



Cory Elementary PTA General Membership Meeting 9.6.2019

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 (Principal), Amber Bourgeois

Also in attendance: see attached list

3. PRINCIPAL UPDATE - Joan Wieser

- Focus on student culture and students being able to advocate for themselves. GT conferences for teachers, project based learning conferences and social-emotional learning. All teachers will be licensed with National Association for Gifted Children.
- Cory Website - Will be worked on the week of 9/9/19 - DPS hired someone to implement what Cory community worked on last year. Danielle Gooden volunteered to help manage content.
- Chromebooks have been ordered and we are waiting on delivery.
- Fans have been ordered and installed - Angela Alexander (Art) is able to tell a difference in cooling of art room.

4. FACILITY NEEDS

Concerns about goat heads in field - Joan Wieser is working with facilities to address the issue.

5. FRONT ENTRY UPDATE

\$3000 allocated last year - PTA has ordered 2 grey leather loveseats, 5x7 rug, modular coffee tables, and poufs for additional seating.

6. COMMITTEE UPDATES

- Anastasia Glennie - Generally in good shape for committee chairs; however we do need help with the Cory Carnival.
- Dine Outs - Erlen Marsh needs help coordinating/organizing
 - Budget based on raising \$5500,, and we exceeded that.

- School Tours - Laura Quartarone needs a couple of more volunteers for Cory tours.
- Band - Debbie Fimple
 - Cory received an \$8000 grant in the form of various instruments and will rent out those instruments to band students to generate income - Band will be self-sustaining.
 - Band begins the week of 9/9/19 and kids can still sign up
 - Mondays and Wednesdays before school - Beginning Band
 - Tuesdays and Thursdays before school - Intermediate Band
- Safety Committee - Kelly Woodward
 - First meeting 9/12/19 after drop off - Infancy stages of committee.
- A to Z Grants - Marti Freeman
 - Grant through Denver Schools Foundation gives \$2000 every semester. Dawn Miller applying this semester - Marti encouraging teachers to apply and take advantage of grant money available every semester.
- Garden/Chickens - Summer Cooper Griffin
 - Garden could use one or two more people to help with Farmers Markets on Fridays.
 - Need one person to help with garden to cafeteria program.
 - Losing hens due to virus - Hope to replace with chicks by end of September.

7. COLLABORATIVE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

- Kiva Thompson (PTA CSC Rep)
 - Various issues, including heat mitigation and exterior facilities
 - Work order is in to replace school water filters
 - Parents are encouraged to be proactive and contact DPS if they have any concerns about issues on the grounds of Cory. Email the following individuals:
 - Joan Wieser - joan_wieser@dpsk12.org
 - Kerry Berens - kerry_berens@dpsk12.org
 - Donald Fenton - donald_fenton@dpsk12.org
 - Patricia Montoya - patricia_montoya@dpsk12.org
 - Michael O'Keeffe - michael_o'keeffe@dpsk12.org
 - Carrie Bernstein - cbs@ablawcolorado.com

8. FRIENDS OF CORY

- Travis Wanger, Lisa Cervantes-Glynn and Marti Freeman are heading it up.
 - Financial goal is to raise \$70,000; however, biggest goal is 100% family participation (approximately 300 families at Cory). Only direct giving campaign Cory does.
 - If 75% family participation from each grade level, grade receives popsicle recess.
 - Using FundRazr platform for donating - simplifies social media platform sharing.
 - Checks/cash are preferable, however, so Cory can avoid paying fees associated with PayPal transactions.
 - Runs through 10/7.

9. PTA MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Alison - We are able to accept payment via PayPal (link on Cory's website), via Square or cash/check. Dues are \$15/individual or \$30/couple. We currently have around 60

members. Reminder that joining PTA is supporting our teachers and our school, and allows you to vote at meetings - It does not commit you to anything else.

10. PTA COMMUNICATION

Alison - PTA is now handling communications/emails re: PTA activities and events.

11. BUDGET UPDATE

Debbie - Paddle Raise at auction purchased fans and chrome carts. A budget increase has been assumed for this school year; however, it might still not be enough to cover all expenses. Budget is available for review.

12. MISCELLANEOUS

- Danielle Gooden offered to purchase large carpets of the United States at Home Depot - Option to use grant money?
- Merrill Middle School PTSA is hosting a campus wide Color Run on 10/24/19.
- Girls on the Run starts week of 9/9/19 - 8 spots are still available.
- King Soopers - No longer purchasing physical grocery cards, rather just register your frequent shopper number online and money will be automatically donated to Cory.
- Everyone is encouraged to select Cory as beneficiary with Amazon Smile.
- Box Tops now has an app, which makes it easier to submit Box Tops for Cory.
- DPS Calendar Planning is coming out and now is the time to give feedback on school start dates.
- Middle School Open House (October TBD) - Merrill, Grant, Morey, DSST-Byers and CSA to participate in middle school open house.
 - Anastasia Glennie is asking for parents of students at these schools to contact her to possibly participate in open house.
- Shared Campus - Christina Sylvester (Principal) from Merrill to come do coffee - Date TBD
- Screenagers - Dawn Miller is cohosting with PTA
 - Screening on 10/2/19 at 6:30pm
 - Intended for adults; however, parents can choose to include their older children. Common Sense Media states Screenagers is appropriate for those 10 and older.

13. IMPORTANT FALL DATES

September 6 - First Friday PTA Meeting
September 11 - Dine Out at Old Chicago
September 27 - NO SCHOOL (Teacher Professional Day)
October 2 - Walk to School
October 4 - PTA Meeting at 8:45 in Cafeteria
October 6 - Fall Carnival
October 7 - Friends of Cory Ends
October 18 - 22 - NO SCHOOL (Fall Break)
October TBD - Spooky Story Night

14. ADJOURNMENT Meeting was adjourned by Kristine Hawthorne at 9:45 am.

Alison Durnavich

Secretary

Approved:

Date:

Attachment: Roll Call

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