

**Crone Middle School  
PTSA General Meeting Minutes  
February 14, 2011**

**Call to Order** – 10:20 AM

**Attendees:** Maria Neufeld (President), Karen Amundsen (Vice President, Committees), Holly Ramsdell (Vice President, Administration), Diane Borske (Treasurer), Tricia Tillotson (Secretary) recording, Allan Davenport, Sarah Nowak, Louie Williams, Jane Nelson, Doreen Tout, Elizabeth Pohlmann

- **Review of January Minutes** – January minutes approved.
- **Budget** – Checkbook balance as of 2/9/11 - \$18,666.39.
- **President's Report**
  - Middle School Dodge ball – Maria was in charge of concessions which went well; suggestion for next year regarding low attendance from Crone was maybe have some kind of incentive. The Dodge ball Tournament at Crone on Friday has been cancelled, not enough interest. One suggestion was to have an open gym. The PTSA will help with Hoops for Heart again this year.
  - Teacher Appreciation – currently looking into doing something different and will be doing gift cards for the teachers.
  - Election Day April 5<sup>th</sup> – soliciting volunteers for 2 hour shifts from 7:15AM – 3:15 PM.
  - Walk In Registration May 20<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> – need volunteers to help at tables with forms.
  - Nominating Committee – need 5 volunteers.

**Principal Report**

- Ms. Nowak talked about Panther Pride Committee – whole school incentive which started in January. The goal is to spell out the word pride, each month there will be a new letter and each class will focus on what that means to them.
- 7<sup>th</sup> grade basketball team visited all 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade classes on Panther Pride.
- Dodge ball Tournament – between all the middle schools, had a great turn turn out and all concession items were donated with the money being donated to Loaves & Fishes and another food pantry.
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade sewing class is working on pillowcase dresses for needy countries.
- Dance Team has started with and will perform at halftime at a Crone basketball game and Hoops for Heart.
- Science Fair was held at Neuqua Valley with 160 participants; 22 paper entries and 25 display boards advanced to state.
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys' basketball won conference championship.
- Math Competition – Crone placed 4<sup>th</sup> in regional competition with 20 students participating; there will be four students with one alternate participate at State in late March.
- Washington D.C. Trip is next week with Mr. Blaser as head chaperone.

- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade pictures are tomorrow and retakes will be on 3/22.
- The school district received a \$25,000 grant from Bank of America and the money was divided between the school by performance need and Crone received the least amount.
- ISAT's will be Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> – March 4<sup>th</sup>. There will be no testing on Wed. Testing information is on the website, list serv with a practice test, and a phone call will be made.
- Students approached administration for a smoothie/slushy program. The program seems to be going well, except for keeping up with the demand. A decision was made to have each grade a particular day during the week; 6<sup>th</sup> grade – Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> grade – Wednesday, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade – Friday.
- Last school dance of the year is March 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Committee Reports**

- Membership/Voluntary Donation – no change and membership is closed.
- School Supply Kits – School Kidz will be the supplier again and the school supply list was sent to the teachers for review.
- PTSA Display Case – if anyone has anything contact Karen.
- IPPC – is looking to host a technology event before summer and will team with Best Buy and Naperville Police Department. Hosting a school board candidate forum on Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>.
- PDAC – last meeting was cancelled due to snow storm and the scheduled speaker offered to go to individual schools hosted by PTA.
- Alternative Funding – received \$373.66 for buffalo Wild Wings night and on Monday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> will be Johnny Red Hots all day with 15% being donated to Crone.
- Special Needs – teacher grants are complete with 24 applications and 18 teachers received awards in 11 schools.
- Dad's Committee – was just formed by the district and had their first meeting last Thursday with plans to do a monthly meeting. They are having a T-shirt contest for Special Olympics and are seeking nominations.
- Eighth Grade Pictures – will be tomorrow.
- Spirit Wear – decided to use a new vendor and will receive the art work from Boomer T's. Spring sale will start soon with letter and order forms going to all Crone feeder schools.

### **Nominating Committee**

- Karen Amundsen, Tricia Tillotson, Dorine Tout, Lou Williams, Maria Neufeld and Jane Nelson

### **Upcoming Events**

- 2/15 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Pictures
- 2/21 – No School –President’s Day
- 2/22 – No School-Teacher Conferences
- 2/25 – No School-Institute Day
- 2/28-3/4 – ISAT Testing
- 3/4 - School Dance
- 3/9 – Executive Board Meeting
- 3/14 – PTSA Meeting 10:15AM

**Adjourned – 11:11AM**