten have extra time for recess?
    a. They will have extra time (20 minutes) in addition to the normal recess (30 minutes).
    b. Lunch needs to start at an earlier time so we are not sure when the recess/extra time will occur.

C. How will extra time look in grades 3-5?
    a. All the grades will have additional time (60-80 minutes for math).
    b. Title 1 teachers will come out of a 90-minute block of time.
    c. We are adding STEM from September to December with the Art cart.

D. What became of the specials survey that parents completed?
    a. People wanted STEM more than language, etc. as the 5th special.
    b. There will be engineering and coding for K-5.

E. What about the A/B schedule?
    a. We are going to have a 5-day schedule (i.e., Day 1, 2, 3, 4, 5).
    b. Therefore, day 1 is a Monday only a few times.
    c. This allows more equity for specials.

F. What about after school and music?
    a. CEEL will be at Corl Street, not Easterly.
    b. Choir and band are still being worked out.

G. We had a 5-day cycle (before computers) that only lasted a year.
    a. Charlotte said that she will post the schedule which should help.
H. Will the Art teacher have drying rack and space?
    a. Charlotte said that the art teacher has a cart and drying rack.
    b. The STEM teacher will be able to pick his/her cart.
I. Will we be able to keep the bungalows?
    a. No, we will not have any room for drop-offs in the front. Rather, we may have drop-offs on Osmond.
J. The virtual flythrough had a graphic print on the wall; is that graphic up for selection?
    a. The teachers decided on the softer bubbles for Corl Street.
K. Are there any insights about reading time for Kindergarteners?
    a. We will have built in pieces including snack & track and stretching.
L. How are the teachers working in time for students to play during longer day?
    a. There are pieces to incorporate
M. Will social studies and science classes be balanced?
    a. They will alternate two or three-days so they will be balanced. 60 minutes for Social Studies/Science alternating days. Each class will have their own resources.
N. Will the STEM program be up and running for fall?
    a. Yes. We will have 50 minutes for STEM once a week.
O. How flexible is the curriculum?
    a. We need to follow the PA Standards that are based on the Common Core.
P. How will extended schedule impact learning enrichment and kids who travel to the middle school for math?
    a. It will not be changed but we are working on the schedule and contacting the parents.
Q. Who will use the storage area?
    a. The librarian will use the storage area.
R. Will teachers need to move their own supplies?
    a. No, that will be taken care of by the district grounds crew. .

III. School Board Report: David Hutchinson expressed his excitement about the forthcoming science and math curricula.

IV. Approval of Minutes: for April. Minutes are unavailable (approval postponed).

V. Treasurer Report: Emma Jane Rose noted that we have $32,000 in the bank at the moment which is a good amount of money. She suggested that we should put more cash in the savings account. We have not received money from My My Chicken. Most of the teachers and specials have not submitted their allocations yet.

A. Terrill noted that we will ask teachers and students to help create mural for school.
B. Is the Vertical Garden a sure thing?
    a. It is still under discussion.
C. How much money will we need for a vertical garden?

b. Charlotte said that there is a long strip near the playground that could be a good place for a pollinator garden on the fence.
c. Terrill noted that it would help to have pollinator garden during construction.

VI. Committee Reports

A. Yearbook: Jen Reutzel noted that she will provide an invoice soon.
B. Ice Cream Social: Terrill Salter stated that we have both pavilions in the Holmes Foster Park.
C. Teacher Appreciation: Emma Jane Rose requests $200 in additional funding, noting that last year, we underspent $150 - Veronica lawbazn motions to approve additional funding, Charlotte Zmyslo seconds, motion passes. Emma Jane Rose stated that we have another week of fun for the teachers, filled with global themes. Ray Azteca is catering the lunch on Wednesday. We contacted Trader Joe's but they were at their maximum and suggested that we ask early for next year.
D. Fifth Grade Party: Karen Moser stated that we are going to have a Welch Pool Party with 2 hours of swimming, HiWay pizza, and Kona Ice. T-shirts will be printed (cougar going for a swim) and kids can write names on shirts. We will buy yearbooks for any 5th graders who did not buy one.
E. Newsletter: Bill Wrbican noted that the newsletter will be coming out with articles about sustainability, last day of school, Terrill's column, Ice Cream Social. Should go out before Memorial Day, and Field Day (June 11).

VII. Old Business: Terrill Salter noted that Chairs are still needed for 2018-2019.

A. Teacher Tuesday
B. Penn Skates
a. Charlotte Zmylso suggested that we wait to select Garden Chair until we know the status of the garden.

VIII. New Business

A. Vote for approval of new Secretary, President, and Vice President
a. **Peter Miraldi – Secretary** - was approved starting immediately and serving until FA2019.
b. **Jenn Pencek – Presi**dent – was approved to begin July 1st for a two year term.
c. **Jackie O'Hara - Vice President** – was approved to begin July 1st for a two year term.
B. **Survey Results**: Terrill Salter reported that 72% of respondents felt informed. Most felt electronic newsletter is best medium. We need a huge push to new families to join the listserv and Facebook.

Next Meeting: Monday, June 4 @ 6:30 PM

Upcoming Events

- Teacher Appreciation week: May 7 – 11
- Family movie night: Friday, May 11 at 6 pm (at State High)

- Field Day: Mon., June 11
- Ice cream social: Wed., Aug 22 from 6:30 – 8 pm (in Holmes-Foster Park)
    - What movie will be shown?
        - Coco
- Charlotte Zmyslo reiterated that we cannot have the picnic this year due to space limitations. She will be helping Easterly Parkway new Principal transition.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 PM

*Minutes prepared by Peter Miraldi on May 2, 2018