

Creston School PTA

Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2019

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Creston School PTA was called to order at 6:13 pm on April 9, 2019 by President Abby Nilsen-Kirby. Abby welcomed all and there was a group introduction with all members introducing themselves.

PTA Discussion:

“What would you like to see the PTA do next year?”

- A focus on involving additional parents to assist with PTA events and bring more volunteers to the table
- Classroom parents for each classroom
- Robust communication channels and frequency of communication increased.
- A dedicated Battle of the Books team for students that is set up at the beginning of the year.
- Stronger PTA membership that reflects the demographics of the school
- Website re-design to include board members personal information, board meeting dates published in the Standing Rules.
- Create a really visible group and active at the beginning of the school year that really helps new parents
- Bring in experiences during the school day that higher socio-economic school has. With losing Title I at Creston, there is a gap of needs here at the school. Increased art supplies and more robust programming using PTA funds.
- Parent Liaison for between the PTA and the Staff at Creston
- More focused fundraising- stating the reasons why the PTA fundraises
- Create an FAQ on how the PTA operates and what the guidelines are
- Having a focus of engaging families rather than focusing on fundraising
- More building of community and create media (video) that showcases how special Creston is.

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:** Treasurer's report was presented and filed.
 - **Budget Amendments:**
 - Amendment 1: Add a budget line item in the amount of \$240 for students who perform crossing guard duties for their end of year party. This is for 40 students that dedicate time to serving the school. Motion filed by Melissa Babasin, seconded by Mariah Apolito. Motion passes.
- **Nominating Committee:** Lisa Kensel spoke about what the committee does and President Abby Nilsen-Kirby solicited volunteers to assist and be a part of the committee. Committee members were selected.
- **Bike Rack Update:** Mariah Apolito spoke to her previous proposal of updating the Bike Racks at Creston. She has researched some options and asked for direction on how to proceed with the 2019-2020 PTA budget to include updating the Bike Racks. She will seek some assistance from PBOT and Lisa Kensel will put her in contact with a contact she has.
- **President's Report 7:32pm:** Abby Nilsen-Kirby reports that PTA has purchased 10 Samsung tablets for the classroom. PTA volunteers have participated in the "Art Masterpiece" program with several of the classrooms and the PTA has been discussing the implementation of the program next year with Principal Cruz. Abby is planning to attend the Oregon PTA Convention on April 27 and 28th. There have been a few date changes since the school calendar was published: the Carnival is May 3rd and the Run for the Eagles is May 23rd.

Principal's Update Angelica Cruz (7:35 pm):

- **Staffing Update:** There is a loss of 4.2 FTE positions for next school year at Creston. ESL staff position has been cut to ½ time due to enrollment. One ESL aide has also been eliminated. There will only be one 3rd grade class due to projected student enrollment. All classroom teachers will be maintained for next school year, but Creston will lose all of our instructional aides in the lower grades next year. We have three retirements occurring which has helped with staffing projections. Principal Cruz distributed the proposed staff roster for next year and walked through the changes. There was a period of questions and answers with Principal Cruz and PTA members.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:53 pm by Abby Nilsen-Kirby. The next general meeting will be at 6:00 pm on May 21, 2019 in the Creston Library.

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