APPROVED
CORL STREET ELEMENTARY
PTO BOARD MEETING
MAY 8, 2012

Minutes:

Attendance: Scott Mato (Principal), Heather Ross (President), Ben Salinas (Co-Vice President), Kasey Hearn (Treasurer), Linda Erickson (Secretary), Kristin Nasal, Kim Faulds, Anna Muramoto, Krista Pal, David Hutchinson (SCASD Board Member)

1. **Call to Order: Welcome and introduction of members present:**
   Heather Ross called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. and members signed in.

2. **Approval of Minutes:**
   Ben Salinas motioned that the April 17, 2012 meeting minutes be approved. Kasey Hearn seconded the motion. Motion passed.

3. **President's Report:**
   Heather Ross reported we are currently working on the budget for the 2012/13 school year. We will need additional funding for the Harrisburg field trip next year. The cost will be approximately $4,000. We are looking for Committee Chairs for the next school year for Rewards, Yearbook and the 5th grade party. Committee chairs are being asked to update binders to pass on to the next chair.

4. **Principal's Report:**
   Scott Mato reported. The 5th grade field trip to the Pittsburgh Zoo is coming up. Activities connected to curriculum have been set up by the 5th grade teachers and student teacher, at the zoo. The kindergarten classes recently had a field trip to Millbrook Marsh.

   There will be a combined 3rd/4th grade class(es) next year. There are a lot of high needs kids in 3rd grade this year and a combined class will be better able to meet these kid's needs. Learning support and Title I have been consulted about this change. The exact configuration of 3rd and 4th grade classes have yet to be determined. There may be two multi-age classes and a separate 3rd and 4th grade class. Teachers have yet to be determined. The current 3rd and 4th grade teachers are positive about this change.

   There will be three first grade classes next year. There are currently 49 kindergarten students and there are at least several new families coming

into the school.

There were some requests for information about mixed grade classes. Mr. Mato indicated he would be sending information out to the parents. Anna Muramoto stated there was some information available on this, on the Friend's School website.

5. **Treasurer's Report:**
Kasey Hearn reported. We are operating within budget, and will probably be ahead at the end of the year. She did reiterate the importance of standard forms for reimbursements. They should be available on the school website and committee chairs need to be informed. We currently have $11,654.53 in the checking account and $3,486.96 in savings. Teacher allocations, 5th grade party and the 5th grade field trip have expenses pending. The garden may also have pending expenses.

6. **School Board Report:**
David Hutchinson reported. The budget process for the coming year went smoothly. Instructional coaches have been approved which he feels is a very positive thing. There are technology decisions pending, but these affect mostly the secondary level. The district is about to start on strategic planning and parent input is very important. He indicated PSBA Alerts are available to parents.

7. **Teacher Representatives:** No report.

8. **Open Forum:** No report.

9. **Request for funds:** None.

10. **Standing Committee Reports:**
    a. **Garden:** Early crops are doing well and they are watering as needed. Chris Warren is involved in work going on in the garden. An arch entrance and fence have been installed and there will be vertical gardens. There will be planting in late May with the secondary grades and some of the crops will be per the cafeteria's request such as tomatoes, cucumbers and peppers. There will be summer signups to maintain the garden.

    b. **5th Grade Party:** Kim Faulds reported. Shirts were purchased for $266.60 and were tie dyed today. Lonni Friedken has an email out for volunteers. There will be a scavenger hunt at the school and games at the high school gym followed by swimming and food.

c. **Papa John's:** This week is our third fundraiser. We raised $60 the first month, and around $90 the second month.

d. **Spirit Sale:** Orders are due tomorrow. It will take two weeks for the items to come. Jennifer Taylor is working on other Spirit Sale options online and will potentially be using Zazzle.

e. **Cougar Cat Run:** Adrienne Krasowitz and Tracey Fogelman are co-chairs. There was a motion to schedule the Run for 9/26/12, with a raindate of 10/3/12. Kim Faulds seconded the motion; motion passed. The Run will be marketed at the ice cream social and at back to school nights. Corporate donations will be sought. The Nittany Valley Running club will potentially advertise the Cougar Cat Run.

11. New Business:

2012-13 Budget: Heather Ross reported. If we do well with the Cougar Cat Run we can do allocations and support other unfunded items. To have more flexibility we'll need more income. The Spikes have a fund raising program where we can sell vouchers and earn $2 per voucher sold. We would have to sell 200 tickets and would earn $400. Kids Club is free this year. There is an option of working concession stands. We would need a core group who will commit and we could earn 8-10% of concessions the nights we worked. Information about this fundraiser will be put out in an email. Heather Ross will run it. Volunteers will be requested for concessions. If there are volunteers who will commit we will go ahead. A motion was made by Ben Salinas to go ahead with ticket sales as a fundraiser and to go ahead with committing to work concessions if there are enough volunteers. Kim Faulds seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The Teacher Appreciation committee is looking for toiletries for the upcoming teacher appreciation week. They are also still looking for donations of main dishes for the luncheon.

The school nurse is looking for donations of clean, gently used clothes for the older grades. Heather Ross will put this request on our facebook page.

We may need to buy dodge balls for next year and will need the cost information for the budget.

Elections for the PTO Board will be held at the next meeting.

The first annual Tour De Corl St. will be held on 5/23/12 with a raindate

of 5/30/12.

12. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.