Draft MINUTES

CORL STREET ELEMENTARY

PTO BOARD MEETING

September 4, 2013

Minutes:

In Attendance: Jenny Seller (President), Linda Erickson (VP), Heather Ross (Treasurer), Deanna Patel (Secretary), Katie Shoemaker (Ice Cream Social Chair) , Anna Muramoto (Book Fair Chair), Michelle Rowland, Scott Mato (Principal), Bill Wribican, David Hutchinson (School Board Rep.), Tracey Kogelmann (Cougar Cat Run Chair), Aimee Scullin, Lee Ann Cook, Krista Pal (Directory Chair), Robin Bierly

1. **Call to Order:** Jenny Seller called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.
2. **Introductions**
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Anna Muramoto motioned to approve that the June minutes be approved. Lee Ann Cook seconded. Motion passed.
4. **President's Report:** Jenny presented her goals for the PTO this year:

   Continue the good work this PTO has been doing over the last two years

   Raise as much money as possible for programming, special activities and purchases

   Celebrate our successes and let parents know how we are spending the money raised

   Keep meetings to 1 ½ hours long; finish by 8 pm

   Will follow "Robert's Rules" protocol for voting and decisions

5. **Treasurer's Report**: Heather is nearly finished closing last year's budget. She will deposit the Giant Check tomorrow. The Target money is coming soon. IPFN line contains $1684 of undesignated funds. If Cougar Cat Run reaches goal, allocations can be given to teachers.

6. **Cougar Cat Run Fundraiser 2013:** Tracey Koglemann, Committee Chair reported:

Cougar Cat Run is a great fundraiser. There is no selling involved and it focuses on fitness. Students and families ask for donations to support the students' 15 minute run/walk. Adrienne Krasowitz, co-chair, will speak at Back to School Night to introduce the Cougar Cat Run to parents. The committee is working on making signs to advertise the Run; the signs include sponsors, which they are still in the process of collecting.

New incentives this year: Classes with 85% or more participation will earn extra recess; class raising the most money will get a kickball game with Mr. Mato. Incentive for running most laps: students will receive a silly band (or something?) after completing each lap. Krista Pal suggested awarding students at each grade level for the most laps run.

Date: Cougar Cat Run will be Wednesday October 2nd from 10:30 to 11:15, rain date: Oct 9th

Needed: Volunteers (Adrienne setting up Sign-Up Genius for this), Online Donation procedure/webpage set up, envelopes sent home Friday

Mr. Mato requests name of volunteers ahead of time

Tracey asked if anyone has connections with the CDT or other media coverage options. It was suggested that she check with StateCollege.com

7. **School Board Report:** Dave Hutchinson reported:

Happy to answer any questions any time.

Optimistic that the 5th graders may see a new high school building

The educational model is being restructured. Scott DeSean has a C-Net presentation he recommends watching. This fall there will be a series of forums to discuss testing and graduation requirements. Working on how to implement Common Core and align it with testing.

Pennsylvania has been granted a NCLB waiver, so there will be no more AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) posters.

8. **Standing Committee Reports:** Linda Erickson, vice-president reported:

1. Vacancies: Year book chair and Photographer

Heather suggested Kristi Jones for photographer; Katie S. said Kristi agrees to take pictures for any event she is attending.

Heather suggested that for each event, chair-person include "photographer" as one of the volunteer slots

2. Scholastic Book Fair- Anna M. is the chair, but she is seeking a co-chair who will shadow her this year and take over as chair for next year. Anna would like a moment at Back to School Night to talk about Book Fair

3. Newsletter- Should there be one? Michelle volunteers to do newsletter; Jenny promises to communicate with Michelle to prevent duplicate messages to PTO members

9. Back to School Nigh: Mr. Mato will give time to the PTO to introduce themselves ,the committees and discuss the upcoming fundraising events

10. Principal's Remarks: Scott gave a small presentation about the "P.A.W.S" School-Wide Positive Behavior Program. He described the attributes and process which includes teachers modeling positive behavior, allowing students to practice the behavior and then the reward system of ticket distribution and weekly prize drawings. He showed the short video presentation created for the students and posted on the Corl Street website by Jen Osterling (kudos to Jen for a great video!)

11. Other Business: The PTO List-Serv has a couple issues including how it will be transferred from Heather (former president) to Jenny so that PTO member-wide messages can be relayed. In the meantime, Jenny is using the PTO face book page to communicate, but knows that less than half the PTO members are included. It was suggested that Back-to School-Night slide show include information on how to get on the List-Serv and also to encourage membership in the face book group.

12. New Business: Robin Bierly suggested using Sign-up Genius and incentives for both teachers and participants to encourage more attendance at PTO meetings. Heather R. motioned to spend $80 for 8 $10 gift cards to be used as door prizes drawn at each PTO meeting and awarded to one participant at each meeting. Michelle seconded. Motion passed.

13. Meeting Adjourned: 8:05 pm. The next meeting is **Wednesday, October 2nd at 6:30 p.m**