

**Crone Middle School
PTSA General Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2011**

Call to Order – 10:17AM

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, Elizabeth Pohlmann, Jane Nelson, Karen Holland, Beth Wisner, Louie Williams, Kay Goshay, Janet Juarez, Kati Samuel, Karen Ross, Lauren Robinson

- **Review of December Minutes** – Minutes reviewed and were approved.
- **Budget/Treasure Report** – Balance as of 1/6/11 - \$18,739.04.
 1. \$25,000 in income with income from membership, school supply store and alternative funding this month.
 2. \$14,000 in expenses with expenses from a get well gift from the PTSA to Laura McDonnell, dance and school supply this month.
- **President's Report**
 1. In the executive board meeting this month discussion on planning a Parent Education Night for 6th Grade Orientation Night was discussed. It was decided that Dr. Mullen has been doing the same presentation for the last two years and we would like to offer a presentation in regards to the change from 5th grade to 6th grade. Currently looking into a presentation on changing of friends, all the new technology (cell phones, texting, Facebook, etc.) and safety issues in regards to these. Maria has approached Crone's Officer Tom on possibly doing a presentation. There was a question raised, by an attendee, if 7th and 8th grade parents would be invited, as well. Any Crone Middle School parent will be welcomed per Maria.
 2. At our next meeting in February a nominating committee will be selected for next year's PTSA board nominations if anyone is interested.
 3. Dr. Birkett will be discussing the new Repro policy at the next President's meeting tomorrow. Apparently, Dist. 204 and 203 are collaborating together to reduce the cost on massive copying.
 4. Mr. Davenport approached the board for help with the Crone Champions Breakfast on March 10th. There are a few students from each team picked for different reasons (good conduct, achieving goals, etc.). If anyone is interested in helping just contact Karen Amundsen.
- **Committee Reports**
 1. **Membership/Voluntary Donation** – 955 members, 817 families as of 1/9/11, 90% of our donation goal of \$9,000 has been met at \$8,128.
 2. **Directory** – None.
 3. **School Supply Kits** – None.
 4. **Health & Safety** – None.
 5. **LMC Volunteers** – None.
 6. **School Supply Store** – None
 7. **Community Service** – None.
 8. **Reflections** – None.
 9. **Special Needs** – None.
 10. **Emblems** – None.
 11. **Dance Refreshments** – None.

12. **Display Case** – if anyone has anything coming up contact Karen Sammeth.
13. **IPPC** – Next meeting 1/20/11.
14. **PDAC** – Next meeting 1/11/11 from 7-9pm guest speaker Lionel Allen, Chief Academic Officer & VP School Operations Urban Prep Academies will speaking on “Defying a Culture of Low Expectations”.
15. **Spirit Wear** – reimbursement for gloves orders will be done by the PTSA within the next week or two. Spring spirit wear will start during 6th grade orientation. Louie Williams said he could help with the spring spirit wear and Karen will let Jackie know.
16. **Alternative Funding** – there will be a Buffalo Wild Wings night during the last week in January, more details to follow. Currently scheduling a Johnny Red Hots night in February. Life Fitness came to Crone and assessed how much it will cost for the fitness center. They estimate about \$23,000 which Louie is currently working on raising. Per Maria, Ms. Furlan is working on a fundraiser for next month, too.
17. **Staff Appreciation** – None.
18. **8th Grade Pictures** – scheduled for Feb. 15th at 10:30am with retakes on March 22nd at 10:30am.

- **Principal Report**

1. Ms. Nowak and I will start visiting the 5th grades within the next two weeks regarding elective sign ups and come spring we will have a Crone 101 visit.
2. Currently preparing for school year 2011/2011 and information should be getting information within the next couple of weeks.
3. Ms. Pohlmann is working on ISAT testing which will be in March.
4. Mr. Davenport hasn’t heard yet regarding any district cuts for next year because the school district is still waiting for information from the state.

- **New Business**

- Maria asked about 10am lunch times for the next school year. Mr. Davenport will try to do his best to avoid early and late lunch times, but it depends on grade and team schedules.
- The questioned was raised regarding 7th and 8th grade students receiving their school schedules early instead of the first day of school. Mr. Davenport stated anyone with a special need can receive their schedule early. There was a suggestion to have the schedules put on the school website. Mr. Davenport said he will check into different options.

- **Upcoming Events**

- 1/11 – President’s Meeting
- 1/13 – End of Semester
- 1/14 – No School
- 1/17 – No School Martin Luther King Day
- 1/20 – IPPC Meeting
- 2/11 – Executive Board PTSA Meeting 9:15am
- 2/14 – General PTSA Meeting 10:15AM
- 2/21 – No School President’s Day
- 2/22 – No School Parent Teacher Conferences
- 2/25 – No School

Adjourned – 10:37AM