

February 18, 2023
Cornell Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes

Welcome and Introductions – Liz Luyendyk

- Call to Order
- Attendance: Liz, Corinne, Holly, Laura, Christina, Nicki, Niki, Joanna, Tracy

Principal's Report – Mrs. Ojerio

- Thank you to Cornell PTO and parents for the welcome back after the challenges of last week
 - ISD Mental Health Specialists and additional OPS personnel were in the building Thursday and Friday to help as needed
 - There were also therapy dogs from Jackson NW and Grand Ledge that helped a lot
 - Kids did AMAZING!
- Parent-Teacher conferences will be March 13-23
 - They are virtually, unless you want to meet in person
 - Email will go out for sign-ups soon
- Begindergarten and Kindergarten registration information will be posted March 10
 - In person kindergarten roundup will be on April 19
 - Will let PTO know if parent help is needed
- OPS is looking into the robocall/email notification system after not all parents were notified last week
 - Many emails went to spam, particularly in Gmail
 - Also looking into possibly updating parent contact info in the fall and again in January

Treasurer's Report

- Financial Standing
 - \$841.20 spent
 - \$400 on fidgets for 16 classrooms
 - \$10 in printing costs
 - Earned \$110.10 from last Amazon Smile payment
- Student Directory
 - Want to send out with Mileage Club information

President's Report

- The latest District Parent Council meeting was at Cornell on January 23 was the highest attendance of any DPC meeting all year
 - Will be in person elementary music program for parents at OHS in May
 - 30 new ukuleles were purchased for 4th grade music use at Cornell
 - Teachers from Kinawa band and orchestra will be visiting soon
 - Orchestra week of 2/20
 - Band in March
 - Secure vestibule installation will occur over the summer
 - Tentative 2023-2024 calendar has been released
 - No more early release days
 - Full days of teacher/staff professional development will occur on either a Monday or a Friday
 - Elementary back to school nights are no longer on the same day

- Cornell is tentatively scheduled for August 17
 - Dates for back to school should be announced before school is out for the summer
 - Notes from the Gifted and Talented program will be posted on the Cornell PTO website for parent information
 - Okemos Music Patrons Spaghetti Night is March 9 from 4-7PM
 - Can purchase tickets at the door \$10 5th grade and up \$5 K-4

Grade Level Reports

- Kindergarten
 - Valentine's Day parties
- First Grade
- Second Grade
 - Valentine's Day parties
- Third Grade
 - Valentine's Day parties, zoo field trip next week
- Fourth Grade
 - Valentine's Day parties, Unit 4 math test rescheduled to next week, field trip to OHS to see orchestra on 2/16 and Wharton Center 2/28

Fundraising Efforts for the 2022/2023 School Year

- Restaurant Nights
 - Culver's Night on May 20
- Scrip Program
 - Teacher Appreciation Order Sheet will go out first week of March

PTO Sponsored Events

- Global Cornell: **April 28, 2023**
- School Wide Reading Program: **March 2023**
 - Laurie Keller – Author Visit
 - K-2: *Stella Diaz Has Something to Say* by Angela Dominguez
 - 3-4: *Save Me a Seat* by Sarah Week and Gita Varadarajan
 - Decided to call program Read Together, Grow Together
- Parent Teacher Conference Luncheon: **March 14, 2023**
- Science Night: **March 20, 2023**
 - Grant from OEF has been approved for \$350.00
 - Nature Discovery is confirmed
 - 3-4 other presentations are planned
 - 4th graders will display science projects
 - Info went home to parents last Friday
 - Trifold boards are available for purchase from PTO for \$3
- Mileage Club:
 - Fitness Finders has been purchased
 - Phone app to keep track of mileage
 - Parents scan QR code on students' mileage card
 - MSU Health Sports Medicine has offered to be a sponsor, not sure if it will be all or part of expense

- Playmakers may take over running Mileage Club next year
 - Mrs. Ojerio is checking on what type of waiver is needed
- Family Fun Night: **May 19, 2023**
- Field Day: **June 6, 2023** with a rain date of **June 7, 2023**
- Teacher Appreciation Week: **May 7-13, 2023**
 - Sign-up Genius will go out two weeks before to provide potluck for teachers