



**Cory Elementary PTA General Membership Meeting  
3.6.2020**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Cory Elementary PTA general meeting was called to order at 8:50am 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. PRINCIPAL UPDATE - Joan Wieser**

- Mini-Grants
  - Process has been shared with the entire staff
  - \$9,000 of the allotted \$12,000 is still available
    - Use Scholastic dollars first, then move to our mini-grant funds
  - Teachers in all grades will be submitting requests
- Cory's 2020-2021 budget is complete
  - We will be able to sustain what we did in 2019-20 into 2020-21
- Whole Child at Cory
  - Meeting April 9, 2020 for parents to ask questions and provide feedback re: what Cory's approach/plan to support the whole child - GT, intervention, special education, etc.

**4. CSC UPDATE - Kiva Thompson**

- 2020-21 budget is solid, everything is looking good, and Cory is not aware of any staffing changes
- Cory can choose to follow an "Alternative Calendar" for the 2020-21 school year, due to no air conditioning at school; however, the "Alternative Calendar" is not very appealing
  - School would begin August 31, 2020 - No more fall break, only 2 days off for Thanksgiving, Spring Break would be only 3 days, and school would extend into the first week of June
  - Joan is going to speak with DPS to see if there is any flexibility with the Actual Calendar

- Maybe utilize “heat days” in August and September?
- CSC Elections are coming up - 2 parents positions are opening, and could even open up more positions to more parents
- Concert on the Green will be rescheduled for a Thursday evening, with the contingency plan being the last day of school
- Is there an interest in hosting community events over the summer at Cory?
  - We have to get additional insurance and go through Facilities to do so - It hasn't been particularly successful in the past, but we can consider it

#### **4. COMMITTEE UPDATES - Anastasia Glennie**

- 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
  - February 18, 2020 Dine Out at Fire on the Mountain raised \$650
  - Esters Neighborhood Pub is set for Tuesday, March 10, 2020 - All day, all sales
  - Servant Coffee online fundraiser - March 13, 2020 - March 27, 2020
    - Online, 15% of sales will go to Cory
      - [www.servantcoffee.com](http://www.servantcoffee.com) Promo CORY
  - April 3, 2020 - April 11, 2020 - The Bookies will donate 15%-20% of your purchase to Cory
- Garden/Chicken Updates - Summer Griffin and Skeeter Buck
  - Chickens are doing well, our rooster found a new home, and there will be many eggs in the future
  - We are getting more volunteers, so the kids should be able to go out and work with the chickens every day - Possibly have the paras work with the kids during the day and parents work with the kids closer to pick-up time
    - We are looking into how to imbed chickens into the everyday curriculum - Joan and Mrs. Guerrero are working with Skeeter and Summer on this
  - The garden is getting ready - There are 15 beds, one for each classroom
    - Two families are going to be making signs for the garden identifying each bed
    - Cleaning up the two original beds and planting bulbs
      - Maybe a “bulb drive” in the next couple of months? Mini-grant to purchase bulbs? Landscaping company donate?
- Spring Auction - Naurin Gilger
  - Current needs include getting more silent auction items
  - Will need help setting up the day of the Auction
  - Paddle Raise - PTA Board is looking into STEAM ideas with Joan and Dawn Miller - We will vote to approve at April PTA meeting

- There are several conflicts with the dates of Buy-A-Shares and Teacher Treasures - The Auction Committee is working to accommodate all dates, but some conflicts are inevitable
- Stock the Cellar (wine and whiskey) on March 19 from 6:30pm to 9:30pm at Brightmarten
- Safety Committee - Kelly Woodward
  - Our new signage is here - Possibly get the staff who requested particular signs to help facilities place them in the appropriate spots?
  - Call 311 and Denver Police District 3 to request crosswalk on Iowa to be better identified
  - Kelly Woodward is in contact with Merrill/C3/DPD to ask already present police officer to monitor Cory's dismissal, as well
  - Additional parking/street safety
    - Drop off and pick up procedures - Maybe extend Kiss and Go a few cars to help with traffic flow?
    - Rethinking congestion - What about painting Kiss and Go to identify it?
  - Parent Safety Contract at the beginning of the school year for parents to sign and acknowledge traffic, parking and safety procedures?
    - Maybe discuss at Back to School Night in the fall
    - Review Parent Handbook to see what current procedures
      - Safety Committee and Joan to meet, discuss and revise as necessary for next fall
  - Coronavirus (COVID-19), other viruses - Facilities needs to address effectiveness of sanitizing wipes, sprays, etc.
    - Facilities is coming in and doing additional cleaning, disinfecting, etc.
- School Dance - Friday, May 1, 2020
  - Roaring 20s theme - DJ Chuck is confirmed
  - Renee Garcia and Elizabeth Rowan are organizing
- Teacher Appreciation Week - Naurin Gilger
  - Coming up in May
  - There was a \$500 budget last year (for all teacher appreciation events)
    - Naurin Gilger "moved to increase the budget to \$1000." Kiva Thompson seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

## **5. MISCELLANEOUS**

- Edukit
  - Everything is moving forward to reduce waste and make Edukits more accessible and sustainable
  - Shawn Hughes said Merrill is happy to accept used pencils
- Cory's new website is looking good - Working with DPS has been easy to get necessary changes made. Keep giving feedback to Alison Walker, Danielle Gooden or Kristine Hawthorne
- Ongoing Facilities/Maintenance Concerns

- Danielle Gooden has communicated various concerns and issues with DPS Facilities Lead:
  - Jeffrey Traeber, Manager Facilities Area
    - 720-423-4105
    - [JEFFREY\\_TRAEBER@dpsk12.org](mailto:JEFFREY_TRAEBER@dpsk12.org)
- Does the PTA want to nominate a Parent Representative/PTA Facilities Liaison?
  - Maybe once a month, check on all PTA purchased items in order to communicate with Facilities re: what needs fixed, replaced, etc.?
- Communication Update - Alison Durnavich
  - Cory does have the ability to text all families who have opted-in to this communication at the beginning of the school year
    - Rather than opting-in, could all families be automatically opted-in and then choose to opt-out?
      - Alison Walker said this might be the best approach
- 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

## 6. UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES

3/10	Dine Out at Esters Neighborhood Pub
3/11	Gratitude Night
3/19	NO SCHOOL - DPS Closure
3/19	Stock the Cellar - Auction

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

**Alison Durnavich**

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Secretary

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

Attachment: Roll Call

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