

**DRAFT MINUTES  
CORL STREET ELEMENTARY  
PTO BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 8, 2011**

**Minutes:**

**Attendance: Scott Mato (Principal), Eve Evans (Teacher Representative), Kate Hooper (Teacher Representative), Lonni Friedken (President), Anna Childe-Muramoto (Vice-President), Sue Barger (Treasurer), Linda Erickson (Secretary), Michele Rowland, Karen Moser, Gay Morelli, David Hutchinson (SCASD Board Member), Maria Bills, Bobby Meehan, Katie Shoemaker, Samata Prabhu, Dawn Maguire, Dr. Mary Beth Irvin (Director of K-8 Curriculum)**

- 1. Call to order: Welcome and introduction of members present**  
Lonni Friedken called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and members introduced themselves and signed in.
- 2. President's Report:**  
Lonni Friedken reported that Sharon Myers has volunteered to be the Author's Visit chair this year. Catie Breneman will shadow Mrs. Myers this year.
- 3. Approval of Minutes:**  
Michele Rowland motioned that the January 18, 2011 minutes be approved. Gay Morelli seconded. Motion passed.
- 4. Principal's Report:**  
Scott Mato reporting:

Mr. Mato reported that reading scores for Corl Street reflected that out of 270 students only four were deficient. Math scores are solid as well. He reported that Corl Street's population has changed this year in that there was an increase in ESL students from four at the beginning of the year to 13. The number of autistic or children needing emotional support has increased from eight to 13. This changes how the school applies resources.

There will be an African-American read in, in March.

Mrs. Hooper's class wrote a poem for a Martin Luther King Day competition with PSU, and won. The students walked in a peace parade at Penn State and recited their poem. The poem will be entered in a Scholastic contest and a plaque will be received.

Mr. Mato reported he received an offer from a PSU student from the Shreyer's College to do activities with Corl Street students during Earth Week on ecology, sustainability and working with recycled materials.

It has been confirmed that Senator Jake Corman will read to the students at Corl Street on 3/3/11 at 1:30 as a part of Read Across America week.

Mr. Mato reports that nothing has been brought to the Board yet on the issue of redistricting. The current goals are to eliminate swing zones, establish predictable boundaries, maximize resources and transportation and to fill classrooms while staying within guidelines for class sizes. There will be an informational session with the school board on 2/14/11. On 2/15/11 letters will go out to families that will be affected. Families will be notified of meetings to be held at the schools to which they could be moved. Tentative approval by the Board is hoped to occur by 3/14/11.

During this discussion in response to a question posed by Michele Rowland, Dave Hutchinson, a school board member briefly addressed this issue. He indicated that it was appropriate for parents to email board members about this issue. He indicated there might be some flexibility with optional assignments but this would be based on class sizes.

Mr. Mato reported he was not aware of any impact on middle school students with regard to redistricting at this time, but indicated he would check into it.

**5. Open Forum: Dr. Mary Beth Irvin, Director of K-8 Curriculum**

Dr. Irvin gave a presentation on the Math Pilot Program currently taking place at the elementary level throughout the district. Corl Street has four classrooms involved in the pilot program, which finishes at the end of February. This program will help to choose the math curriculum to be implemented in Fall, 2011. Information will be gathered from teachers, parents and children at the end of the pilot program to make the final choice between Investigations II, envision and Math Expressions. Full details on the pilot plan are available on the SCASD website under academics.

**6. Teacher's Representatives:**

Eve Evans reported that money had been submitted for the Gettysburg trip.

Katie Shoemaker reported that the week of 2/28/11 is Read Across America and there will be daily activities for the students. There will be a school assembly. The fifth graders will provide Dr. Seuss trivia.

Kate Hooper reported that Roots of Life, an African dance group performed at an assembly today. It was a good performance and the kids liked it.

**7. Treasurer's Report:**

Sue Barger reported. She indicated that there was nothing new to report from last month.

**8. Request for Funds:**

Gay Morelli is chairing the 5<sup>th</sup> grade party with Denise Olivett. They have decided on a pool party at Welch Pool. The party will be held in the afternoon. It is a cost of \$370 to rent the pool for two hours. The other option is to rent two tables with umbrellas at a cost of \$80 plus \$1 per person. There will be a magician at school first, and students will then walk to the facility where there will be food and games. Students usually get t-shirts and have them in time to wear on the Gettysburg trip. Cost for t-shirts is \$250. There are 44 kids and 2 teachers. Due to a potential budget shortfall, there was discussion on how to raise money to pay for the shirts such as a Marianna's fundraiser or a Home Delivery fundraiser. PTO asked if the committee could possibly pay at least in part for the shirts, with the money budgeted for the party. The request for funds was tabled until the next meeting for the t-shirts.

**9. Standing Committee Reports:**

Lonni Friedken reported that the soup/egg roll sale went well. The total profit was \$427.40.

Karen Moser reported that there will be a Hoss's fundraiser on 2/22/11. She is hoping to generate greater attendance.

Michele Rowland reported on the Dodge ball Tournament fundraiser, which will be held on 3/27/11. Information will be available at the

EXPO. There will be concessions. The track area will be blocked off and bleachers will be pulled out for spectators. There will be a button on the Corl St. website to get to a registration form and roster. Dodgeball rules will be available. There will be a \$10 per person registration fee, and 8 people per team with a minimum of 2 women per team. Team members will be limited to Corl St. parents and staff. There will be printing expenses, an expense for painters tape to mark courts, a cost for balls and for concession items.

Michele Rowland asked for newsletter items. Discussed the possibility of publishing Mrs. Hooper's class's poem.

**10. Old Business:**

The Corl St. PTO Board is implementing audit recommendations. There is an itemized deposit form for fundraisers and two signatures are required for any checks with an amount exceeding \$500. Scott Mato will also be an authorized signer on the account. Approval is needed to amend by-laws. Anna Muramoto motioned to approve these amendments. Karen Moser seconded. Motion was approved.

**11. New Business:**

Holly Torbic, with TIDES, will do a presentation on CLIMB. A write up will be done for the newsletter.

A fun night will be held on 3/18/11 at 6:45 p.m. for Corl Street families at which the movie Despicable Me will be shown. Air popped popcorn will be provided for the children. They can bring a blanket to sit on and wear pjs.

Anna Muramoto brought up the issue of childcare at PTO meetings. There will be a stipulation that childcare must be requested by the Friday prior to the PTO meeting.

Dave Hutchinson, a current SCASD board member, will be attending PTO meetings at Corl Street. An attempt is being made by the Board to reach out to the schools. He won't have anything prepared for the meetings but is willing to provide information if PTO members have a particular request. This information will be placed in the newsletter. Karen Moser requested that he provide information on redistricting.

The next PTO meeting will be held on Tuesday, 3/15/11 at 7 p.m.

**12. Adjournment:**

Lonni Friedken called the meeting to close at 8:50 p.m.