



**Cory Elementary PTA General Membership Meeting
12.4.2020
Via Zoom**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Cory Elementary PTA general meeting was called to order, via Zoom, at 6:30pm by Dana Schoonover (President). Alison Durnavich (Secretary) recorded the minutes.

2. ROLL CALL

5 Board 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

Anastasia Glennie moved to approve the PTA meeting minutes from October and November. Motion was seconded by Debbie Fimple. Motion approved.

3. PRINCIPAL UPDATE - Joan Wieser

- Thanks to the community for support of teachers and remote learning.
- DPS recently did a walk-through of Cory's remote learning and said it is some of the best remote learning seen within DPS.
- Joan will find out more next week about what Q3 will look like.
 - There is a push to be fully back in January in person - Joan will have a town hall to explain what it will look like at a later date.
 - DPS is using certain metrics to determine the return to in person learning; however, there is not a lot of clarity on what those metrics are - Dashboard is driving the decision making.
 - Debbie Fimple asked whether any changes will be made to the dashboard to look more like Cherry Creek's?
 - Joan isn't aware of any changes.
 - Danielle Gooden asked what kind of voice does Joan (and other principals) really have? Does DPS actually listen to what principals are saying?
 - Joan says she is typically just getting information from DPS. There is a principals union that has a voice, but unsure of whether they are being heard.

- There is too much back and forth and the leaders are struggling with this, as well.
 - Erin Hegel asked whether DPS is prioritizing younger kids for in-person?
 - Joan is hearing different things - Could be just the youngest ones, could be a hybrid. Just waiting on specifics from DPS.
 - Joan wants Cory specific feedback about Cory's remote learning plan. She will be sending out a survey soon to get that.
- CMAS Assessments
 - Joan doesn't know whether we will have CMAS assessments this school year, but Cory is going through the motions and preparing for them, just in case.
 - Teachers and principals are pushing back and don't want standardized testing at this time, but Cory will be ready for them if the Colorado Department of Education says CMAS assessments need to happen.
 - Erin Hegel asked whether it would be beneficial for families, particularly fully remote families, to opt out of CMAS testing?
 - Joan said that the risk in doing that is that Cory will lose funding if too many kids opt out of taking the CMAS assessments; however, Joan will support families if they choose to opt out, regardless of what it means for funding.
- Teacher holiday gifts
 - Joan is thinking of scheduling a couple of days so families can drop off holiday gifts at school.
 - Possibility of teachers doing a wave parade in the parking lot to say goodbye to students before winter break.

4. BUDGET UPDATE - Debbie Fimple

- Sold the Cory car for about \$5,000.
- Not many expenses at this point, due to being remote.
 - Mini grants have been approved
 - One Book, One Cory
 - Books to replenish 4th and 5th grade book room
 - Tent for in-person learning
- Staff holiday gift collection
 - Will be collecting funds to gift to staff, paras, interventionists, specials teachers (all non-grade level teachers)
 - We have a few teachers on leave - They will not be included.
 - Long term subs will be included.
 - 31 people on are on the list
 - Amount gifted is based on whether an individual works with the entire school, or a subset of kids, whether they are full or part-time and whether they are in their first or second year at Cory.

- More will likely be given to specials teachers this year, due to them also covering grade-level classrooms during remote learning
- Email with Venmo information will go out in the next few days.

5. COMMITTEE UPDATES - Anastasia Glennie

- Garden/Chicken Updates
 - Cleaned up the garden in November - ready for winter.
 - Still looking for volunteers to help out - Email Anastasia Glennie at lantzglennie@gmail.com for more information.
- Book Fair - Erin Robbins
 - Last year, we had gross sales of \$20,000. As of today, we are at just under \$1000.
 - Believe this is due to being virtual; however, we have good Scholastic reserves and can still get books for the school, classrooms and teachers.
 - Moving forward, the hope is that the Book Fair will still be the week of Thanksgiving because it's usually very successful that week.
 - Dawn Miller will be putting together "book bundles" of 5-6 books for any free and reduced lunch kids and be delivering to those families (about 32 kids).
 - Alexia Eslan asked Erin to confirm that when we bought the books, Cory actually got the credits?
- Friends of Cory - Travis Wanger
 - Wrapped up on 11/20, short of goal (goal was \$60,000 and more family participation). Currently at about \$49,000 and expect a little more to roll in.
 - Really challenging to get money, especially when we went back online; however, all agree that this is a huge win under the circumstances.
 - Will send out a wrap-up email to recognize the FOC committee and accomplishments.
- Yearbook
 - We are still planning on a yearbook - Jennifer Lee will head up.

6. MISCELLANEOUS

- Stefanie Fox asked whether YouTube can be disabled on the Chromebooks?
 - Joan said that teachers rely on it for resources during remote learning, so they don't want to completely disable it; however, she will revisit the issue with the school leadership team to see if there is a solution.
 - In the meantime, Joan will send out information in the Parent Post on how to disable YouTube on the parents' end.

7. **ADJOURNMENT** Meeting was adjourned by Dana Schoonover at 7:10pm.

Alison Durnavich

Secretary

Approved:

Date: _____

Attachment: Roll Call via Zoom

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