APPROVED MINUTES
CORL STREET ELEMENTARY
PTO BOARD MEETING
MARCH 15, 2011

Minutes:

Attendance: Scott Mato (Principal), Paije Davis (Teacher Representative), Jill Ross (Teacher Representative), Lonnie Friedken (President), Anna Childe-Muramoto (Vice President), Sue Barger (Treasurer), Linda Erickson (Secretary), David Hutchinson (SCASD Board Member), Kristy Witmer, Kathy McClintic, Gay Morelli, Becky Misangyi, Kim Faulds, Robin Bierly, Brea Asbury, Holly Torbic, Brian Bills, Diane Paroda, Chris Warren

1. **Call to order: Welcome and introduction of members present:**
   Lonnie Friedken called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. and members introduced themselves and signed in.

2. **President's Report:**
   Lonnie Friedken noted the success of the EXPO. Penn Skates had a positive turnout. The latest Hoss's fundraiser brought in $80.10.

   In March, there is an apparel sale. There will be a free movie night for Corl Street families on 3/28/11 at 6:45 p.m. The dodgeball tournament will be held on 3/27/2011 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

3. **Approval of Minutes:**
   Jill Ross motioned the 2/8/11 minutes be approved. Anna Muramoto seconded the motion. Motion passed.

4. **Principal's Report:**
   Scott Mato reporting:

   PSSA's have started. Testing will be done in the mornings with one section done each day. Testing will be this week and next.

   Students from PSU's Sustainability Group will work with first and second grade students on 3/23/11 as part of their Going Green unit. On 4/20/11 they will work with K, 3, 4 and 5 as part of the Earth Day Celebration.

   Chris Warren gave a presentation proposing a Service Project that would involve high school students from the Career Technology Building Construction Program and Corl Street Elementary students working

together on a project to update the front entrance of Corl St. incorporating alternative energy, eco-friendly building materials, and sustainable products. It will be all inclusive so that all students at Corl Street can participate in this project in some way. Businesses in the community would donate needed materials. Parent volunteers on the day of the project would be welcome. This would be a positive way to connect high school and elementary students. The high school students would receive community service credit.

There is currently no news on redistricting. No decision will be made until May. All information from community meetings at the various elementary schools has been compiled and further plans will be made taking this new information into account. There is a committee meeting on 3/18/11. Neighborhoods will not be split.

Mr. Mato talked about the proposed state budget. The District has been working to cut $3 million from the budget. The proposed state budget, if passed, would require an additional $1.9 million be cut. The School Board has to have a preliminary budget by May, which means they must prepare for the worst case scenario. He commented that this is the most challenging time in public education.

5. Open Forum:

a. David Hutchinson, SCASD Board Member, commented on redistricting and the proposed State Budget.

Mr. Hutchinson indicated that a proposed plan for redistricting would be brought before the Board at the end of April and they tentatively hope to approve the plan by the end of May. The Board wants this to be a long term plan. They do not want to see neighborhoods split. He does not foresee Corl St. closing. Neighborhood schools are highly valued.

Mr. Hutchinson stated that the Board has to have a preliminary budget by May. They have to prepare for the worst without the State budget having been passed. If the State budget is passed as is we will lose significant reimbursement for charter schools, and social security tax reimbursements for employees. Teacher's contracts are in the beginning phases and will have to be completed without knowing the final State budget. There is no construction currently in the pipeline, although a decision will have to be made on what to do with Memorial Field or it will become unusable.

b. Holly Torbic, TIDES Program, spoke about a new cancer support program for children, CLIMB, which stands for Children's Lives Include Moments of Bravery. It is for children ages 6 – 12 years old. and will be held in conjunction with the Mt. Nittany Medical Center. The purpose is to educate, provide support and give the children a place where they can express their feelings and help to open communication at home. There will be an adult component for caregivers. There is no cost for the families. The program is held for six weeks at the Mt. Nittany Middle School, starting on 4/15/11. Kristen Sides is the Mt. Nittany contact, and Becky Rinehart the Geisinger contact. Both will speak to the children about cancer, treatments and their side effects. Mrs. Torbic indicated they hoped the program would run in both the spring and fall. A patient does not have to be receiving treatment at Mt. Nittany for the family to qualify for this program.

6. **Teacher's Representative:**
   Nothing reported.

7. **Treasurer's Report:**
   Sue Barger went over current income and expenses. We have some annual expenses that were not included in the current budget. We need to be sure to include these expenses in next year's budget. Funds for this year's budget are therefore tight.

8. **Request for Funds:**

   a. Fifth Grade Party: Gay Morelli would like the PTO to approve funds to cover the cost of shirts for the fifth graders. They will wear them on the Gettysburg trip as well as for the fifth grade party. They have tried to keep overall expenses for the party to a minimum. Mrs. Morelli motioned that the PTO approve $250 for the purchase of t-shirts. Kathy McClintic seconded the motion. Motion passed by majority vote.

   b. Teacher's Autographed Books from Author Visit: Paije Davis requested funds to purchase books from the author's visit for the teachers as has been done in the past. She is requesting $78.90, for ten books. Mrs. Davis motioned that the funds requested be approved. Kathy McClintic seconded the motion. Motion passed.

   c. 2011-2012 Author's Visit:
   Mrs. Davis is requesting approval to participate in the next school years author's visit. Corl St. goes in with other schools. Helen Lester, author of Tacky the Penguin, will visit at a cost of $1,500 per day. It was discussed that next year we could look into bi-annual author visits, or to partner with another school to reduce expenses. Kim Faulds motioned that funds

be approved for the 2011-2012 author visit. Becky Misangyi seconded the motion. Motion passed.

9. **Standing Committee Reports:**

a. Book Exchange: Kristy Witmer reported that the book exchange will be held on 4/13/11. Books are coming in. The committee is coming up with a prize for the class donating the most books. The book exchange will be held in the APR.

b. EXPO: Becky Misangyi reported that there were 90 projects and 35 performances. The 5th grade students did not have many projects and the hope is to get them more involved next year. Vilmos Misangyi will chair next year but would like someone to shadow him.

c. Author Visit: Kim Faulds reported. There will be a potluck for the author of soup, salad and bread. The hotel room has been donated. There will be additional expense for mileage, food and a gift basket for the author, all of which have come in at under $100 in the past.

d. Garden: Becky Misangyi reported. Peter Aeschbacher, a Professor of Urban Planning would like to have his class design a natural play space for the playground area. The director of the physical plant will have to be contacted for permission. There was discussion about a sundial being painted on the playground for earth day, and having the students each plant something for the garden.

e. Yearbook: Sales are coming along. We need to cover sales tax and yearbooks gifts for the teachers to break even.

f. Giant A+: The program ends 3/19/11. At this point we can expect to Receive $1,400.

g. Dodgeball: Robin Bierly reported. The tournament will be held 3/27/11 from 1 – 4 p.m. The deadline for signup is 3/16/11. 46 people have signed up participants continue to be recruited.

h. Field Day: Lonni Friedken reported for Kristen Nasal. Field day will be held rain or shine on Monday 6/6/11.

10. Old Business: None

11. New Business: None

12. Adjournment: Lonnie Friedken called the meeting to close at 9:28 p.m.