

**Crocker PTO Secretary Report-Meeting date: November 19, 2018,** meeting called to order-6:30pm.

**Present at meeting:** Carrie Scheidel, Valerie Jansen, Jessica Zaugg,, Andy Zaugg, Kim Forrester, Carrie Dueker, Jennifer Flaugh, Brandi Skinner, Stacie Holst, Lindsey Schacherer, Carissa Sauer

**Special Presenters:** 1st grade team teachers

The first grade team of teachers took time to come and present information regarding curriculum and use of PTO funds in 1st grade. They are all working to help 1st graders build their “word work.” There are certain words that they need to know how to read and spell. They talked about using the strategy of “move the sounds together” and how that gets kids to focus on sounds into words using vowels and consonants. Instructional coaches in the district said that it was the highest year reported for scores on FAST testing, which is great especially with phonetics being a focus in the district.

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

Dr. Muhlenbruck talked about the upcoming “One book, One School” concept. The book selected is “Mr. Popper’s Penguin’s” Dr. Muhlenbruck is ordering the books and asked PTO to supply the \$2,000 to provide the finances to purchase the book for the ENTIRE school (all students, staff, cooks, custodians,etc... Dr. Muhlenbruck also talked about the structure (wood/supplies) for COLA had been delivered and was hope to be put up over Winter break. Once in, the concrete will be next and then the structure will be ready for Outdoor learning.

**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 \$11,724.68. There was some discussion about the Sunshine Fund and if PTO can finance it or not due to privacy requirements, but yet, needing to be able to get receipts. Please email Keith or Andy with further questions [azaugg1@yahoo.com](mailto:azaugg1@yahoo.com) or [pantherfan9713@gmail.com](mailto:pantherfan9713@gmail.com)

**Committee news/updates/discussions:**

- **Fun Night Update:** The committee has continued to meet and get organized for Fun Night, which is **Saturday January, 19th, 2019 from 4-7pm.** The committee has ordered and inventoried prizes for the tokens that kids get from the games for the prize room. They have also been gathering raffle prizes for the raffle in the library. They are also working to get volunteers set up for the shifts. There will be an online sign up system used. Pre-purchasing punch cards can be purchased and new this year, if you bring a canned item to donate to the food pantry,, you get a free punch!
- **Crocker Cruisers-** Brandi gave an update for the fall and would like to be sure to thank all volunteers that helped run the program, but especially Kristie Egalman for her continuous help all fall to run the program. 3,600 miles was recorded with Mrs. Anderson’s class running the most. 36 marathons have been completed and 4 2nd marathon finishers. The program will resume after Spring Break. Brandi shared that she was going to create a directions sheet explaining the program for new volunteers to look at to help them before kids start coming out.
- **Family Activities-**Valerie Jensen and Carrie Scheidel
  1. Open Gym Sundays December 9th and January 13th from 2-4pm, will need volunteers to supervise

2. Chick-fil-A night brought Crocker \$350.50 and was a fun time for all who went
3. Innovators Academy-new business in Prairie Trail, looking to possibly have a “Crocker” night there.
4. Holiday Spirit wear order- Carissa is working with “One Crazy Momma” ordering will be online and delivered before Christmas
5. **Crocker Night at the Ankeny HAWKS basketball games, Tuesday January 22nd** starting at 6:15pm, Crocker kids get a ticket to go for free! There will be a pregame tunnel and half-time activities at both boys and girls games.

- **Meals from the Heartland-** PTO approved \$2,000 to go to cover some of the costs to bring the event to the Crocker gym, similar setup from a couple of years ago. The event will hopefully take place on Tuesday, April 16th throughout the day.
- **5th grade student council update-**The Crocker 5th grade student council will be helping provide items and take over some of the responsibility of running both the “Little Library” and the “Little Pantry” at Crocker and close to Crocker, they are also going to help paint the blacktop when we do that this spring. The student council also got money from PTO to present the crossing guards with gift cards.

- **Other Upcoming dates-**

- District Wellness Committee meeting- Tuesday, December 4th 6:30pm at Neveln
- Winter parties-Friday, December 21st, times vary
- Monday, January 14th, PTO meeting 6:30 pm Crocker library

**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](mailto: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 [zaugg@nationwide.co](mailto:zaugg@nationwide.co)

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