

**Crone Middle School
PTSA General Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2010**

Call to Order – 10:18AM

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, Laurie McDonnell, Karen Holland, Beth Wisner, Tracy Mazurek, Kristi Olson, Doreen Tout, Sheela Seth

- **Review of September Minutes** – Minutes reviewed and were approved.
- **Budget/Treasure Report** – Balance as of 10/15/10 - \$21,879.22.
 1. Membership dues paid - \$3500
 2. Insurance, IPPC dues and scholarship paid.
 3. Fall Spirit Wear is done.
 4. 8th grade field trip is paid - \$1200
- **President's Report**
 1. The all school dance went well. It was suggested maybe doing a buddy program for our special needs students.
 2. At the president's meeting Dr. Birkett addressed current projections of enrollment and class room size. Maria passed around a projection outline she had received.
- **Committee Reports**
 1. **Membership/Voluntary Donation** – 946 members, 812 families and as of 10/16/10 89% of our donation goal has been met at \$8018.
 2. **Directory** – N/A
 3. **School Supply Kits** – contract signed for next year with School Kidz, still working on the issue with the \$9 binder whether students need them or not.
 4. **Health & Safety** – vision/hearing screening is complete. Red Ribbon week (Oct. 25th-29th) and all activities will be posted on the list-serv. All the volunteers are set for assembly, as well as, the prizes (T-shirts/iTunes gift card) for the video contest.
 5. **LMC Volunteers** – volunteers have already started and still looking for volunteers for book fair.
 6. **School Supply Store** – N/A
 7. **Community Service** – met with Mr. Davenport and will be doing a food drive at the December school dance, there will more information after Thanksgiving.
 8. **Reflections** – had 21 entries and 2 idea submissions for 2011/2012 topic. Participation breakfast is this Thursday.
 9. **Special Needs** – next meeting is tomorrow with guest speaker Ms. Iowa, Dist. 208. The gluten free lunch is up and running. Suggested next year with the Reflections Program more information in regards to entries for developmental age level and not just grade level.
 10. **Emblems** – fall sports up in the gym hallway and music department up in the cafeteria.

11. **Panther Paws** – PTSA will not be involved in this anymore due to 6th grade restructure.
12. **Dance Refreshments** – Friday nights dance was a huge hit.
13. **Display Case** – contact Karen Sammeth if you have anything to display.
14. **IPPC** – \$5,500 scholarships (\$3,500 general academics/2 \$1,000 education) distributed from money the PTA/PTSA donated and the fee for Summer Activity Fair. Lunch recycling program is up to each individual school and is a partnership with principal/lunch room/PTA. Enrollment is up by 215 in high school and down 25 in middle school. Average class sizes for the high school and middle school is 34-36 and for elementary it is 25.6.
15. **PDAC** – N/A
16. **Spirit Wear** – fall spirit wear orders were delivered last week except a few backorders. The next sale will be in the spring and will be sent to incoming 5th graders.
17. **Alternative Funding** – currently working on ideas for the next meeting including a car wash and restaurants.

- **Principal Report**

1. Dance – the first all school dance was a success with approximately 600-700 students. Wanted to comment that Shari and Linda job well done. Next time will do a better job communicating on leaving early, late arrive and pick-up procedure.
3. PDAC – attended last week. Theme was World Café with approximately 200 people in attendance which were divided up into groups. Discussion on the topic “Student to reach their potential”. PDAC activities are on the website.
4. Sport teams went to the elementary schools and read to students.
5. Explore Test – 8th grade test starts today.
6. Website – will be adding an Administrative tab that will feature a monthly newsletter.

- **New Business**

Laura McDonnell questioned if proficiency exams have been considered for students completing middle school foreign languages. Mr. Davenport commented that the reason proficiency exams are not used is because more time is spent in high school than in middle school. He said he would look into it.

- **Upcoming Events**

- 10/22 – End of Quarter
- 10/25 – 10/29 – Red Ribbon Week
- 10/28 – Picture Retake
- 11/2 – No School/Conferences
- 11/5 – PTSA Executive Meeting
- 11/8 – PTSA General Meeting 10:15AM
- 11/11 – No School- Veteran’s Day
- Adjourned** – 10:47AM