

## **Creston PTA General Meeting January 9, 2018**

Called to order 6:17pm  
Quorum met

### **Secretary's Report – Kathryn Schmidt**

Minutes were reviewed; there were no questions and the minutes will be filed.

### **Treasurer's Report – Rebekah Garringer**

We are entering fundraising season. Encourage teachers to utilize their teacher funds. We received a \$3300 donation from Vernier Software to go toward school supplies. Abby, Krista and Lisa Edwards will work together to figure out how to use the funds.

- Lisa Kensel made a motion that the PTA increase the TAG budget from \$250 to \$500. The motion passed unanimously.
- Krista Blovad made a motion to increase the technology line item budget by \$1442 for this school year. Discussion points: We recently replaced the technology in the computer lab; in order to complete it the school needs \$2442 to purchase 11 Chromebooks. Rebekah mentioned that there is a budget line item for technology of \$1000. The motion passed unanimously
- Jessica Wenzl made a motion to increase the budget to \$2500 in order to even the number up for budgeting purposes. The motion passed unanimously
- Lisa Kensel made a motion to add a budget line item of \$200 for Mr. Needham (School Climate Specialist) to bring him in line with the rest of the teachers. Discussion: Kerri Babin asked for a description of his position, which Mr. Needham provided.

### **Membership Report – Molly O'Neill**

We currently have 76 members – Molly urges everyone to encourage other parents to join. There was a question about PTA membership cards; Lisa Kensel responded on behalf of Oregon PTA. Cards are now electronic and should begin arriving through email.

### **President's Report – Abby Nilsen-Kirby**

- In November our taxes were filed and state PTA forms were also filed.
- Several teacher grants have come in this year. The board has had a few come in that do not meet the guidelines, so moving forward the board has proposed that we form a grant committee to review incoming staff/teacher grants. The committee would include several parents, staff members and possibly a few students.
  - Mr. Johnson, Scholastic magazines (approved)
  - Group including a number of teachers for support materials relating to a training they attended in self-regulating for k-5 students (approved)
  - Ms. Winn, wiggle seats (not approved)
  - Ms. Woods, voice amplifier (not approved)

The Oregon PTA supports Measure 101; Abby encouraged everyone in attendance to vote in favor of it. Lisa Kensel added that if the measure fails, money will likely be taken from the education budget in order to cover uninsured people.

### **Health and Safety Report – Jessica Wenzl**

Portland NET training will begin in March for those who have signed up through the city.

### **Auction Committee – Lisa Kensel**

First committee meeting was last week. The event will begin at 6pm and have 2 closings instead of 3. Lisa is working on the catering menu. We are receiving donations. Currently looking for sponsors to help underwrite the event, and Lisa has received one sponsorship already.

### **STEAM Team – Jessica Wenzl**

STEAM night will be the same night as SUN showcase, so they will be meeting to finalize the schedule. The committee has some new activities planned for this year's event. Ms. Pearl is meeting with STEAM Metro and will share resources from that. We are at year zero and putting our plan together to begin next school year at year one of the five year plan.

### **Multicultural Night – Kerri Babin**

May 17 – Ms. Pearl and Kerri both wrote grants, so they have \$1500 to put toward the event. The committee will be surveying families to get an idea of what they would like to see at the event. They are also looking for donations of food, ideally representing different cultures.

### **Math Night with Mathnasium – Abby Nilsen-Kirby**

Mathnasium is looking to expand to the east side of Portland and start holding math nights at local schools. They will provide math games and prizes. Middle school math students and parents will assist with the games. PTA will provide dinner.

### **Kellogg DAG – Kathryn Schmidt and Lisa Kensel**

DAG update - The DAG for the Kellogg rebuild has met 5 times, discussing building and taking commentary from the committee. Lisa reviewed some of the topics the DAG has discussed, such as building massing and physical layout. There are updates on the Oh Design and PPS websites.

### **Principal's Report – Krista Blovad**

- The new EA has been hired, Jeanette Nelson.
- A middle school lounge is being offered through SUN Monday through Friday. Krista is working with the Equity Office on forming small student groups to address problems such as racial slurs and sexual harassment in schools, and teaching students boundaries and self-advocacy. She is having a middle school information evening for parents of 5<sup>th</sup> graders on Feb 6, 6-7pm.
- Outdoor School with Ms. Satorian and Mr. Johnson will be May 21-25. This will coincide with the Run for the Eagles, so possible dates could be the week before or after. Abby suggested the middle school run on a separate day and retain the same event date for the rest of the school, so a date for the middle school run will be chosen.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46pm