

# Creston School PTA

Meeting Minutes  
January 8, 2019

## Opening:

The regular meeting of the Creston School PTA was called to order at 6:20 pm on January 8, 2019 by President Abby Nilsen-Kirby. Abby welcomed and provided board member introductions.

## Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed. Meeting minutes were filed with no corrections.

## Reports:

- **Treasurer's Report:** Aram Babasin- Treasurer's report was presented and filed.
  - **Budget Amendments:**
    - Amendment 1: Motion to remove Berry from Classroom Funds and add Bergren in the amount of \$200. Motion filed by Mirra Nerenberg, seconded by Bridget Roth. Motion passes.
    - Amendment 2: Motion to increase counseling funds for K-3 and 4-8 from the current \$100 in each line item, to \$200 each. Motion filed by Melissa Standley, seconded by Courtney O'Leary. Motion passes.
    - Amendment 3: Motion to add \$250 line item to the budget for yoga calm materials. Motion filed by Laureen Held, seconded by Kathryn Schmidt. Motion fails.
    - Amendment 4: Motion to add \$150 line item to the budget for Talent Show expenses. Motion filed by Mirra Nerenberg, seconded by Melissa Standley. Motion passes.
- **Membership Update:** Molly O'Neil wasn't present so Abby provided the update. PTA has 64 members thus far.
- **President's Report 6:55pm:** Abby Nilsen-Kirby reports on completing the requirements needed for Creston to obtain their "unit in good standing" status with Oregon PTA. This required turning in documents to Oregon PTA in November and was completed on the deadline of 11/30/18.
- **Communications Report:** Lisa Kensel reported on the Legislative Lobby Days this year- February 18, 2019 and March 25, 2019, encouraging members to attend.

## Open Issues, 7:02 pm:

- Earthquake Safety Information:
  - Abby Nilsen-Kirby: in light of the letters that PPS sent home to all parents sharing community concerns about unreinforced masonry, Abby shared the work of the 2012 School Bond and the building improvements that bond provided for Creston. Creston received roofing updates and structural updates that will be an asset in the event of an earthquake.

- Kathryn Schmidt: spoke about NET training and how to become certified to be a neighborhood responder in the event of an emergency.
- Principal Angelica Cruz: Drills are done here at Creston and staff will be trained on reunification practices in the coming months.

**Principal's Update Angelica Cruz (7:29 pm):**

- Dental Clinic: with the Dental Clinic closing, PPS is working on revamping the space for us to use as a community space. She hopes this is completed soon.
- K-5 teachers are working on the writing adoption. There is a shift coming with middle school and the schedule will open up a 20-minute period in the day for advisory with social/emotional needs. Electives for middle school students will be STEAM, PE or Multi-cultural Book Clubs. Schedule shifts are creating these exciting opportunities.
- Kindergarten Connect: February 21, 2019 morning and night sessions. Please share with your friends and neighbors.

**Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm by Abby Nilsen-Kirby. The next general meeting will be at 6:00 pm on February 12, 2019 in the Creston Library.

Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by Lisa Kensel, Interim PTA Secretary.