

May 15, 2023
Cornell Elementary PTO
Meeting Minutes

Present: Liz Luyendyk, Corinne Dyksen, George Nagle, Kristin Hundt, Lauren McWain, Rita Sharma, Joanna Purkiss, Chris Silker

Welcome & Introductions - Liz Luyendyk

- Call to Order 6:08pm, Introductions
- Approval of April's meeting minutes, approved unanimously

Principal's Report - Liz Luyendyk on behalf of Tracy Ojerio

- Staff Appreciation was a huge hit and success, staff felt very loved.
- Looking forward to Family Fun Night.
- Year End Assessments start next week.
- Class lists will be released in early August.
- Need help getting the word out about Kindergarten Registration. Numbers are strangely low, only enough for 3 classrooms currently.
 - Share Link from OPS Website.
- Cornell Kickstart Aug 17th, 5-6PM (Split by alphabet)

Treasurer's Report - Corinne Dyksen

- Financial standing
 - Income \$1,425 (inflated by \$630)
 - Amazon Smile is ending the program, the average donation will be the amount of our last check
 - Expenses \$1,257
 - Cuts - Dropping Zoom and transitioning to Google Meet
- Family Fun Night
 - Setup starts at 5PM
 - Rain plans are being made

President's Report - Liz Luyendyk

- Yearbook will be passed out last week of school, on Wednesday
 - gifting one to the library, each teacher, and the principal
 - extras will be sold for \$20, first come first served, email liz@cornellpto.org to set up a time to purchase in person
- Summer Playground Dates
 - T/W/Th in the last weeks of June and July, and then the 3 days before Cornell Kickstart
- DPC
 - OEF Golf Fundraiser June 3rd - low on teams and hole sponsors, lowered prices, inaugural fundraiser for OEF, so looking to adjust expectations
 - okemoswolves.org
 - New HR Director introduced, Mario Martinez
 - comes highly recommended as someone who values relationships
 - 2023/2024 Budget will be submitted to BOE for approval
 - the first round of bids came in lower than expected..good news!
 - Woof Pack is in need of two more dog sponsors, one of them for Cornell, to avoid PTO needing to use funds.
 - George looking into Carnegie Mellon "Chill Project"
 - Chris connecting with Jackson National (done)
 - District-wide PTO calendar created, will be updated with Cornell events and shared with parents. Looking into centralizing PTO tech in the next few years.

Grade Level Reports

- Kindergarten - Alison Hoepfner
 - Letter Parade is coming up on May 25th, 9:15AM
- First Grade - Lauren Mcwain
 - Rainforest reports, finished Math testing, Ant Farm and Butterflies
- Second Grade - Kristin Hundt
 - First-ever field trip to MSU Gardens!
- Third Grade - Courtney Rodziewicz
 - Animal reports and lumberjack day 5/26
- Fourth Grade - Kristin Ritter
 - Field trips to MSU Gardens, Market Day project is a huge hit with students, Willing celebration last day of school in the morning, outside

Fundraising Efforts

- Scrip Program: looking to do again in the Fall before Christmas
- Raffle Baskets for Family Fun Night (FFN)
- Wolf Pack Run 23/24 Date: September 29, ~1pm-3pm

PTO Sponsored Events

- Mileage Club:
 - Underway and great fun. Scanning devices are working well and volunteers have been outstanding.
- Family Fun Night: **May 19, 2023**
- Field Day: **June 6, 2023** with a rain date of June 7th

PTO Dates Next Year

- Aug, Oct, Feb will be the evening meetings for the year. All others will be 9am, 4th Wednesday of the month.
- Choose a Wolf Pack Run date: September 29, is the proposal

PTO Board Elections

- Liz Luyendyk moves to nominate Corinne Dyksen as the President for Cornell Elementary PTO for the 2023-2024 school year.
 - Joanna Purkiss seconded the motion
 - Motion passes with a unanimous vote
- Corinne Dyksen moves to nominate Joanna Purkiss as the Treasurer for Cornell Elementary PTO for the 2023-20-24 school year.
 - Liz Luyendyk seconded the motion
 - Motion passes with a unanimous vote
- Corinne Dyksen moves to nominate Kristin Hundt as the Vice President for Cornell Elementary PTO for the 2023-2024 school year.
 - Chris Silker seconded the motion
 - Motion passes with a unanimous vote
- Joanna Purkiss moves to nominate Lauren McWain as the Secretary and Social Media Chair for Cornell Elementary PTO for the 2023-2024 school year.
 - Liz Luyendyk seconded the motion
 - Motion passes with a unanimous vote

George Nagle came to say thank you for a great 5 years with Cornell!

Unanimous thanks and praise for Liz Luyendyk for 5 years as President and many more years of service!

Thank you all for your participation this year. Have a wonderful summer!