

**Creston PTA General Meeting
February 11, 2018**

Meeting called to order 6:12pm
Quorum was reached.

Secretary's Report – Kathryn Schmidt

Minutes were reviewed by the membership. There were no questions or changes and the minutes will be filed.

Treasurer's Report – Rebekah Garringer

Changes from last month's meeting have been added to budget. We are writing the Vernier check over to the school this week and they will use that donation to purchase a large cache of school supplies.

Membership Report – Molly O'Neil

Molly had to step out; there are no membership updates at this time.

President's Report – Abby Nilsen-Kirby

Abby gave a brief review of the various funding channels available to the staff, and noted that the board is working to update the forms to make them more clear.

Auction Committee – Lisa Kensel

Ticket order form was distributed for the group to review; these will be sent out with students this week. The catalog will be ready soon as well and will be available on the website. Donations are being sought for wine wall and beer pull.

Open PTA Board Positions for 2018/2019

The Secretary, Treasurer and Volunteer Coordinator positions are coming open and will be up for election at the end of the school year. Board terms are now 2 years. We will be forming a nominating committee to put the slate together.

Principal's Report – Krista Blovad

- Former art teacher Stacy Murphy will be doing Chinese New Year art projects with the students this week.
- A drama-endorsed teacher has stepped in to cover for Mr. Berry during his leave.
- Middle school dance is May 4 and Ms. Held is working on a DJ for the event.
- Elementary and middle school staff has split for staff meetings so that topics and training can be more relevant to their grades.

Creston Principal Update – Jennifer Patterson

Jennifer has received a lot of feedback from parents regarding Conrad's strengths: a sense of presence and personhood, that he knew the kids and was very present. She will carry those forward in the search for a new principal.

The posting for principal will be specific to Creston, rather than previous years where a pool was matched to school openings. The process will include a community listening session for parents facilitated by Jennifer to distill key themes that will be used by the superintendent and the hiring team. Options will be given to staff as well (attending the listening session versus having one on one sessions with Jennifer). The selection/interview process is as follows:

- Interview with panel including community members, senior directors and other principals
- Data analysis project
- Watch video of teaching; debrief and coaching exercise.
- 2 final candidates will interview with deputy superintendent and superintendent.

Principals from other schools can apply for the position, but they will go through the full hiring process as well. There are 4 parents on the committee, none from Creston specifically. This is a year-long appointment that covers all openings in the district. Parents asked how those spots were assigned. Jennifer will get more information on the committee selection process.

The listening session is set for March 5, with both morning and evening sessions.

Upcoming Events:

February 26th – There is a summer reading program fundraiser at McMenamin's Barley Mill Pub. The pub will be donating a portion of the proceeds from 5pm until midnight, and Elizabeth Israel-Davis and Greta Bergren encourage anyone who can to attend.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37pm.

Minutes recorded and submitted by Kathryn Schmidt