



**Cory Elementary PTA General Membership Meeting
11/2/2018**

1. CALL TO ORDER: The Cory Elementary PTA general meeting was called to order 11/2/18 at 0848 am by Kristine Hawthorne (President); and Ashley Mull (Secretary) recorded the minutes.

2. ROLL CALL: 4 Board Members were in attendance: Kristine Hawthorne (president), Anastasia Glennie (VP), Stephanie Campbell (treasurer), Ashley Mull (Secretary).

Cory Representation: Joan Wieser (Principal), Brendan Doyle (Teacher)

Also in attendance: see attached list

Minutes from 10/5/18 were approved.

3. PRINCIPAL UPDATE (Joan):

--Thank you for the Halloween celebration!

--1st and 2nd grade teachers will be doing special training focusing on early literacy; Cory this year is in the distinguished schools category even more so than last year; Words this Way is an example of how we are addressing phonics, differentiating learning, early literacy

--4th/5th grade: trying to create more rigorous, student-engaged literacy learning; possibility of community learning project; classroom based math trainings for students and teachers in the works

--Most of student concerns expressed are related to bullying; we are focusing on Social-Emotional Health training; Mr. Doyle feels that there has been a major reduction in bullying in the last 3 years

--Suggestion from Stephanie: could the PTA and DPS co-host a Social Emotional Health or Anti-Bullying seminar for families in the Spring?

--Parent suggestion: could parent post include some tips for parents around bullying? What is the process for alerting parents to bullying that happens in the school? (Joan is taking in all these suggestions)

4. PTA BRANDING UPDATE (Jack):

--Suggestion: projector to present graphs and charts. Does the school already have this available? (Anastasia will look into it.)

--Logo: based on the fact that the PTA is in constant motion, and working together. Trying to coordinate w/ Cory Elementary logo and colors

--Need to work w/ Alison so that logo can be accessed by others on the website (Ashley)



5. COMMITTEE UPDATE (Anastasia):

- Fall Clean Up Day: Nov 4th (Sunday). Fun family event, please join!
- FOC: Done! Raised \$62K and w/ matching we reached \$70K; overall % of family involvement is down; Travis recommends that there should be some limitation of communications during the FOC campaign to focus on that campaign? Committee will meet soon to debrief and make suggestions for next year.
- Dine-outs (Erlen): Ester's Monday 11/12; Kitchen Next Door 12/17/18; Vendor Fair 11/27/18; Bookies over the following weekend; Brightmarten raised \$1025
- Spooky Story Night: thanks to Kelly. Blackjack pizza gave a large discount for pizza; thank you note (Ashley); we came in under budget
- Book Fair 11/12-11/15; need volunteers (check Cory Facebook page and website for sign up); shipment 1 week before and need help setting up
 - Teachers Tea: Anastasia and Stephanie will f/u
 - Children will go with classes to select wish list books
 - Bookmark contest ends next week
 - Suggestion from parent: knows an author who wrote a book called "Pretty" and would like to come do a book signing. Not during Book Fair week but could be coordinated w/ Dawn Miller
- Teacher Appreciation: trying to bring mobile coffee station into school for January; Nov 14 2nd Grade Stock the Lounge
- Garden: "Mollie" is coming back today. Training volunteers (parents and local families); planning to have eggs laying soon; we will go over the start up and maintenance costs next meeting; discovery link is going to be doing early morning shift; working w/ Claire (cafeteria) in composting program
- Art Committee (Stephanie): Inside the Orchestra event Next Thursday 11/8. Cost \$450 to the PTA. Courdoroy (1st graders) coming up ? 11/15. 4th and 5th graders will go to Wizard of Oz last dress rehearsal. 2nd and 3rd graders still don't have an event. Joan does not want us to ask families to contribute to these events; will have to be PTA funded.
 - Art night Feb 7, mobile art unit around that time; \$100 approved in the budget
 - **Call for Vote to increase budget to \$500 (Approved by the majority)**
 - Kids can submit art of any medium to the Colorado PTA
- Auction (Leisa): Want to start getting people excited about it. We sold 314 tickets last year. Hoping to increase this year. Scheduled for 4/12 (Weekend after opening day of Rockies and before Easter Holidays) @ Cable Center. Kick off meeting 12/4 @ 1830 (wine and snacks); need most help w/ Buy a Shares; Silent and Live auction procurement; dine out helps w/ this. Need committee to support stock the cellar night (need 30-50 bottles of wine for the fundraiser). Danielle is joining as an official communications chair. Jaala will assist w/ décor. Mark is helping w/ liquor and alcohol donations.

6. CSC UPDATE (Jennifer):

- Minutes are available for reference
- Tyson and I have reached out to district and are working w/ Merrill to address heat issue in the school; we are #20 on a list to get new cooling items; we need to move up to #18 or lower; we are working on achieving an immediate solution
- next DAG meeting at Merrill 11/14 (would like to refocus on Cory-Merrill campus to solidify bond meeting); Cory community could come to that meeting to show support
- One thing that will help the most is if parents "complain" or voice concerns to principal if kids come home stating they don't feel well due to heat or couldn't concentrate due to heat

7. BUDGET UPDATE (Stephanie):

- Forms link on the PTA website for reimbursement; also in the PTA mailbox
- every quarter we submit report to secretary of state for raffle (even if we don't have one)
- Margot Archer is helping w/ taxes again this year (we don't pay taxes, we have to file though)
- Cory Dine-outs \$1961; carnival achieved goal to break even or slightly ahead; recurring donations update in July; Garden income is coming in and expenses are more than what was anticipated (will discuss this next meeting); Scholastic book fairs: 100% back to school in scholastic dollars

8. MISCELLANEOUS:

- Dec 4th Coffee w Merrill Principal Sylvester: 4th and 5th grade families
- Marti: heading up fundraising for PTA. She has developed a couple banners for certain level of sponsorships; needs people to help work on this; email Anastasia or Marti if you can help
- Parent: could we sell lawn signs for Cory? (Put on agenda for next month)

10. ADJOURNMENT: Kristine adjourned the meeting at 1004

Ashley Mull

Secretary

Approved: _____

Date: _____

Attachment: Roll Call

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