

**October PTO Meeting Minutes  
Corron Elementary School  
December 18, 2017  
7:00 pm**

**1. Call to Order 7:03pm**

- a. Megan Stone, President
- b. Nicole Fraser, Vice president-
- c. Lisa Scott, Treasurer
- d. Stacy Rubly, Secretary
- e. Brent Todd
- f. Rachel Gundersen
- g. Gina Wormley-absent

Review of November Minutes

Guest Speakers from District: Kelley Gallt, & Dr. Ruesch  
Learning and Teaching Department

- 1. Instruction
- 2. Curriculum
- 3. Assessment
- 4. Instructional Technology
- 5. Intervention

Parent Question to guest speakers: "Can we Begin enrichment before 4<sup>th</sup> grade?"- A: believe through instructional approach of balanced literacy. Believes they are hitting this in all grades. K-3 should be receiving differentiated instruction in the classroom.....

Math- First year fully implementing Eureka Math. Decision was made last spring. Will do a mid-module assessment, will see how they excel on the PARCC testing....

Teachers had opportunity to do some professional development over the summer. Now we have math specialists in the district, Matt Wollack, this was to help with having a successful implementation. District decided to do Eureka Math because felt My math was not rigorous enough. Middle School Piloting Eureka Math and Illustative Math. HS will start looking at programs next year. District has spoken to other local district that have been using Eureka Math. Parent asked, "How long is adoption period for this program?" No Contract. Just buy the consumables every year.

Science- Excited about Science. Elementary Science- Project lead the Way. Last year doing at least one, this year at least 2 units. Next year, will have all units. Next year have added Kindergarten. Makerspace came from Project Lead the Ways instruction.

Social Studies- Based standards on C3 framework. Walking through with 6-12 teachers. Next year elementary teachers will start getting to go on new curriculum. Will not be implemented till 2019.

Fine Arts & Health and wellness

Gifted Program offerings and offerings

Starts in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade for 4<sup>th</sup> grade placement. Will test in 5<sup>th</sup> grade to be placed in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. When selecting students be identified. Performance series and COGAT. Top 20 % will take district developed test. Teachers also asked to take a behavior characteristics questionnaire. Identify top 5% of district. Can change yearly..... Top 2% in literacy in Math will be recommended for gifted program to Infinity program. More opportunities for acceleration in the middle school even if not in AT programs. Trying to build in more options to move and “accelerate” when ready?

#### AT Literature

Students should be to a more complex text. They differentiate product, and asked to do different tasks within the standard. What is appropriate level for differentiation? Should be changed every year.

#### AT Math

Rigorous program that students seem to enjoy.

New AP classes at high school being offered. Also offering dual credit courses. With dual credit students have the opportunity to earn HS diploma and Associates degree at the same time.

Foreign Language-starts at 6<sup>th</sup> grade. German is a new addition to both middle schools.

We offer seal of bi-literacy... Students have to perform English, and another language. Has to meet state criteria. State required universities, can now get 12 credit hours to college for receiving this seal.

Assessment-Performance Series.- Grades K-2 is an adaptive test. Additionally able to measure growth over time. What we should expect from kids over time. .... District expects 6,7,8 grade to take this test. 3-5 is recommended. K-2 questions as a really good time to assess. State going to mandate something that is going to be required for grades K-2.

Kids assessed now in Kindergarten currently. This is more observational. Objective and subjective.

PARCC gives us some information, but gives us information late. Performance series is aligned. Data will show if students are getting the resources they need.

Parent asked, “When will accelerated Science be offered at the elementary level?” Right now nothing.... In middle school get more options to choose. There is a course in HS. Project Synergy, where senior year is a great enrichment program.

Digital Learning- Looking at elementary level and needs. Are 1 to 1 grades 6-12.

MTSS- All about providing kids to offer differentiated instruction. Will be looking for parent representation.

Discipline Committee- Reviewing it especially with Bullying. Putting parents on committee. Online tool being created. Survey will go out.

Are we looking to go to review or adopt programs district wide? such as ELA? Continuity across the district and school grade level. Project lead the way, eureka..... etc....

District does have a scope and sequence with phonics. This is part of balanced literacy program.

#### Committee Chairs' Reports

Teacher Report-Christy Kross-Cordt- Thank you for wonderful dinner during conferences. Thank you for the books. Really wanted high interest non-fiction. Really wanted to use the books in a particular way.

Chierie Moriarty- kids are very excited about new books in the library.

#### Update on class party-RC

4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grade parent will be assigned tomorrow, an email will go out. Will have 4-6 volunteers per classroom. Seems that number of volunteers works. Crafts are well liked. Ms. Kross-Cordt mentioned really like this addition to the party. Would like to see this at all parties.....

#### Treasurer Report- Lisa Scott

Recent Income: Walk to school grant \$150.00

Fall Fest Silent Auctions: \$2128.00

Amazon \$46.48

\*\* Still waiting on money for dine-outs at Village Tavern in October & November.

Recent Expences

Teacher Resources \$300.00

Grounds and Landscaping \$47.03

Taxes: \$200

IL charitable organization annual report \$15.00

Spend Down: \$998.71 for LRC books

\$1415.35 remaining that has not been allocated (after 5<sup>th</sup> grade books and bins)

\*\* still have \$74.34 Target gift card that we need to decide how to spend

Wasco wants us to send out flyer....

#### Hospitality Committee- Nicole Fraser

Thank you for all the donations both store bought and homemade. Really thankful and grateful.

#### Principal's Report

1. Toys for Kids Collection Program: This is the thirty-third year for the Toys for Kids program and Corron again collected toys for children in the Tri-Cities area for Christmas. They were looking for new toys, games, dolls, etc. and also accepted monetary contributions to help make this Christmas a very special one. The toys were given to the Salvation Army for distribution to needy boys and girls in the Tri-Cities area. Thank you for your continued support of this and other supports given to our Corron families during this holiday season.
2. Parent-Teacher conferences were held on November 20 and 21 and we all greatly appreciated the wonderful dinner provided by the PTO. We hope you received great information about instructional progress and areas to continue to focus on for your child.
3. CogAT scores were sent home to all 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Corron students in backpacks today. A ParentLink blast was also sent home to those parents today alerting parents that the scores were on their way home and who to contact if they had any questions.
4. Holiday parties are scheduled for Friday, Dec. 22. Parents of 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders will check in beginning at 1:30 to go to the different stations from 1:45 – 2:45 PM. Parents of K – 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will check in at 1:30 and go down to classrooms to decorate and prepare for parties from 1:45 – 2:45.

Bingo in the LRC

Dodgeball in the Gym

Movie in the Cafeteria

Snack table along the wall of windows in Cafeteria

\*\*\*The movable wall between the cafeteria and gym will NOT be open due to engineering construction that is required over Winter Break. Students will need to pass through the hallway between the gym and cafeteria. Extra supervision in this space will be greatly appreciated.

Santa will also be delivering candy canes throughout the building

We appreciate your support in providing these great “break in the regular schedule” celebration opportunities for our students.

5. We wish all Corron families a safe, joyous, relaxing and wonderful holiday and Happy New Year! We look forward to seeing all students back here at Corron on Monday, Jan. 8.

New Business-none

Announcements- none

Adjourned: 9:00pm

Attendance

Megan Stone  
Brent Todd  
Jessica Mandziara  
Amanda Clark  
Stacy Rubly  
Amy Darby  
Lisa Scott  
Nicole Fraser  
Tanya Hernandez  
Chierie Moriarty  
Christy Kross-Cordt  
Rachel Gundersen  
Christine Johnson