

**DRAFT MINUTES
CORL STREET ELEMENTARY
PTO BOARD MEETING
APRIL 17, 2012**

Minutes:

Attendance: Scott Mato (Principal), Heather Ross (President), Linda Erickson (Secretary), Michele Rowland, Kim Faulds, Anna Muramoto, Robin Bierly

1. Call to Order: Welcome and introduction of members present:

Heather Ross called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. and members signed in.

2. Approval of Minutes:

Kim Faulds motioned that the March 13, 2012 meeting minutes be approved. Michele Rowland seconded the motion. Motion passed.

3. President's Report:

Heather Ross reported that both Dodgeball and the Author Visit were both a great success. We will be concentrating on the budget for the upcoming school year.

4. Principal's Report:

Scott Mato reported. Read/Write/Unite is going really well. On 4/18/12 Michael Goeseff will be doing a presentation for the students on Antarctica. This Tuesday through Friday, 5th grade students are doing the writing portion of the PSSAs. Next week the 4th grade will be doing science PSSAs. Students are currently using the Whittle Equipment in gym class and having fun with it.

5. Treasurer's Report:

Heather Ross reported for Kasey Hearn. We have spent \$6,000 thus far. There are a lot of big ticket items pending such as the 5th grade Pittsburgh trip, and teacher allocations. Scott Mato commented that field trips may become more standardized across the district. Field trips will be tied to curriculum. We are currently operating within the budget. Dodgeball has some expenses that have yet to be reimbursed. It was reiterated that it is important to use the appropriate form when submitting expenses for reimbursement.

6. School Board Report: No report.

7. Teacher Representatives: No report.

8. Open Forum:

Scott Mato commented that the budget at the school board level is going smoothly. Groundwork is being laid for curriculum review. The new superintendent has the support of the school board and a positive infrastructure is being built. Mr. Mato also reported that there will be four new elementary coaches split between the schools, who will work with teachers.

9. Request for Funds: None.

10. Standing Committee Reports:

a. Author Visit:

Heather Ross reported: The Author Visit went well. Helen Lester did three sessions. Parents contributed for the luncheon.

b. Cougar Cat Run:

Tracey Kogelman will co-chair with Adrienne Krasowitz. A date needs to be set for the run in the fall.

c. Dodgeball:

Michele Rowland and Robin Bierly reported. Dodgeball was a great success. There were 72 paying players, and 79 total with the teacher team. Participation was up from last year but they would still like to encourage more to play. They are thinking about ways that they could increase funds, but feel like there will be a ceiling on how much they can make. They want the tournament to be a community building event. Concessions did really well.

d. Field Day:

Forms went home for volunteers and donations for field day.

e. Fifth Grade Party:

Kim Faulds reported. The party will be 6/1/12 after school. Information has gone home to families. T-shirts are being made and the kids will tie dye them. It was suggested in the future that we ask each child to donate \$5 for t-shirts.

f. Garden:

The garden committee has repaired/replaced cedar on planting beds, built trellises, repaired and replaced hoses, connectors, spray valves, cleaned and organized sheds/tools, donated eighteen kids hand rakes and trowels and purchased compost and seeds for spring planting.

Garden beds were prepped with compost. Materials and seeds were provided to Mrs. Hooper and Mrs. Hayes classes for indoor potting. The seven primary classes planted cool season crops. They focused on the food cycle, from lunch room leftovers to compost to garden to food for the lunchroom. A budget has been created for a permanent fence to keep out wildlife, a drip irrigation system and rain barrel installation. These projects are being coordinated through Mr. Mato with possible assistance in completing these projects from Chris Warren and the High School Building Trade program and Clearwater Conservancy. There is a potential for warm season plant donations Tait Farm and other sources. Warm weather crop planting will be done with the secondary classes the third week of May, weather and schedules permitting.

g. Movie Night: 75 kids and parents attended. A popcorn popper was purchased.

h. Papa John's: Fundraiser is this week.

i. Rewards: Giant rewards raised \$1,672.72 (final). There is a Five Guys restaurant night fundraiser on April 24th from 5-8 p.m.

j. Spirit Sale: There is a spirit sale coming up and order forms will be distributed. Kim Faulds suggested we have spirit items to sell at the ice cream social in August.

k. Yearbook: Went to print 4/2/12.

11. New Business:

Budget for 2012-2013 is currently being developed. Field trips for the next school year will total approximately \$7,200. Potential fundraisers were discussed.

12. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.