

Crocker PTO Secretary Report-Meeting date: September 17, 2018, meeting called to order-6:30pm.

Present at meeting: Valerie Jansen, Keith Pook, Andy Zaugg, Kim Forrester, Justin Kobow, Carissa Sauer, Carrie Dueker, Jennifer Flaugh, Angie Collum, Brandi Skinner, Malia Kirkpatrick, Stacy Mark, Amanda Kinna, Andy Miller, Megan Kebow, Stacie Holst, Chad Brown, Liz Brown, Cara Findlay, Megan Olfay, Lindsey Schacherer, Tera Howe, Kelly Wylie

Principal report: Dr. Muhlenbruck shared information on recent happenings at Crocker.

Dr. Muhlenbruck talked about the upcoming fun run and how the teachers and he were preparing for the day of the run and the collection of funds raised. Dr. Muhlenbruck is excited to get the chance to do the Chicken Dance! If Crocker raises enough money to meet the goal, he will dress up in a chicken costume and do the chicken dance in the kids' classroom, thanks in advance for being such a good sport!! And we hope we raise that amount this year!

Special Presenters: 2nd grade team teachers

The second grade team of teachers took time to come and present information regarding curriculum and use of PTO funds in 2nd grade. Mrs. McCombs, Coffee, Black and Wills talked about the use of Lucy Calkins reading strategies that were being used with 2nd graders. They are all working to help 2nd graders build reading stamina and also a real love of reading. They use student inventories to learn about students interests and also using a "comfortable" approach to facilitate kids to want to read. They talked about how they do this by creating a comfy atmosphere in the classroom and in the second grade pod. They are excited to use some PTO funds to continue to help build the "common library" in the pod. The teachers also talked about how important it is to give kids "reading choices" such as, buddy reading, echo reading, taking turns, and flexible buddying, and how they use accountable talk to build readers. The second grade teachers also talked to PTO parents about reading strategies to use at home, such as "NO APP can replace your LAP"!

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's had copies of the treasurer's report and the budget for this school year. Keith and Andy went through the income and expenses from the past month. The available funds for 2018-2019 after all budgeted expenses were paid are around \$11,161.48. Please email Keith or Andy with further questions aзаugg1@yahoo.com or pantherfan9713@gmail.com

Committee news/updates/discussions:

- **Fun Night Update:** The committee has met and divided up tasks within the committee so far. The theme this year will be "Crocker Carnival" There will be a variety of carnival type games in select classrooms, there will for sure be the 3 most popular "walks" (cake, skittle, book) PTO will be purchasing these supplies/prizes instead of asking parents to bring them in advance. There will still be Kona Ice available for purchase in the lunchroom. There will be NO other food options. There will be inflatables in the gym that you can purchase a wristband for unlimited access to. Also, there will be a raffle in the library (FYI....if you have a home business and you want to put together a basket to donate, please do so and contact Kim Forrester with your information) There will also be pre-ordering of punch cards and wristbands in advance, those peoples' names will be put into a drawing to earn free school supplies for next year! Also, with Fun Night we talked about the need of having a PTO First Aid Kit, for all PTO events, but especially Fun Night. Kelly Wiley volunteered to purchase a First aid kit and donate it to Crocker PTO, thanks Kelly!

- **Crocker Cruisers-** Brandi explained the recess running program and that we've only had 3 recesses so far and already students had ran 105 miles! We have A LOT of participants again this year! With that a lot of parent volunteers are needed, especially Thursdays! Younger children are welcome to "volunteer" with you as long as they are not too big of distraction for students. Please consider volunteering to help at this program from 11am-1pm, all or part of the time is great, come and help when you can!
- **Parent Communication-**Brandi made a google form and parents are getting invited to share information that way. Teachers will be able to send the link through email to parents as well. Hopefully, this process will replace the green sheets and we will be able to get more parents emails to share news and events better. 470 students contact information has gotten signed up. Homeroom parents have been contacted with the reminder that the fall party is Friday, October 12th, check with teachers for different times.
- **Fun Run-**Wednesday, September 26th! The committee reported that packets are in kids/parents hands! Reminders will go to parents through Facebook and email. There will be drawings for students who have turned in envelopes on 9/21 and 9/24. There is a grade level challenge for each grade to earn a gift card, then that grade level will be given an extra prize to spend for the grade level team. Be sure to like/share the sponsors when Crocker PTO thanks them on Facebook, we continue to thank these businesses for their amazing support of our school. Also, paypal is being used again and some online donations have been coming in, be sure to put the name of the student and the teacher in the line. Volunteers and spectators will need to check in and have a background check in order to watch/help. The Ankeny Drumline, Cross Country Runners, and Cheerleaders have been talked to and will be attending the event. The opening ceremony will be approximately at 9:15am.
- **Family Activities-**Valerie Jensen had been contacted by a couple of places about family events. One was Mathnasium bringing an event to the Crocker library where they would supply math games and activities for all levels and families could come and participate in a "Math Night" here at Crocker. The other organization was Iowa Wild Hockey. They wanted to know if we would be interested in picking out a date and having a night/afternoon game with Crocker families highlighted at the game.
- **Sunshine funds-**Nurse Hunter is aware of this money allocated for families in need at Crocker. The PTO treasurer's just need a way of getting receipts and being able to account for funds being spent. We had a brief discussion about allocating funds each month to fill the little pink house food shelter by the trailer park each month, perhaps \$25? We decided to table the discussion until more members of executive board could be part of the discussion (Carrie Scheidel/Tori Versteegh)...please be sure to discuss at next PTO meeting the possibility of allocating \$250 at \$25 every month for 10 months???
- **Pavement Paintings-**Along with COLA as a way to improve and spruce up the outside appearance of Crocker, we wanted to repaint the lines on the playground. The initial quote is much too high at \$9,000, so we will be asking for volunteers to bring brushes and supplies, while PTO will get a discount on the pain from Sherwin Williams. We will look at the space and try to eyeball the amount of paint that is going to be needed and be looking to repaint here in the future.

- **3rd grade Teachers request**-The team from 3rd grade asked PTO for a subscription to Brain Pop Jr. It would be for all 3rd grade classes and was motioned and moved to approve \$230 to grant the request.
- **Unity Point Contest**-Please vote for Crocker on the best school contest!
- **Upcoming dates-**
 - Wednesday, September 26th, Fun Run, 9:15am approximately
 - Fall parties-Friday, October 12th, times vary
 - Monday, October 15th, PTO meeting 6:30 pm Crocker library (Guests: 5th grade student council)

REMINDERS and UPDATES FROM OLD BUSINESS:

- **Website**-Pictures are requested to go onto the website, please email actual photographs of Crocker kids to Justin, jtkobow@gmail.com
Reminder the Amazon Smile Link is <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/36-4553988>
- **Facebook**- Jessica Zaugg is continuing to do the Facebook updates. Please continue to like and share posts by Crocker, so information continues to come up on people's feeds. ALSO, please send Facebook items/dates to Jessica at zauggj@nationwide.co

All information about Crocker PTO can be found at the following:

1. <http://www.crockerpto.org>
2. Facebook "Crocker PTO"
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