

**May 21, 2025  
Cornell Elementary PTO  
Meeting Minutes**

In attendance: Corrine Dyksen, Lauren McWain, Jenna, Anna, Christina Carlson, Devon Becker, Katie, Joanna Purkiss, Kristin Hundt

**Welcome & Call to Order** - Corinne Dyksen

Proposal to move meetings to Tuesday nights to avoid conflicts with the Bond meetings.

DPC meetings are once a month from 12-2:30PM. Location changes every month and zoom link available. Christina will post a link to DPC meetings on social media starting next year.

**Treasurer's Report** - Joanna Purkiss

- Financial standing
- - o Money spent, Money earned
  - o Family Fun Night Spent \$1169. Some checks are pending
  - o made \$1929 in cash
  - o made \$1848 in venmo
  - o Spent \$1069 for teacher appreciation week
  - o Fabricated Customs Order
    - New K parents, as well
  - o \$1172.78 spent on mileage club

**Social Coordinator Report** - Christina Carlson

- Yearbooks are at the printer. Should have them back soon.
- Playground Playdates (on back)
- Restaurant nights
  - o buddies oct 22 2025
  - o culvers feb 26 2026
- Launch will be scheduled in March on the half day again.

**President's Report** - Corinne Dyksen

- Mileage Club
  - o 4,297.92 miles run by Cornell students and staff this year!
  - o 614 miles run every week
  - o **More than 90% of Cornell participated!!**
  - o **Students were asking if extra days could be added next year.**
  - o Hiawatha adds 1-2 hours in an evening for kids to run. Maybe offer it in April??
  - o Split mileage club by grade - parents could sign up for a certain grade/time block instead of signing up for the full lunch period.
- Teacher Appreciation
  - o Thank you to everyone who helped make T.A. week so special!
- Family Fun Night
  - o Thank you all for the role you played in making FFN happen! What a crazy day, but we had tons of fun!
  - o Staff didn't know FFN was still happening
  - o Send out the payment link out earlier
  - o Pick winners before the announcement of tickets
    - Use foam core board to write basket name, tape the ticket winner, and write out the ticket winner so the winning numbers are more visible.

- Field Day - May 30 - ~1:30-3:30pm
  - Volunteer sign up link below
  - 50% of the volunteer spots have already been filled by support staff!
- Protect the Pack - June 11, 5-7pm
  - OHS Stadium
  - PTO outreach opportunity and fun
- Thank you all for your help, support, understanding, guidance, and friendship - can't believe it's over!

### **Board Elections**

- Vacated seat: president
- Nominations and voting
  - Corinne Dyksen nominated Joanna Purkiss for President. Kristin Hundt seconds the nomination.
    - vote called, vote passes unanimously
  - Joanna Purkiss nominates Lauren McWain for Vice President. Corinne Dyksen seconds the nomination.
    - vote called, vote passes unanimously
  - Kristin Hundt nominates Christina Carlson for Treasurer. Corinne Dyksen seconds.
    - vote called, vote passes unanimously
  - Corinne Dyksen nominates Devon Becker for Secretary. Joanna Purkiss seconds the nomination
    - vote called, vote passes unanimously

### **New PTO Board for 2025-2026**

President: Joanna Purkiss

Vice President: Lauren McWain

Secretary: Devon Becker

Treasurer: Christina Carlson

Welcome picnic - Bring your own food - hang out and meet families

Ice Cream Truck??

Christina is suggesting we set aside \$5000-\$10000 for the transition to Chipewa to Cornell and back. The school/teachers will need additional funding to make things happen.

Vote to restrict \$10,000 for use during move and after move to new building

Vote called, motion passes unanimously

PTO will set up a volunteer form to help with moving and setting up new classrooms/building.

### **Questions?**

Next PTO meeting is Tuesday, August 26, 2025, 9am, Library (probably)

Next DPC meeting is Monday, September 15, 2025, Admin Building Board Room, 12-2:30pm (definitely)

### **Tentative dates for next year:**

September 19 - Wolf Pack Run

November 14 - Global Cornell

March 3 - Science Night

May 29 - Family Fun Night

June 1 - Field Day