

MINUTES
CORL STREET ELEMENTARY
PTO BOARD MEETING
March 12, 2013

Minutes:

In Attendance: Heather Ross (President), Linda Erickson (Co-VP), Kasey Hearn (Treasurer), Jenny Seller Miska (Secretary), Scott Mato (Principal), Lee Ann Cook, Anna Muramoto and Robin Bierly

1. **Call to Order:** Heather Ross called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

2. **Approval of Minutes:** Linda Erickson motioned to approve that the February minutes be approved. Lee Ann Cook seconded. Motion passed.

3. **President's Report:** Heather has been working on the 2013-14 budget which is covered later in the meeting. She also reported that Expo went very well and gave kudos to Ben Salinas and Jen Taylor for making it successful. Ben has already agreed to chair again in 2014. There were fewer projects this year, but the performances received a good audience.

4. **Principal's Report:** Mr. Mato reported that the PSSA's started for the 5th graders. Pennsylvania has applied for an exemption. If the state does not receive the exemption, all will students will need to reach the benchmarks by next year or the school will not receive "Adequate Yearly Progress" (AYP) status. The state is sending out PSSA monitors to check on schools testing security. PSSA training for teachers is ongoing. There is web-based training with final tests and certification. We treat the PSSA test as a by-product of what is taught rather than the focus.
Mr. Mato also was pleased to announce that the volleyball intramurals became a big deal this year. We are now in the interschool play-offs. Also, a fraternity from Penn State asked to work with the Corl St. students. They are visiting Mrs. Hooper's class every Tuesday and play games with the students. Mr. Mato has observed very positive interactions taking place between the college students and the kids. The behavior support programs are starting next year. They have created common rules for all areas which are posted throughout the building. The idea is to teach, model and practice positive behaviors. The staff have 'Cougar Paws slips' they can hand out to reward good behavior. They will also implement additional positive reinforcement and recognition activities.
Finally, he reiterated that we need help advertising for PTO officers for the coming year. There was some discussion re: trying other days, times and/or formats to encourage participation. It was suggested that we advertise and cover a topic/theme/presentation at each meeting to draw interest.

5. **Treasurer's Report:** Heather has been working on the budget for 2013-14. The Harrisburg trip is every other year; therefore the \$4000.00 will not appear on next year's budget. She downgraded the amount expected for Target and Giant rewards because we've had less participation in those programs. She is

being cautious in the planning, but it would be great to bring in more than budgeted. Voting on the budget will occur in one of the last meetings of this year.

6. Request for Funds:

- Anna Muramoto motioned that the PTO provide \$100 for pizza for the choir in all-day rehearsal. Linda Erickson seconded. Motion passed.
- Mr. Mato requested that we provide funding for \$5 gift certificates for the staff using the 'brag board.' This would require \$180 from the budget for next year. In the meantime, he would like \$60 for the remainder of this year. Anna motioned that we give Mr. Mato \$60 for teacher incentives for this year. Kasey seconded. Motion carried.

7. Standing Committee Reports:

- a. **Dodge ball Tournament** – Robin reported that there are 49 players registered so far. There will be a special guest at halftime (Spikes mascot). She also invited all to a gathering at Westside Stadium after the tournament. The restaurant will provide the group a discount. The tournament is April 7th at the H.S. North Building.

- 8. Old Business:** Linda Erickson continues to review and update the PTO website. She recently made changes to the names and PTO meeting dates on the site.

- 9. New Business:** Do we want to do an Otto's fundraiser or a Baseball fundraiser before the end of the year? Heather will follow up on the ideas.

- 10. Adjournment:** Heather Ross adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

The next meeting is Tuesday, April 9th at 6:30 p.m.