

**Creston PTA General Meeting
October 10, 2017**

6:15pm called to order
Quorum reached

Secretary's Report – Kathryn Schmidt

Minutes were reviewed. There were no changes and they will be filed.

Treasurer's Report – Rebekah Garringer

Rebekah shared the preliminary budget that was passed last spring and reviewed the changes being made:

- Add a line item for multi-cultural night
- Change to reflect current teachers for classroom funds

The budget was voted in unanimously for the 2017-18 school year.

Membership Report – Molly O'Neill

Membership is at 41 right now, so Molly encourages everyone to get other parents to join. Abby mentioned that the membership numbers are important for PTA advocacy efforts at the state and national level.

President's Report – Abby Nilsen-Kirby

- Art Night was successful; focus was on creativity with less structured projects.
- Rudy's Nights will begin later this month. The owner is a Creston alum and will be offering fundraising nights only to Creston.

Green Team Report – Heidi Donahue

- The eco-school network is an organization of parents who want to promote sustainable practices.
- Looking for volunteers to assist on a monthly basis with the compost program. Hoping for parents to take one shift per month to spread out the responsibility.
- Looking for people who want to participate on the Garden Team. They were hoping to get a spigot in the back of the school for the garden boxes; there is not currently plumbing for one.

Health and Safety Report – Jessica Wenzl

- Bike and Roll to school day went well.
- Anyone interested in participating in the Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET) can email her. There will be a training series in the spring to build the neighborhood NET group.
- First safety week is next week, various safety personnel will be at the school at dismissal

- Reporting for homeless camps is done online now. Please report camps where there is a visible problem (open fire, fighting, etc).

Standing Rules

The standing rules were distributed and reviewed. There was one change for clarity, but otherwise the rules remain the same. Kathryn Schmidt made a motion to adopt the 2017-18 standing rules, seconded by Jessica Wenzl. The motion was passed unanimously.

Principal's report – Krista Blovad

- Community room updates: A printer has arrived for the community room and will be available along with a few computers for parent and staff use. Emily Graves has been collecting furniture for the community room. Parents asked about middle school access to the computers when they are using the room, and want to be sure that students will not have unsupervised computer use.
- Krista has secured .5 FTE for an EA to assist with playground supervision and classroom support. She is in the final interviewing stages with a candidate.
- Safety committee is meeting monthly, the first Monday of every month. Debbie Poole raised concerns about safety during pickup and drop-off. There are cones put out to reserve space for the big bus. Krista asked that parents who observe cars being left at the pickup locations let her know so she can speak to those. Parents asked about contacting PPD to have an officer available for a few mornings; PBOT had supplied someone at the beginning of the traffic plan last year but the service did not continue.
- During teacher evaluations Krista will speak with staff members to see what committees/roles they would like to participate in, such as site council, safety, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37pm

Minutes recorded and submitted by Kathryn Schmidt, Creston PTA Secretary