

OCTOBER CROCKER PTO MEETING

SECRETARY'S REPORT

OCTOBER 8TH, 2008

Those in attendance were: Sonja Hersam, Monica Harrison, Keith Poock, Terri Hogan, Julia Richards Krapfl, Brian Fett, Bonnie Coyle, Laura Cummings-Chapman, Trisha Kennedy, Brian Loder, Sue Massey, Heather Sandersch, Tami Sardeson, Denise North, Lindsay Johnson, Paula Hender, Blake Campbell, Stacey Lewis, Teri Versteryl, Teresa Moeller, Tracy McClain, Jana Backman, Kim Ripley, Carol Pahl, Niki Day, Heidi Palkovic, Trish Stueckradt, Ashley Rathjen and Jennifer Creekmur. Staff present: Dr Muhlenbruck, Jenny Rogair, Lisa Knudten, Jennifer Braden and Sandy Eckhart.

Meeting was called to order by Ashley Rathjen. She thanks all of the Crocker parents for their support. Jennifer Creekmur states that the September meeting minutes are on the table and can be approved at the end of the meeting.

Tami Sardeson reviewed the Treasurer Report and Insurance information that Dr Hansel is suggesting that the PTO purchases. The insurance is \$200/yr and covers General Liability and Errors and emissions. Dr Muhlenbruck and Tracy McCain will look over the insurance papers and explore the options.

COORDINATOR REPORTS

Fall Fundraiser by Denise North. The fundraiser items will come in on Oct 23rd and the 5th graders are going to unload and then we need volunteers to help distribute. Prizes will be assigned to each child with their order. Reminder labels will go home with the children on Wednesday.

Fun Night by Tami Sardeson for Melissa King. The first meeting was held and all committees were made and covered. The two ideas for themes are Crocker Rocks and a school book theme, (ex Dr Seuss or Junie B Jones). Students will vote on this theme! Fun Night is on January 31st, 2009.

Box tops/Tyson Labels by Brian Felt and Bonnie Coyle. Bags were passed out by teachers and pick up is Oct 12th, but due in on Oct 31st. There will be another pick up in the spring. There will be free ice cream cones for the class that has the most. Brian is going to contact McDonalds.

Spirit Wear by Heidi Palkovic. There was a technical error on the orders and the remaining shirts will be in on Oct 24th. Heidi did a great job at organizing the orders this year, many stated that it was easy to distribute with the forms.

Yearbook by Paula Hender. The yearbook theme this year is Crocker Rocks! Pricing of the yearbook will be \$13 before Thanksgiving and \$15 after Thanksgiving. You can order on the Crocker PTO website. If you have photos to submit go to the website and there will be a link for this process.

TEACHER TIME

The first grade teachers are here today and they thank the PTO for everything that we do. Sandy Eckhart is the literacy teacher and states that she still needs some volunteers for cutting.

PRINCIPAL TIME

Dr Muhlenbruck states that teachers were here from Mt Pleasant today and they were very impressed with our School. He encourages everyone who has the chance on Oct 22nd in the morning to go to the High School Academic Awards. Oct 27th is the Cognitive Abilities Testing for 3rd graders and there will be treats provided for them during these tests. They will have 3 tests a day. October 31st we will have our fall parties and it is ok for kids to wear costumes this year. Next year we will not have the kids wear their costumes. November 10-12th is parent teacher conferences. There was a discussion on the technology that the PTO will be contributing to with the profit from the fall fundraiser. Dr Muhlenbruck states that the goal is to get an elmo, projector and cart for every teacher and this will cost about \$45,000-48,000. He thinks he has about \$17,000 in a general fund to put into this, but he will check and make sure. The Media Center is also short on junior books, dictionaries and almanacs. The cost of these items would be about

\$10,000. The first grade teachers would like to have a nonfiction text from scholastic that is similar to the Time for Kids that the 3rd-5th graders get, the cost of this is \$440/year.

NEW BUSINESS

Library Books by Ashley Rathjen. Ashley reviewed the fact that we had money set aside last year for books that didn't get used. The money is still in our account. Denise North motions to give \$10,000 for literacy books for the library and Jana Bachman seconds the motion. All were in favor. Sonya Herson motions to give \$220 for the 1st graders scholastic texts and Bonnies Coyle seconds the motion. All were in favor.

Fundraiser Money. Discussion on Fundraiser money and how much to give for the elmos. Trish Kennedy motions that all money raised from the fall fundraiser and entertainment books be given to technology, the motion was seconded by Brian Fett. Brian Loder states that we should give enough money to cover the whole price of the elmos because we have enough money to do that and technology is important. Discussion on waiting to see exactly what Dr Muhlenbruck needs first before we commit a dollar amount to make sure the money stays at Crocker. Denise North motions to wait to see exactly what Dr Muhlenbruck need for the elmos before committing a dollar amount to this project, motion seconded by Laura Cummings-Chapman. All in Favor.

Open Gym Time by Laura Cummings-Chapman. Laura would like to do some open gym time for Crocker kids. The Park and Recreation supervises this and the cost is \$50 deposit and then \$13/half court and \$15/full court. The next lottery is November 3rd, but we can pick up some days before that to try it out. Everyone thinks this is a great idea and we will make a rule that either a parent has to come with their child or PTO will supervise. Jana Bachman motions that we give \$65 at this time for Oct 29th and the deposit to be in the lottery, Niki Day seconds the motion. All were in favor. Laura would also like to explore the idea of putting in a baseball field. She is going to talk to Mr. Lunquist to see what he thinks.

Heidi Palkovic brought up the idea to have a running club after school.

Holiday Dance by Denise North. Denise would like to see if there is any interest in having a school dance in December or April. PTO will provide drinks and cookies. Some ideas were to have K-2 from 5-7pm and then 3rd-5th from 7-9pm. Some people have kids in both of those groups and thought it would be a long night, but it would be hard to fit everyone in the gym if we put it all together. By show of hands it looks like there is more interest in April due to planning time. Denise will work on this.

Ashley tabled the discussion on the All PTO Meeting due to time. We are still looking for someone to Shadow Tami as an Assistant Treasurer. We are also in need of childcare box items.

Jana Bachman motions to pass the September Secretary's Report and Blake Campbell seconds the motion. All were in favor.

The next Crocker PTO Meeting is November 3rd at 630pm in the Media Center. Free child care will be provided.

Respectfully Submitted by Jennifer Creekmur, Crocker PTO Secretary