



**Cory Elementary PTA General Membership Meeting
2.12.2020**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Cory Elementary PTA general meeting was called to order at 8:45am by Kristine Hawthorne (President). Alison Durnavich (Secretary) recorded the minutes.

2. ROLL CALL

5 Board Members were in attendance: Kristine Hawthorne (President), Debbie Fimple (Treasurer), Anastasia Glennie (VP), Marti Freeman (VP) and Alison Durnavich (Secretary)

Cory representation: Joan Wieser, Amber Bourgeois

Also in attendance: See attached list

3. MINUTES APPROVAL

Anastasia Glennie "moved to approve the minutes from January's PTA meeting." The motion was approved.

4. PRINCIPAL UPDATE - Joan Wieser

- New Cory Website
 - Images to be updated
 - Doesn't currently appear to be mobile-friendly - Is there a way to address this?
 - Send all feedback on new website to Alison Walker at alison_walker@dpsk12.org
- Shared Campus Update
 - In a bit of a holding pattern, although one goal is to bring Kindergarten back to Cory - this is being considered as part of 2020 bond.
 - Joan will send a follow-up email clarifying that Cory is not being considered to move locations, despite Shared Campus email being a bit unclear
- Cory's 2020-2021 budget is complete
 - Increasing GT time to support the integrated model (increase from 0.5 to 0.65) next year
 - Increasing Professional Development from the Public Education & Business Coalition (PEBC) to support literacy and math next year
 - Support lesson studies for grade levels - A strategic way for teachers to collaborate around lessons

- Lesson study this week and next week to support rigor, student agency, productive struggle and quality feedback
 - Support unit planning for grade levels
- GT Integrated Magnet Model at Cory - Updates coming in March 2020
- Increasing STEAM opportunities for all students
 - 3rd grade experience was very successful - 2nd experience for 2nd grade is coming up
 - Goal for 2020-21 year is at least 2 experiences per grade level
 - Working on how to reimagine computer lab space - Joan is working with Dawn Miller and PTA board

5. **COMMITTEE UPDATES - Anastasia Glennie**

- Art Night - February 19 from 5:30pm - 7:00pm
 - Still looking for volunteers for the night of the event
- Gratitude Night - Suzy Naftali
 - March 11, 2020 from 6:00pm - 7:30pm
 - Yoga, other mindfulness activities will be ongoing - Incorporate literacy with some relevant books
 - Pizza provided
- Dine Out - Erlen Marsh
 - January 15, 2020 Dine Out at Bonnie Brae Tavern raised \$500 - This will be the last one there
 - Maybe kids can write notes at Gratitude Night to Bonnie Brae Tavern thanking it for all it has done over the years for Cory?
 - February 18, 2020 Dine Out is at Fire on the Mountain (300 S. Logan) from 11:00am to 10:00pm
- Garden/Chicken Updates - Summer Griffin
 - New training coming up to learn how to help out in the coop - Asking for \$10 donation to attend
 - Sustainability Forum put on by DPS will be held on March 14, 2020 at South High School
 - Chickens are laying many eggs - Maybe start selling? A cold garden?
- Spring Auction - Cougars and Cowboys - April 24, 2020
 - VIP Packages, Star Families and ticket sales starting on February 14, 2020
 - Current needs include live auction items
 - Paddle Raise - PTA Board is looking into STEAM ideas with Joan and Dawn Miller
 - Class Projects
 - Keep submitting stickers from students - If you need additional stickers, contact Alison Walker, Brendan Doyle or Riley Wilsted
 - Need for black, dark gray, navy, bright pink and yellow t-shirts - opportunity to upcycle
 - Stock the Cellar (wine and whiskey) on March 19 from 6:30pm to 9:30pm at Brightmarten

- Sponsorships - Marti Freeman
 - Sponsorship signs will be changed to appease neighbors - Rather than individual signs for each individual sponsor, we will have 3 large signs with numerous logos
- Safety Committee - Kelly Woodward
 - All recommended/requested signs have been purchased and are in-hand
 - Joan purchased signs out of her budget - No PTA dollars were spent
 - We should send out messaging re: new signage and reminder to observe and respect
 - Call 311 to request lighted crosswalk at Iowa and Cook (Kiss and Go crosswalk)

6. BUDGET - Kristine Hawthorne for Debbie Fimple

- We are tracking according to projections on budget
- The \$10,000 donation that was discussed during Friends of Cory (from a specific organization and to be dedicated to a specific project) did not come to fruition; however, the organization still decided to donate \$4000 to the general Friends of Cory drive
- Mini-grants are available, but teachers need to be applying for these
 - Stephanie Campbell volunteered to work with teachers to fill out the applications

7. MISCELLANEOUS

- Edukit - Jennifer Grumann
 - We are working with the Edukit point person to be less wasteful - many ideas to accomplish this
 - Option to purchase new headsets each year
 - Possibly keeping certain reusable supplies (scissors, etc.) in the grade levels
 - Exploring more sustainable/less expensive supply options (erasers, pencils, sharpeners, composition notebooks, etc.)
 - Jennifer Grumann will work with Joan and the teachers
 - Possibly donate gently used/excess supplies to other schools at the end of the year
- Concert on the Green - Concerns with the proposed May 29 date, exact date and time to be confirmed soon
- Broader family involvement in the PTA/CSC
 - PTA Happy Hour held on January 23 - Not many new faces
 - Scot Kreider suggested contacting people via phone if we are looking to reach more attendees, volunteers, etc.
 - Possibly ask for a preferred method of communication during next year's membership drive?
- Ongoing Facilities/Maintenance Concerns
 - PTA Board has heard concerns that PTA purchased items are not being properly maintained - these concerns have been shared with Joan and with Patricia Montoya (facilities manager for Cory)

- There are policies and procedures that must be followed pursuant to DPS, including the submission of work orders - This process is not always quick
- Next steps?
 - PTA Representative?
 - Danielle Gooden will communicate with Patricia Montoya's boss about facilities concerns at Cory - Send Danielle your concerns at daniellegumina@yahoo.com
- PTA Board for 2020-21 School Year
 - There are up to 3 board positions open
 - Request a 2 year commitment
 - Will likely hold elections in April for most effective transitions

8. UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES

2/14	Teacher Training Day - NO SCHOOL
2/17	President's Day - NO SCHOOL
2/19	Art Night - Pizza and crafts
2/11-25	Mobile Art Display from CherryArts
3/11	Gratitude Night
3/19	Stock the Cellar - Auction

9. ADJOURNMENT Meeting was adjourned by Kristine Hawthorne at 10:00 am.

Alison Durnavich

Approved:

Secretary

Date: _____

Attachment: Roll Call

Laura Quartarone lauraquartarone1@gmail.com
 Kelly Hanson k_laboon@hotmail.com
 Summer Cooper Griffin sumlovin00@gmail.com
 Erlen Marsh mamoosha9@gmail.com
 Sandra Clemons sclemons28@yahoo.com
 Stephanie Campbell sadascrn@gmail.com
 Debbie Fimple dfimple@gmail.com
 Anastasia Glennie lantzglennie@gmail.com
 Kristine Hawthorne kristinehawthorne@yahoo.com
 Amber Bourgeois amber_bourgeois@dpsk12.org
 Alison Durnavich alisondurnavich@gmail.com
 Marti Freeman marti.freeman@gmail.com
 Kelly Woodward kbwoodward80@gmail.com
 Mark Smiley mark@marksmiley.com
 Danielle Gooden daniellegumina@yahoo.com
 Jennifer Grumann jtgrumann@gmail.com

Brynn Swanson Brynn303@gmail.com
Skeeter Buck skeeterbuck@gmail.com
Scot Kreider scotkreider@hotmail.com
Mary Love mary.love.dpt@hotmail.com
Karen Singleton karen_k_singleton@hotmail.com
Kelly Woodward kbwoodward80@gmail.com
Jennifer Reed jenrich24@gmail.com
Camille Ford cford@jmj.com
Naurin Gilger nauringilger@gmail.com