



Cory Elementary PTA General Membership Meeting
9.3.2021
Cory Playground

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Cory Elementary PTA general meeting was called to order at 9:00am by Dana Schoonover (President). Melissa (Secretary) recorded the minutes.

2. ROLL CALL

5 Board Members were in attendance: Dana Schoonover (President), Michelle Shamis (VP), Savannah Graham (VP), Danielle Gooden (Treasurer), Melissa Viola (Secretary), Naurin Gilger (CSC Liaison).

Cory representation: Joan Wieser

Also in attendance: See below list

Savannah Graham moved to approve the PTA meeting minutes from April. Motion was seconded by Travis Wanger. Motion approved.

3. PRINCIPAL UPDATE - Joan Wieser

- Safety & Traffic:
 - To help manage the traffic at kiss-and-go and in the parking lot, families are asked to not stop their cars and be mindful of the traffic around them.
 - First bell is at 8:15am and tardy is 8:20am.
 - The bus from Cory to SKCEE is not currently happening because of a DPS bus driver shortage.
- COVID Protocols:
 - Families will receive a general notification if there is a confirmed case in their class.
 - The students are eating outside as much as possible, but, as the weather changes, they will eat lunch indoors in three different locations so that students can stay with their cohorts. Students can only have their masks off for 15 minutes while eating, and there will be assigned lunch seating. While 15 minutes is not an adequate amount of time for the students to eat lunch, this is necessary to keep students safe and school open.
 - Medical information on COVID positive cases must be confidential.
 - The school nurse is full-time this year.
 - COVID protocols are being directed by DPS administration, so questions and concerns should be directed there.
- Volunteering:

- Families that are interested in volunteering on campus must fill out a background check and bring their vaccination cards on their first day of volunteering.
- There will be a new protocol for signing in and out so that there is a record of parents in the building.
- Hot Lunch:
 - Food is coming from Merrill so there is a mismatch on the menu that they are working to solve, but every child will get fed.

4. BUDGET UPDATE - Danielle Gumina

- Danielle reviewed the 2021-2022 budget and outlined the various income and expenses that are anticipated this year.
- Income will be generated from the following: Cory Works Out, King Soopers, Amazon Smile, Annual Dance, Spring Auction, Band, Book Fair, Box Tops, Fall Carnival, School Kids, Friends of Cory, PTA Membership, Cory Fun Run, garden & chicken coop, personal donations.
- Expenses will include the following: Teacher and para salaries, band scholarships, garden & chicken coop, teacher appreciation, fifth grade continuation, Walk to School, Annual Dance, arts committee, Spring Auction, Colorado PTA payments, subscriptions, mini-grants for teachers.
- A parent requested the budget actuals from 2019 and 2020, which can be found in previous PTA meeting minutes.
- There was a motion to approve this year's budget, which was seconded and passed by all in attendance.

5. CSC Update - Naurin Gilger

- To increase CSC engagement, meetings will now start at 6pm instead of 4pm and they will continue to be virtual.
- CSC provides insight into what happens inside the school and all parents are welcome.
- Bylaws will be approved at next month's meeting.
- There are less students at school this year, which means that \$23,000 is going back to DPS since the school receives funding based on how many students are in attendance.
- CMAS was optional last year, so it is difficult to compare Cory students with students from other schools.
- Cory's Unified Improvement Plan was discussed and more information is available from Naurin.
- Cory is forming an Equity Committee and recruiting a diverse group of parents to participate.
- Next meeting is October 7 at 6pm.
- Alison Durnavich is the committee's chair.

6. Committee Updates - Michelle Shamis

- Michelle is still recruiting for the following committees:
 - Amazon Smile: Need chair, and it's not a huge time commitment.
 - Spring Auction: Need to identify chairs, and committee members to support them. Date (April 22) and venue (Cable Center) are already confirmed.
 - Chicken coop: Need chair and parent volunteers.
 - Cory garden & farmers market: Students from 4th grade pick the produce and sell at farmers market in the fall. Some of the crops did not make it this year, so there is not enough to host the farmers market this year. Denver Urban Gardens is not continuing its

youth farm stand program this year or in the future, so we are trying to find private vendors to fill the auction baskets. Parents are needed to help keep the garden program alive, or it will need to be canceled.

- School Directory: Need to fill this position immediately.
- Fall Clean Up
- Safety Committee
- School Tours
- Spring Dance
- School Kits
- Venmo manager for holiday gifts
- Specials classroom volunteers
- **Fall Carnival - Leisa Sollenberger**
 - Scheduled for October 3 from 11am-2pm with October 10 as backup rain date.
 - Wristbands to attend are \$10 when pre-purchased and \$15 on the day-of. Need to sell a minimum of 350 wristbands to break-even.
 - If families need financial support to purchase a wristband, let PTA know.
- **Dine-Outs - Mark Smiley**
 - Next four dates are confirmed: September 15 at Pizzeria Locale; October 19 at Bull n Bush; November 15 at Esters; December 7 at Britemarten.
 - Goal is \$5,000 this year.
- **Walk-to-School Day - Anastasia Glennie**
 - October 6
 - DJ Chuck and South cheerleaders will be there
 - Arrive to school at 8am.
- **Chicken Coop & Garden - Scott & Summer**
 - Scott and Summer will fully support the new garden and chicken coop chairs.
 - Chicken coop yields 12 eggs a day.
 - Volunteers are needed every Monday from 20-30 minutes for garden maintenance.

7. Sponsorships - Savannah Graham

- If there are families who own or affiliated with a local business, they could benefit from a Cory sponsorship, which includes a banner outside the school and fliers sent home in Friday folders.
- Money raised through sponsorships support the specials.

8. ADJOURNMENT Meeting was adjourned by Dana Schoonover at 10:00am.

Melissa Viola

Secretary

Date: _____

Approved:

Attachment: Roll Call

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