



**Cory Elementary PTA General Membership Meeting
9.3.2020
Via Zoom**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Cory Elementary PTA general meeting was called to order, via Zoom, at 8:00pm by Kristine Hawthorne (Outgoing President). Alison Durnavich (Secretary) recorded the minutes.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Cory representation via Zoom: Joan Wieser, Amber Bourgeois

Also in attendance via Zoom: See attached list

3. PRINCIPAL UPDATE - Joan Wieser

- Online Learning Update
 - The start to this year is more successful than last spring, but still want feedback to ensure it can stay successful.
 - Kids and teachers have been doing great.
- Budget Update
 - Enrollment - DPS says Cory is down 14 students and as a result, \$70,000 will need to be paid back to DPS. However, Alison Walker has Cory down only 9 students, so that discrepancy will need to be addressed, as it makes quite a difference for funding.
 - Joan's carry-forward has been pulled (around \$60,000) - This happened to all DPS schools, in some form.
 - As a result, we now have just around \$35,000, which means Cory does not have the money to pay DPS back for low enrollment.
 - However, Cory had an intervention teacher resign this past week and if that position is not refilled, we will be okay.
 - If Cory continues to lose kids, we might have to make tough decisions on how to come up with the money. Joan will do what she can to ensure all staff stay on.
 - Cory is actually in a good position compared to other schools in DPS.
- Waitlist and New Students?

- Alison Walker noted that Cory has filled some spots off of the waitlist and we can take more kids off of the waitlist, if we want to.
 - However, there is the potential that Cory will be overloaded if we take waitlist kids this year and then kids want to come back next year.
 - 53 students said they wanted to be 100% virtual, although some of those could come back. If students didn't choose into another school, they can come back to Cory.
 - Current class sizes:
 - 1st grade - 25, 25, 25
 - 2nd grade - 26, 29, 27
 - 3rd grade - 27, 27, 28
 - 4th grade - 27, 26, 27
 - 5th grade - 27, 27, 26
- Joan is planning for in-person right now - Plan is due in 2 weeks and she is hopeful we will be back by the October date.
- ECE is going back the week after Labor Day. Small priority groups will be allowed back into Cory (IEP, ELD, 504s or kids who are struggling engaging in online learning).

4. COMMITTEE UPDATES - Anastasia Glennie

- CSC - Debbie Fimple/Stephanie Campbell
 - First CSC Meeting was held earlier today (9.3.2020)
 - Same update on budget we just heard from Joan
 - Asked for online learning feedback, overall most felt it was much better than the spring
 - GT/HGT numbers have gone down by about half in the last few years
 - Marti Freeman noted that this could be attributed to the impact of Covid-19, how/when the testing was done, Cory having a new GT teacher
 - Discussion of BLM movement and get community feedback to figure out what kind of programming to do for social-emotional learning.
 - We still need a CSC/PTA Representative
- Garden/Chicken Updates
 - PTA held a coop dedication for Summer Cooper Griffin and Skeeter Buck.
 - Summer and Skeeter will continue to manage the coop and volunteers this fall.
 - Need to think about spring and planting garden
 - Scot Kreider might be helping?
- Friends of Cory - Travis Wanger
 - Hopefully done in November timeframe when kids are back in school
 - Smaller goal
 - Need some help with it - volunteers?
 - Savannah Graham offered to help out
 - Open to ideas on how to run it - Wait until November? Run a longer online campaign?

- Don't forget about corporate giving and corporate matching - That can be a huge part so need to encourage people to take advantage of that if offered by their employers.
- Yearbook - We will still be putting together a yearbook - Jennifer Lee will head up again
 - Dorian could be looking for a commitment

5. **BUDGET UPDATE - Debbie Fimple**

- Total expenses for this year are at \$290,000
 - Biggest chunk is para/teacher salaries - \$230,000
- Auction expenses will be reduced by \$12,000, so that will help for Spring Auction
 - Target income for Spring Auction needs to be \$185,000
- We are making a lot off of King Soopers program - Over \$500/quarter
- Dine Outs have been reduced based on Covid-19
- We will have a reduced Friends of Cory goal - TBD
- *Stephanie Campbell moved to approve the proposed budget. Motion was seconded by Travis Wanger. Motion and budget is approved.*

6. **MISCELLANEOUS**

- The PTA facilitated 53 pod (small learning group) connections
- Erlen Marsh asked whether there is an option for the kids to get connected in other ways?
 - Kristine Hawthorne acknowledged that we want to and see the need for it, however, Cory just is not allowed to do anything more than it's currently doing.
 - We could possibly do something similar to the pods and send out a survey to families and share that information for possible meet up groups, but it cannot be sponsored by the PTA.
- One Book One Cory - Wishtree has been selected and will be distributed to each family next week.

7. **ELECTIONS OF BOARD POSITIONS**

- VP of External Communications
 - *Marti Freeman moved to nominate Savannah Graham for the position of VP of External Communications. Motion was seconded by Anastasia Glennie. Motion is approved.*
- VP of Internal Communications - Position remains open

- President - Position remains open
- CSC/PTA Liaison - Hilary Mathur might be interested, but wants to learn more about what the position entails.

8. **ADJOURNMENT** Meeting was adjourned by Kristine Hawthorne at 9:15pm.

Alison Durnavich

Secretary

Date: _____

Approved:

Attachment: Roll Call via Zoom

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