

Draft Minutes  
CORL STREET ELEMENTARY  
PTO BOARD MEETING

**September 17, 2014**

In Attendance:

**PTO Board members:** Scott Mato (Principal), Karen Moser (President), Deanna Patel (Secretary) **Committee Chairs:** Michelle Rowland (Newsletter), Rachel Unger (Spirit Sale), Cathy Taylor (Teacher Appreciation), Tracey Kogelmann (Cougar Cat Run) **Teachers:** Kate Hooper, Jill Ross, Pat Shoffner, Lee McGann, Steve Calderone **Parents and Guests:** Cindy Elliott, David Miller, Kim-Li Kimel, Veronica Iacabazzo, Jen Taylor, Alba Congiu, Lisa Bolton, Xiantao Li, Sharon Fong, Tara Cunningham, Naomi Radio, Melissa Reed, Lisa Jimenez, Molly Shoemaker, Melissa Salvia

**Call to Order:** 6:34 pm

**I. Welcome and Introductions:** Karen Moser welcomed everyone and began introductions.

**II. Principal's Remarks:** Scott Mato's comments were brief but he relayed two messages from David Hutchinson, School Board Representative:

- A. Wednesday Oct. 29 will be a public forum for the 30% phase of the High School project.
- B. November 20 will be a Public Issues Forum at Schlow Library, the topic: "What is the 21st Century Mission for our schools?"

**III. Approval of Minutes:** Heather Ross motioned to approve the August 2014 minutes. Veronica Iacabazzo seconded. Motion passed.

**IV. Treasurer's Report:** Heather Ross explained present budget. See attached.

A question came up about the Giant Rewards program: who is in charge and how do we get people to add their bonus cards? Alba Congiu volunteers to have a computer available at Cougar Cat run for people to enter their info. A discussion followed about different options for entering bonus card numbers.

**V. Committee Reports:**

**A. Cougar Cat Run-** Tracey Kogelmann reports that everything is ready for the day of, we just need corporate sponsors. She has a letter for corporate sponsors which can be put on facebook page, website and sent out by list serv. Also, need plenty of volunteers for the day of. Kim-Li offers to have students from the High School Leo club come to help out.

**B. Directory-** Krista Pal reports that about half of the Corl Street families have entered their contact information to the MySchoolAnywhere.com site of our online directory. We need

another reminder email to encourage more participation. Alba Congiu again volunteers to help input information.

**C.** Painting the play ground (Fong family, Cherish Fong and friends)- Heather Ross motions to have the PTO reimburse for supplies. Rachel Unger seconds. Motion passes.

**D.** Teacher Tuesday- Karen Moser relays message for Joyce Porter, chair, that all the Tuesdays are full. Other willing volunteers can contact Joyce.

**E.** Box Tops- Karen Moser reports for Linda Erickson that there will be a push for box tops, as they will be sent in sometime in October.

**F.** Spirit Sale- Rachel Unger announced that they recently sold over 200 items. An idea for the future: establish a collection of outgrown shirts for sharing and for nurses office. For the Spring sale, Rachel asks the teachers to make designs which the students will vote on. She encourages a design on a white t-shirt.

**G.** Book Fair- Melissa Salvia explains the October 16, 17 Scholastic book fair during conferences, as well as the preceding Spare Change Drive the week of October 6-10 to provide books to less-fortunate schools. She is looking for volunteers to help count change. Another event related to book fair is the annual "Donuts for Dads" which is in need of a volunteer to set up and run. Naomi Radio volunteers.

**H.** Garden- Krista Pal announced that over 100 lbs of food was donated to the food bank from our garden. There will be a Saturday morning family clean-up event in late October or November.

**I.** Newsletter- Michelle Rowland encourages submissions and suggests a new monthly spotlight article on a volunteer or committee.

## **VI. Old Business:**

**A.** Butterfly Garden- Kate Hooper, 5th grade teacher, describes the pollinator garden being planted by the 5th grade students with the help and support of master gardeners.

**B.** Trees on Playground- Scott Mato explains that the elementary schools have been encouraged to plant trees around the playground, but will need the PTO to pay for them. After discussion it was decided that more details were needed and the issue was tabled until next meeting.

**C.** Dodgeball- Committee chair is still needed.

## **VII. New Business:**

- A. Purchasing School Supplies- Tara Cunningham shared her research on what it would require the PTO to take over the purchasing of school supplies for all the students. The discussion included positive input from teachers and parents. Tara motioned to put it to committee. Molly Shoemaker seconded. Motion passed.
- B. 1st and 2nd grade Planting Kit- Mrs Shoffner requests the funding amount of \$230.85. Cathy Taylor motions. Melissa Salvia seconds. Motion passed.
- C. Field Trip requests- Mrs. Hooper requests \$294.00 for the Fort Roberdeau trip. The funds are already in the budget. Mr. Calderone describes a May 29th field trip to Philadelphia which will cost \$2,386. After discussion a motion was made by Cathy Taylor to increase the 5th grade field trip budget to \$2400. Jen Taylor seconded. Motion passed. Jill Ross requested funds for the kindergarten field trip to Way Fruit Farm. The field trip is already in the budget.
- D. Movie Night- Kim-Li Kimel, chair, describes a new location for movie night: at the High School South Building and asks for input. Discussion followed with the decision to try the new location. Movie night is October 10th at 6:30pm

**VIII.** Rachel Unger motions to adjourn meeting. Heather Ross seconds

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:27**