



**Cory Elementary PTA General Membership Meeting
2/8/2018**

1. CALL TO ORDER: The Cory Elementary PTA general meeting was called to order at 0848 am by Anastasia Glennie (VP) and Ashley Mull (Secretary) recorded the minutes.

2. ROLL CALL: 4 Board Members were in attendance: Stephanie Campbell (treasurer), Anastasia Glennie (VP), Marti Freeman (VP), and Ashley Mull (Secretary).

Cory Representation: Joan Weiser (Principal), Amber Bourgeois, Brendan Dolye

Meeting minutes approved from December and January.

Also in attendance: see attached list

3. PRINCIPAL UPDATE (Joan):

- Strike will start Monday, 2/11 if negotiations fail
- 3/4/5th grads are covered; 1st/2nd might be combined
- Specials covered
- Kiss and go still will be functioning; paras keep their role
- Teachers will strike across the street for safety and security
- Strike update: getting resources from DPS; will have background checked parents to assist; will be updating the district every morning about how much staff is available; Joan will decide if school needs to close due to lack of safe # of staff
- Another communication will go out today

4. TEACHER UPDATE (Brendan Doyle):

- I am acting as a strike captain.
- Letter going around; email me on personal email if you would like it; logistics of strike are in the email; majority of staff/teachers are planning to strike.
- Another meeting negotiation tonight.
- Planning to keep strike positive; attempt to make it the least disruptive/upsetting to students as possible.
- Union is asking parents to send kids to school if possible; we are recommending parents do whatever works best for their families

5. CSC UPDATE (Jennifer):

- Cory is 14th “hottest” school, but did not include data from the Fall
- 2 schools will get AC in 2020 from different funding source (not bond); that will move Cory up to #12. The closer we get to #10 the more chance we have of getting money from the district. However, that depends on future bond approval, etc.
- CSC parents considering other options. One option is to get mid-size semi mobile cooling unit (\$2000K appx); drawback is they are loud and heavy. District does support Haiku Fans (at our expense); cost appx \$1500 each; they are quiet, but they do blow papers around. Third option Big Ass Fan (BAF); cost is still pending; also they will not fit in the classrooms due to ceiling height; but could be put in the common areas.

- Parent suggestion: could we put protective films on the windows? Response: we will look into it.
- Parent comment: Why doesn't the district close the school when the heat rises in the classrooms? Response: this is up to the principal.
- Anastasia: this topic deserves its own meeting. Thinking town-hall type meeting in March or April.
- Parent comment: DPS gets rebates from Xcel Energy and from Denver Water. Response: we will look into that as well.
- There is a document detailing all the different options if people would like to review it.
- Will have openings on CSC, will discuss in future meeting.

6. DINE OUT EVENTS (Erlen):

- Sam's Dine Out: \$400 over 5 days. One parent was told that the event was over before it was over.
- Next Dine Out Monday and Tuesday, Viale, 2 nights 20%, reservations are recommended
- March 13th Bonnie Brae Pizza (20%)
- Mod Market coming up (50%)

7. AUCTION UPDATE:

- Stock the Cellar event coming up
- Need paddle raise elements by March

8. BUDGET UPDATE (Stephanie):

- Sat down w/ Joan recently to discuss budget
- Paddle raise will be voted on at March meeting. We will do a balloted vote. Options at this time: Chrome Carts (3); Cooling options for school; STEM/STEAM items/Maker space; Band start-up costs; Cooperative learning spaces**
- Next year, Cory will get \$30 less per child; Stephanie thinks that we are still in good shape
- Will present budget next meeting and will likely vote on it in May

9. VP EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION UPDATE (Marti):

- working on Business partnerships
- some pushback on levels, exclusivity etc.

10. COMMITTEE UPDATES (Anastasia):

- May 3rd School Dance; need Chairperson(s). One option is Renee Garcia.
- Yearbook moving along.
- Art night had to be moved due to school closure.
- Band: need band rep to meet w Christmas. If you are interested contact Anastasia.

11. MISCELLANEOUS:

- If you would like to support teachers during the strike, please go to the DCTA website.
- Alison Yeh is interfacing with Merrill and also assisting in getting communications out to the community.
- We were reimbursed for the Ballet

12. ADJOURNMENT: March PTA Meeting 3/1. Anastasia adjourned the meeting at 1000

Ashley Mull

Approved: _____

Secretary

Date: _____

Attachment: Roll Call