

## **Cory Elementary PTA General Membership Meeting**

**1.15.2021**

**Via Zoom**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Cory Elementary PTA general meeting was called to order, via Zoom, at 9:15am by Dana Schoonover (President). Alison Durnavich (Secretary) recorded the minutes.

**2. ROLL CALL**

5Board Members were in attendance via Zoom: Dana Schoonover (President), Debbie Fimple (Treasurer), Anastasia Glennie (VP), Savannah Graham (VP) and Alison Durnavich (Secretary).

Cory representation via Zoom: Joan Wieser

Also in attendance via Zoom: See attached list

*Savannah Graham moved to approve the PTA meeting minutes from December. Motion was seconded by Mark Smiley. Motion approved.*

**3. PRINCIPAL UPDATE - Joan Wieser**

* Community and kids are so resilient and doing great - All are following safety guidelines and doing everything right.
* Lunch outside is going well, trying to still work some kinks out for seating.
  + Dana Schoonover asked about the plans for eating outside?
    - Kids always eat the same space, whether outdoor or indoor.
    - Joan will let us know if we can provide anything that would be helpful for seating.
* CMAS
  + Joan still doesn’t know whether CMAS testing will be taking place, but staff is preparing as though it will be happening.
    - Right now, Joan is hearing that if parents do opt-out, there will be no detriment to the school or budget; she will keep us up-to-date.
* This week and next week kids are taking i-Ready in math and reading; this helps to plan and to know where kids are.
* Class pictures
  + We want to be able to have class pictures and are working on options now.
  + Debbie Fimple noted that Krista Meardon’s nanny did a fall picture shoot for kids, and maybe she’d be interested in doing that again for all students?
  + We also want to work on a class picture for the 5th graders.
* We are working on the Teacher Treasures that were purchased at the 2020 Auction and trying to figure out how to follow through with those.
* There will be a DPS safety walkthrough next week to make sure everything at the school looks good; Joan will send out an email letting the community know.

* Brieanne Stahnke asked for additional information on Kiss and Go.
  + Kiss and Go is currently unstaffed in the morning - An email will go out asking for parent volunteers to staff morning and afternoon Kiss and Go.
  + Joan will also reach out to the principal at SKCEE to work on dismissal times that allow for families at both schools to pick up their kids on time.

**4. BUDGET UPDATE - Debbie Fimple**

* Budget is on track, due to decrease in spending.
* Money continues to come in for Friends of Cory; there is more company matching and we should get close to our goal.
* We raised over $4000 for the holiday giving for staff.
* AmazonSmile has brought in about $600/quarter; King Soopers brings in about $500-$600/quarter; we receive around $200/year from Box Tops.
* New books for 4th and 5th grade book room were paid for by a mini-grant.

**5. CSC UPDATE - Hilary Mathur**

* At the meeting on 1/14/21, next year’s budget was discussed - Joan feels that the budget will be good for next year; however, Cory is down 15 students right now, so there is a little concern about that.
  + Looking at where there is some wiggle-room in the budget and talking about what would people feel comfortable cutting?
    - Keep specials teachers, paras, interventionists, and look at cutting field trips, tech supplies, etc.
  + Debbie Fimple asked if Cory has a wait list, or another way to pick up additional kids?
    - Hilary said that Joan thinks Cory’s waitlist is still pretty full, and we will be able to pull from that next year, if needed.
  + Anastasia Glennie asked whether teachers feel like they are safe at school?
    - Only a couple of teachers spoke up about that; however, they were positive.
    - Teachers are excited about PE, because it gives them some planning time.
* Next meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2021 to finalize the budget.

**6. COMMITTEE UPDATES - Anastasia Glennie**

* Edukit - Stefanie Fox will coordinate and plan.
* Garden/Chicken Updates - Garden is dormant.
* Dine out - Erlen Marsh and Mark Smiley
  + Servant Coffee fundraiser brought in $100
  + Next dine out will be on February 1st at Bull and Bush.
  + We are behind, so need to catch up - Maybe take out pizza at the end of February? Maybe Chipotle? Raising Canes?
* Auction - Naurin Gilger, Danielle Gooden and Leisa Sollenberger will head up the committee.
  + The Cable Center will let us roll our deposit to 2022
  + Virtual Auction will be held on May 22, 2021.
* Teacher Appreciation in May - Naurin Gilger, Erin Robbins and Margit Archer will coordinate.

**7. GRANTS - Savannah Graham**

* We received a $500 grant from Westerra Credit Union and have used the money to provide each teacher with a bluetooth mic and speaker.

**8. MISCELLANEOUS**

* Cory should plan something to welcome incoming 1st graders this fall.
* Anastasia Glennie will reach out to Christina Sylvester (principal at Merrill) to see if she’d host a Zoom call for 5th grade Cory families.

**9.**  **ADJOURNMENT** Meeting was adjourned by Dana Schoonover at 10:10am.

**Alison Durnavich**

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Secretary

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Attachment: Roll Call via Zoom

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