

**December 14, 2022**  
**Cornell Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes**

**Welcome & Introductions** - Liz Luyendyk

- Call to Order, Introductions - Kristin Hundt, Tracy Ojerio, Lauren McWain, Holly Higgins, Joanna Purkiss, Corinne Dyksen, Liz Luyendyk, Kavita Drolet

**Principal's Report** - Mrs. Tracy Ojerio

- Spirit week has been fun this week
- When we get back, we start winter assessments (Jan 9-27). Test results will be received within 24 hours, and will go home with report cards on Jan 27
- New stickers from PTO are going home with Wolf of the Week Students
- We have been tracking behavior data and will review results in January to work on more problem solving skills – hoping it will help acclimate students when they come back after break
- We'll be offering tutoring sessions (2nd-4th grade) after school with SEL focus
- Book Fair was very successful – we doubled our budget for library books

**Treasurer's Report** - Corinne Dyksen

- Financial standing
  - Spent \$675.15
    - \$15.89 for Zoom
    - \$160 for 1000 wolf stickers
    - \$480 - OEF tables were debited
    - domain renewals (.com and .org) \$19.26
  - Earned \$624.86
    - \$522.94 from RaiseRight gift card sales (\$14,410 gift card value, paid \$13,887)
    - \$101.71 from Amazon Smile (%0.5 of eligible sales donated by Amazon)
    - \$0.21 in interest on reserved funds
- Student Directory - after winter break
- Woof Pack - emotional support dogs (3 in the district so far) \$10K to train a dog. Mrs. Ojerio has applied to be a handler for Cornell. Plan on using golden doodles to help with allergies. If a child is allergic or afraid, a sign on their classroom door will let the handler know not to go in that classroom with the dog.

**President's Report** - Liz Luyendyk

- District Parent Council
  - Lara Slee (DEI director) highlighted equity plan committees. Liz joined the instruction based committee and can get others involved if they are interested.
  - Psychology services are now being offered at the high school. A grant has given us a full time psychologist who is available to K-12 students for free.
  - Remedial Math – for anyone having difficulty in math courses, math labs will be offered as an elective until students are brought up to speed in their math course
  - Start time surveys went out to families – looking at pushing back start time for high school. We are not a single bus line, so the change would impact buses.
  - Looking for a Communications Director for the district. All current communications come through Mr. Hood and admin.
- Grade Level Reports
  - Kindergarten - Alison Hoepfner

- Holiday parties are tomorrow - breakfast
- Decorating gingerbread houses
- o First Grade - Lauren McWain
  - history of the gingerbread man
  - passport learning about different cultures and holidays
  - addition and subtraction in math
- o Second Grade - Kristin Hundt
  - learning about different holidays around the world
  - looking forward to Friday hot cocoa celebration
  - working on persuasive writing and shapes in math
- o Third Grade - Courtney Rodziewicz
  - breakfast and socks parties
- o Fourth Grade - Kristin Ritter
  - Winter Fiesta on Friday
  - Snowflakes were sent home yesterday
  - finishing up 3rd math unit this week

### **Fundraising Efforts for the 2022/2023 School Year**

- Amazon Smile - ongoing
- Restaurant Nights - Buddy's Pizza wants to host a restaurant night
- Family Fun Night – **May 19, 2023**
- Scrip Program:
  - o Teacher Appreciation - May 7-13. Will start to market this in April.
  - o Holiday cards were a great success and disbursed yesterday in kid's backpacks.

### **PTO Sponsored Events**

- Global Cornell: **February 8, 2023**
  - o Committee – Rita is interested (Corinne can get in contact with her). Kavita, Liz
  - o Informational flier will be sent in backpacks before break
- School Wide Reading Program: **March 2023**
  - o Laurie Keller - Author Visit
  - o K-2: The Secret Explorers: The Lost Whales (series)
  - o 3-4: Save me a Seat by Sarah Week and Gita Varadarajan
  - o Ordering through Schulers Books – would like to do whole school read at the store
  - o "Wolf Pack Reads" – need new title for this program
- Science Night: TBD –
  - o this is just for 4th grade, not the whole school. This will be optional, not required. Thinking April, but still figuring out logistics.
- Mileage Club:
  - o Purchase Fitness Finders (costs \$276, not sure if that includes cards)
  - o QR code for kids as they run; code will stay with them during their entire Cornell time
- Family Fun Night: **May 19, 2023**
- Field Day: **June 6, 2023** with a rain date of June 7th
- Teacher Appreciation Week: **May 7th-13th**
- Parent Teacher Conference Luncheon: **March 14, 2023**

### **Questions/Comments**

- Holiday program? In the past we did this, but not this year. Planning to do end of the year performances at OHS – thinking May 22 and 24, but will confirm.