

**APPROVED MINUTES
CORL STREET ELEMENTARY
PTO BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 10, 2012**

Minutes:

Attendance: Scott Mato (Principal), Heather Ross (President), Ben Salinas (Co-Vice President), Chris Harris (Co-Vice President), Linda Erickson (Secretary), David Hutchinson (SCASD Board Member), Becky Misangyi, Karen Moser, Beth Baily, Aiden Wertz, Kate Hooper, Adrienne Krasowitz, Robin Bierly, Lauren Umbel, Lorraine Todd, Leslie Beyer, Jennifer Taylor, Anukampa Gandhi

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

Heather Ross called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. and members signed in.

2. Approval of Minutes:

Ben Salinas motioned that the November 15, 2011 minutes be approved. Becky Misangyi seconded the motion.

3. President's Report:

Heather Ross reported. The current year budget has been finalized. The Cougar Cat Run exceeded expectations, which has helped to offset unanticipated expenses this year. \$1,750 in allocations has been allotted for teachers. Adrienne Krasowitz motioned to approve the 2011-12 budget. Linda Erickson seconded. Motion passed.

An e-newsletter went out recently notifying families of upcoming events. The PTO is still looking for chairs for a Facebook page and Papa John's fundraising nights.

4. Principal's Report:

Scott Mato reported. It has been a smooth return to school after the holiday break. There are currently reading and math assessments taking place to establish winter benchmarks for all students. The kindergarten classes recently went to see Frog and Toad. The EXPO is coming up in February.

5. Treasurer's Report:

Heather Ross reported for Kasey Hearn. \$3,900 in checks were written. Expenses were paid to Scholastic and Caleb Yoder. The Garden committee has some minor expenses, there were printing costs and a stamp was purchased for use at the bookfair.

6. Auditor's Report:

Leslie Beyer went over the financial audit of PTO records as of 6/30/11. The purpose of the audit is to confirm the accuracy of records. Recommendations made included the need to maintain a log of access to the PTO box. Last year's log should be given to the PTO Treasurer for her records. Mrs. Beyer recommended purchase of a laptop and software for more accurate reporting.

7. Teacher Representative:

Kate Hooper thanked PTO for its support. She reported that a Journalism Club has formed and will meet once a month. She also reported on student's recycling efforts and lunch trays are now being recycled due to efforts of Corl St. students.

8. Open Forum: No comments.

9. Request for Funds:

Aidan Wertz requested \$100 to be budgeted for pizza for Corl Street/Easterly Parkway Choir participants for the day of the choir performance when there is an all-day rehearsal at Easterly Parkway. Easterly Parkway will also contribute \$100 to the total cost of the pizza. Adrienne Krasowitz motioned this expense be approved. Becky Misangyi seconded. Motion passed.

Scott Mato requested \$400 for the purchase of new soccer balls for students to use outside during recess. There have recently been several broken windows resulting from the use of tournament style soccer balls being brought in and used by students. The school would like to purchase Tough Cover Voight Balls to be used outside. Adrienne Krasowitz motioned to approve this request. Ben Salinas seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Heather Ross requested funds be approved to purchase a laptop computer and Quicken, to be used by PTO Treasurers. This laptop can be passed on as board members change from year to year. Ben Salinas motioned to by a new laptop and Quicken software. Karen Moser seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Kate Hooper, representing Maria Hayes requested funds in the amount of \$150 for a Roots of Life performance to be part of the Martin Luther King Assembly on 1/18/12. Becky Misangyi motioned the request be approved. Adrienne Krasowitz seconded. Motion passed.

10. Standing Committee Reports:

a. Box Tops:

Beth Bailey reported that \$732 has been earned in the fall. She is sending home a Valentine's Day sheet with students on which they can paste box tops and return to school. She is contemplating some sort of reward based on how many box tops are returned to school. We are 55% of the way to our goal for the box tops program.

b. Fifth Grade Party:

Becky Misangyi reported. The party will be 6/1/12, after school. They have reserved the indoor pool and gym at the high school. There will be activities in the gym and then time in the pool. It will be free as it is at the high school. They will need snack food. Students can walk to the high school.

c. Dodge ball:

Robin Bierly reported. Dodge ball is tentatively scheduled for 3/25/12 with a backup date of 4/1/12. The high school has to confirm these dates. The committee hopes there will be a team from every class. Information will be forthcoming in late January. There will be information at EXPO and the Penn Skates outing. Volunteers are needed. There may be an award for most creative outfit. The event will take place from about 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Doors will be opened at noon for lunch. Winner will get the Cougar Cup. They currently need more referees and are hoping to recruit college students who will be trained before the event.

d. EXPO:

Becky Misangyi reported. A pamphlet will be distributed by the end of the week to students. 5th grade students will be giving information on the

EXPO to other students. Next month's PTO meeting will be moved to Mrs. McGann's room as it is the night before EXPO and they will be setting up. A list of the procedures for putting together EXPO is being put together for next year's chair.

e. Garden:

Becky Misangyi reported. She is currently on a nutrition committee with the head of food services. From last year's garden potatoes and tomatoes were used in the cafeteria and served to students. They are aiming this year to plant things that the students will eat later. They are hoping to have taste testing once a month of healthy food in the cafeteria and are looking for parent volunteers to take food around the cafeteria for students to try. The committee is considering changing its name to be more encompassing of wellness and nutrition. Some further ideas are having celebrity eaters, perhaps teachers, principals, etc. and have photos of these individuals eating healthy food.

f. Rewards:

Karen Moser reported. As of 12/30/11 Giant rewards earned \$1,056.63. We have 126 designations, which is more than this time last year. Karen is looking into possible restaurant nights at 5 Guys or Chick Fil A.

g. Penn Skates:

Heather Ross reported that Penn Skates Family Night will be on 2/25/12 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

h. Yearbook:

Heather Ross reported that 93 yearbooks have been sold online and 30 sold via the flyers that were distributed. Josten's would like us to order more. A reminder has been sent out to the parents.

i. Directory:

Heather Ross reported. We are currently looking for corrections and/or additions. These will be printed out and distributed.

j. Author Visit:

Jaime Miller will Co-Chair. The author is Helen Lester and she will be coming to Corl St. on 4/13/12.

k. Movie Night:

The next movie night was discussed. Lorraine Taylor-Todd will look into renting or buying a large popcorn maker as there were problems making popcorn with multiple poppers for the last movie night. The next movie night will be 3/16/12 at 6:30 p.m.

11. New Business:

Spring Pictures: Jennifer Taylor discussed having an independent photographer to take photos of the kids at school. It would be optional for parents to purchase photos, and part of the proceeds would go to the PTO. Karen Moser motioned to not use the previous company for spring photos. Becky Misangyi seconded the motion. Motion passed.

New Accounting Forms: Kasey Hearn would like to revamp the current forms. Motion made to redesign forms for better accounting practices by Chris Harris. Anukampa Gandhi seconded. Motion passed.

Papa Johns Pizza Nights: Kasey Hearn volunteered to chair.

Facebook: Beth Bailey volunteered to create a Facebook page for Corl St.

Spirit Sale: Jill Garrigan and Anukampa Gandhi are looking at how to increase sales. Café Press is being looked at as an online option to purchase spirit items. There are a lot more options in terms of products and the company has promotional tools in addition to handling all shipping and transactions. Money would come straight into the PTO account.

SCASD Board of Directors:

David Hutchinson reported that the Voucher Bill failed in the House and it does not look like it will be pushed again this year.

At the last school board meeting, the Summit Project was discussed. This project stems from a grant received by the school district to coordinate mental health services. Data is being collected to determine what issues students are struggling with and how they should be addressed. Stress levels are high for middle/high school students. Scott Mato reported that he had been meeting with parent representatives and teachers at Corl St. and Ferguson Elementary schools. A policy has been proposed to expand mandatory reporting to volunteers. Pat Stevens is the district liaison for reporting potential abuse.

12. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.