

September 27, 2023
Cornell Elementary PTO
Meeting Agenda

In Attendance: Corinne Dyksen, Joanna Purkiss, Laura Beard, Christina Carlson, William Maddix, Lauren McWain, Kristin Hundt, Becky Holnagel, Toni Schingeck, Tracy Ojereo, Chris Silker, Lin Lee

Welcome & Introductions - Corinne Dyksen

- Call to Order
- Icebreaker

Approval of last month's minutes & Agenda Additions - Corinne Dyksen

Principal's Report - Tracy Ojerio

- Beginning of the year assessments will come around in December. Final benchmarks will be collected in April.
- School pictures were taken last week, retakes will be scheduled soon.
- PBIS- Recognizes many different cultures as a part of Cornell. We are working to include these cultures within the curriculum throughout the year.
- New this year: Student spotlight videos for safety drills
- Parent teacher conferences - 3 days, 17-19th of October. Conferences will be virtual across the district. Parents can request a phone option if preferred.
 - In person conferences have been discussed, but as a district we are not ready to move forward on that.
- NWEA results are printed out in October and sent home. Reading growth plans for any of our students 2-4th grade who perform lower than 20%. All K and 1st graders will receive a reading growth plan.
- Counseling services available for all students.

DPC Report - Kristin Hundt

District Parent Council - a representative from each school is in attendance.

- Discussion on how to increase and streamline information with meridian township
- Lawsuits: vaping and social media lawsuits that Okemos has been a part of
- Chippewa student hit by a car - are updates needed for safety measures.

Treasurer's Report - Joanna Purkiss

- Financial standing
 - Money spent, Money earned
 - Total money from Wolf Pack Run donations at about \$6900
 - We only count money as income once it is in our account, so PayPal money isn't officially "counted" yet
 - Financially transparent - ask questions any time
- T-shirts and Prizes
 - handing out prizes next week, need volunteers to help!
 - Potentially handing out on October 6th

President's Report - Corinne Dyksen

- Wolf Pack Run - September 29 - 1-3:30pm - rain date October 2.
- Prizes - sticky hand, vinyl sticker, SHOUTOUT, keychain
 - Cash, checks, PayPal, Venmo, credit and debit card donations accepted and requested by September 29, **latest to earn a prize - October 6**
 - Prizes passed out the following week - sticky hand, sticker, shoutout, keychain
 - Super secret, whole-school surprise if we reach our goal!! Duct Tape Principal Ojereo to the wall!!!
 - Cornell Merchandise sale will start after run - any requests?
 - Cornell pledge on a T-shirt.
 - New Cornell design from the Staff.
- Upcoming Events
 - Homecoming Float Building and Parade - Wednesday build??
 - Toni will be leading the float design
 - Parade theme is Movies, want to use OPS theme of "Home"
 - Encanto will be our theme
 - Parade **Friday, October 6, 5pm** - more details to come
 - Candy donations
 - Parade participants
 - Global Cornell - **November 10, 2023 - 6:30-8pm**
 - Planning to start following the Wolf Pack Run
 - Visit cornellpto.org for a complete list of event dates and times

Volunteer Opportunities

- Restaurant Night Volunteer - on-going or one-time
- Help at Wolf Pack Run
- Pass out prizes next week
- Help make popcorn October 13, from 9-11:30am
- Start planning to sponsor a culture classroom at Global Cornell
- Help plan Global Cornell
- Build the homecoming float
- Walk in the homecoming parade and toss candy

Yearbook Committee Report - Christina Carlson

- 4th grade yearbook cover contest. Winner would also get a free yearbook.
- Other entries would be on the back cover if there is room.

Agenda Additions/Questions/Comments

Thank you all for attending! We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting!

Cornell PTO Meetings 2023-24

August 30, 2023	6:00 PM
September 27, 2023	9:00 AM
October 25, 2023	6:00 PM
November 29, 2023	9:00 AM
SKIP DECEMBER	
January 24, 2024	9:00 AM
February 28, 2024	6:00 PM
March 20, 2024	9:00 AM
April 24, 2024	9:00 AM
May 22, 2024	9:00 AM

DPC Meetings 2023-24

September 18, 2023	Admin. Building
October 16, 2023	Chippewa
November 20, 2023	Bennett Woods
December 18, 2023	Cornell
January 22, 2024	OHS
February 26, 2024	OPM Central
March 18, 2024	Hiawatha
April 15, 2024	Kinawa
May 20, 2024	Admin. Building