

**APPROVED MINUTES
CORL STREET ELEMENTARY
PTO BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13, 2011**

Minutes:

Attendance: Scott Mato (Principal), Linda Erickson (Secretary), David Hutchinson (SCASD Board Member), Adrienne Krasowitz, Robin Bierly, Karen Moser, Anna Muramoto, Michele Rowland, Kathy McClintic, Katie Shoemaker, Heather Ross, Lonni Friedken, Maggie Xu, Sheridan Sheehan, Sue Barger, Susan Wilson, Jodi Vender, Kate Hooper, Eve Evans, Jill Ross, Bill Wrbican, Debra Thurley, Beth Bailey, Brea Asbury

- 1. Call to order: Welcome and introduction of members present:**
Scott Mato called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. and members signed in.
- 2. Approval of Minutes:**
Minutes approved.
- 3. President's Report:**
None.
- 4. Principal's Report:**
Scott Mato reported. Mr. Mato reported on the many changes this year at Corl Street. There are nine new employees and more potential new hires. Despite all the changes school started smoothly. There is a new phone system that staff is still getting set up.

Math Expressions is the new math curriculum. Teachers will have professional development specifically for this new program, and principals across the district will be assigned to a grade to monitor the curriculum. Mr. Mato will oversee fourth grade. There will be observations and teachers will have input as to how the program is working.

There is a new assessment in grades three through five called MAP testing which will assess math and reading. This will be helpful to teachers as information from these assessments will be available to them within a day. Teachers can use information from these reports for instructional development.

K – 2 students have access to ipads enabling teachers to integrate technology and learning and how to use technology most effectively.

Back to School Nights are Wednesday, 9/14/11, and Thursday, 9/15/11.

Corl Street has received several awards. There is a certificate in the office for the Read to Feed Program. Corl Street received a Waste Watcher Award from the Centre County Solid Waste Authority, and is being monitored for tonnage of recycled material that is a new program.

The Newsletter will be developed in conjunction with Mrs. Hooper's fifth grade class and will be published out of the school office. Input will be sought from the PTO. It was noted that there were volunteers to be part of the newsletter committee.

5. Election of New Officers:

Officers from the 2010-11 school year PTO Board who are not returning to the Board this school year explained the time commitment required and responsibilities involved in their positions. Currently President, Vice- President and Treasurer positions are open. There is a suggestion of adding a chair coordinator position to take some of that responsibility from the President.

Scott Mato spoke about the importance of finding an Executive Council to continue to run the PTO. Without an executive council the PTO will dissolve and all PTO funds go to the school. It then becomes up to the Principal and Teachers to administrate the funds.

Current Officers expressed their willingness to help with the transition for new board members.

6. Treasurer's Report:

Sue Barger reported. The current school year budget must still be finalized. There has been a total of \$2,625 in donations to the PTO thus far this school year. We currently have funds in the checking account to cover budgeted items.

7. Teacher Representatives:

No report.

8. Open Forum:

Scott Mato discussed a potential Eagle Scout Project. At a cost of \$331.16, Caleb Yoder would paint a US map on the playground. There was a motion to approve this cost, and the motion was passed. The tentative dates to complete this project are 10/14, 10/15 and 10/16/11.

9. Request for Funds:

- a. Water Coolers – Lonni Friedken requested that the PTO purchase four water coolers at \$23 each. Corl Street has been using district water coolers at events, but these may not always be available. Lonni Friedken motioned that this purchase be approved. Michele Rowland seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- b. Kindergarten Field Trip – 9/29/11. Funds are currently budgeted for this trip, but there is an increased cost this year of \$103. Adrienne Krasowitz motioned to increase the budgeted amount by \$103. Anna Muramoto seconded the motion. Motion passed.

10. Standing Committee Reports:

- a. Garden: Lonnie Friedken reported for Becky Misangyi. All is going well and there has been a large potato harvest. Teachers will be doing lessons with potatoes shortly.
- b. Rewards: Karen Moser reported. A+ Rewards is one of the biggest fundraisers Corl Street received about \$1,500 last year. Families can sign up on the Giant website, or provide card numbers to Karen. From 10/19/11 – 3/31/12 a percentage of purchases will go to the school. Purchases this year are being weighted with healthier choices getting more points. Target has a rewards program in which use of their credit card can earn 1% of purchases for the school. Corl Street must be designated to receive the rewards. Verizon Rewards are no longer available. Our first restaurant night is 9/26/11 at Hoss's. There is a coupon sent via email that must be printed and presented at the restaurant and 20% of the bill will go to Corl Street.
- c. Newsletter – see Principal's Report.
- d. Run-A-Thon: Adrienne Krasowitz reported. There will be a kick off event on 9/28/11 from 1:20 – 2:50. There are still a few volunteers needed but 22 have already volunteered.
- e. Yearbook: Lonni Friedken reported. The first yearbook deadline coming up is 10/5/11. There is an option of having 5th grade students designing the cover page. There would be a contest and the teachers would choose the winner. There is no

chairperson as of yet, but there have been volunteers to help on this committee. If the yearbook was printed in color this year it would be at an additional cost of \$300, increasing the cost of the yearbook to \$13. No decision was made on this.

- f. Directory – Kathy McClintic reported. 91% of children are accounted for. Kathy will provide forms for parents to sign up for the directory for Back to School Nights.
- g. BoxTops – Heather Ross reported. The first deadline is 10/31/11 so boxtops must be submitted by 10/21/11. Mrs. Ross reported on a portal available on the boxtops site to purchase books through Barnes & Noble. PTO receives points on these purchases. Mrs. Ross also discussed ways we could better disseminate information such as a facebook page.
- h. Scholastic Book Fair – Anna Muramoto reported. One for Books will start on 10/3/11 and go for the week. Students will be donating different denominations of coins each day of the week. There is a reward for the class that brings in the most money. Every dollar brought in results in one book for charity. In the past teachers have gotten books for the classroom and the library has received books as well. The book fair will kick off with Donuts for Dads on Saturday, 10/8/11 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Books will be kept separate from the donuts to avoid any allergy issues. Sanitizing stations will be set up. We will have an expense to have a custodian there. Giant has donated donuts in the past. The book fair is earlier this year as conferences are earlier. Conferences were moved so that goal setting could occur earlier in the year according to Mr. Mato. Mrs. Muramoto indicated we would like to take books this year instead of cash as profit. Kathy McClintic motioned to approve funds for miscellaneous expenses and the Saturday custodian. Lonni Friedken seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- i. Spirit Sale: Lonni Friedken reported for Jill Garrigan. In addition to clothing, there are duffle bags and library book bags for sale. Orders can be placed on the website until the end of September.
- j. Dodgeball: Robin Bierly and Michele Rowland reported. Dodgeball will be held in the spring, most likely in late March. It is both a fundraiser and a community building event. It is for adults. They will be looking for more referees and are considering recruiting high school or Penn State students for this job. They are looking for a core committee of five people plus additional volunteers for positions such as MC, ball chasers, etc.

11. New Business:

Dave Hutchinson, State College Area School Board member spoke briefly. He is excited about the start of the new Superintendent. He stated the issue of school vouchers will be coming up again and urged parents to contact their representatives concerning this issue. He noted there is an election coming up and urged all to be informed and vote. He encourages parents to contact him with any questions and indicated we could put his contact information in the newsletter.

12. Old Business:

Audit – Sue Barger indicated the audit is being worked on. There should be a report by the next meeting.

13. Adjournment:

Scott Mato adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m. The next PTO meeting is Tuesday, October 4th at 6:30 p.m.