

PTA Meeting Agenda

October 4, 2023

In attendance: Megan Thomas, Brian O'Malley-Gamrat, Tami Coppler, Amy Jenkins, Marsha Burleson, Carolyn Kemp, Michele Kish, Melisa Leventry, Christine McFerron, Krystle Gavin, Olesea Sizemore, Edith Adamson, Cara Heisler, Sarah Reeder

Online attendees: David O'Malley-Gamrat, Charolette Blue, Courtney Bonnet, Natalie Hough, Marie Bittner

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm by PTA President, Megan Thomas.

1. Welcome and Introductions

All present introduced themselves and mentioned their students' names and which homeroom the child was in.

2. Megan Thomas read the PTA focus:

Our focus is to encourage and support a positive school environment with our students, staff, families, and community as we strive to advocate for programs and policies that nurture students and education. We do this by volunteering our time while sponsoring and funding programs that enhance the educational and social experiences of all Crafton students.

3. President's Report given by Megan Thomas:

a. Housekeeping items:

- i. explained the Zoom meeting is only 40 minutes long. Therefore at 7:35pm Megan would pause the meeting to confirm if any online attendees had any questions prior to the Zoom ending.
- ii. National Honor Society students were providing childcare services in the cafeteria during the meeting.
- iii. Crafton Elementary PTA Secretary, Amy Jenkins is to update last month's minutes to include the following names under the vote to modify the bylaws: Brian O-Malley-Gamrat, Tami Coppler and Amy Jenkins.

b. Vote to approve minutes from September meeting.

- i. Megan motioned for September Minutes to be approved. Cara Heisler made a motion to approve and was seconded.

c. In our efforts to reduce paper flyers, the PTA will trial a monthly "newsletter" that will go home with students. The newsletter will include PTA fundraisers and events. It will also be posted on FB and shared on our website. If you wish to opt out of the paper newsletter, let the PTA know and we will remove you from the list.

d. Scholastic Book Fair 10/12 & 10/13 - Remember you can send cash or check or use E-Wallet

e. Cara Hiesler and Amy Jenkins addressed questions regarding the new eWallet payment option for Scholastic.

f. Any left-over funds will automatically roll into a scholastic gift card.

- g. Principal, Marsha Burleson will discuss with teachers if there are any children facing financial hardship that may not be able to purchase a book and can use PTA donations.
 - h. Expressed additional volunteers are still needed.
 - i. Amy Jenkins to update sign up genius and repost to Facebook.
4. Shared pictures of events that PTA completed during the month of September.
5. **Treasurer's Report** given by Crafton Elementary PTA Treasurer, Tami Coppler:
September 2023 expenses:
 - Target Gift Card for PTA Meeting: \$25
 - Kindergarten T-Shirts: \$504.50
 - PTA Insurance Fee: \$240
 - October 2023 Staff Appreciation: \$48.85
 - End of the year Staff Appreciation Luncheon Deposit: \$160.50Money Profited by PTA In September 2023:
 - Birthday Shout Outs: \$44.25
 - Pierogies: \$712.55
 - Prior Year T-Shirt Sales: \$75
 - Guilt Free Donations: \$201
 - PTA Days: \$347October 2023 starting account balance: \$4,415.33
 - Checks not yet cashed:
 - \$1,754.05 for Pierogies Plus Payment
 - \$170 for Altoona PTA Conference
 - Money that will be sent elsewhere:
 - \$170 belongs to PA PTA for membership dues
6. Brian O'Malley – Gamrat, Crafton Elementary PTA VP gave an update on the Spirit Wear Store.
 - a. Hoping to start on Tuesday, 10/12/2023.
 - b. A vote was taken on the logo whether to keep the circle containing Carlynton School or only using the cougar face.
 - i. Vote 6 to 2 favoring keeping the circle with Carlynton.
 - c. Will have 2 weeks to order items from the store.
 - d. To offer shirts, cups, tote bags, etc.
7. **Principal's Report given by Crafton Elementary School Principal, Marsha Burleson:**
 - a. PAWS 200/Character Trait – The character trait of the month is Loyalty. Loyalty is unwavering in devotion to friend or vow or cause. Students will wear Orange this Friday, 10/6/2023.
 - b. Dibels assessments
 - c. MAP assessments
 - d. Red Ribbon Week is from October 23 – 27:
 - i. Activities will include a writing contest for older students and a coloring contest for younger students.

- e. Halloween Parade is scheduled for Tuesday, 10/31/2023 rain or shine.
 - i. Only K – 2 is permitted to dress up and participate in the parade.
- f. Follow Crafton Elementary on X, formally known as Twitter
- g. Pictures in Practice
- h. Explained Principal's newsletter and calendar are solely online. Please visit the Carlynton website to view.
- i. Mrs. Sirriani did get funding for her new library chairs. These chairs will be shared with Carnegie and Crafton Elementary Schools.

New Business provided by Megan Thomas:

- 6th Grade Committee
 - Very successful fundraising events - Car Wash and Pep Rally
 - Promanti's fundraiser raised \$254.40.
 - Fitfeine fundraiser should profit approximately \$100.00.
 - Rocket Launch is tomorrow: Mrs. Burleson explained what the Rocket Launch is: Students make rockets in science class and then take them to Crafton Park to launch. There is a contest to see which rocket goes the highest. Also, the Science Center and another Science group are there to provide different science stations with activities/discussions.
 - If you have a 6th grade student - sign up for their emails by reaching out to crafton6thgradeparents@gmail.com

- Volunteer Opportunities
 - Homeroom coordinators have been announced and will be reaching out to others to help assistance with the first holiday party (10/31).
 - Brian O'Malley – Gamrat is the point person for the Homeroom Coordinators.
 - Expressed the importance of following the approved snack list that was provided. No exceptions allowed.
 - New committee formed to help plan, organize, and implement Family Events including 10/12 and Family Night 2/29.
 - Melisa Leventry has agreed to help coordinate volunteers. Look for emails future volunteer emails from Melissa leventrymelisa@gmail.com
 - Volunteers Needed for Hoagie Pick Up on 10/26 from 2p-6p
 - Reminded parents to keep their order tracking form for their delivers but must submit final order online through the google form.
 - Clearances - All clearances must be made within 3 weeks prior to volunteering.
Visit Carlynton www.carlynton.k12.pa.us/our_district/volunteers
 - Discussed having a Cookies and Clearances event to entice people to obtain their clearances with our assistance.
 - Visit www.signupgenius.com and search craftonelementarypta@gmail.com

- PTA Fundraisers
 - October 2- October 13: Peppi's Hoagie Fundraiser
 - October 6: Donations for Raffle Baskets are Due
 - October 6: PTA Membership Drive Ends
 - October 12 - October 31: Spirit Sale (online)
 - October 12 and October 13: Scholastic Book Fair (during school)
 - October 19: PTA Day: Green and Gold School Spirit \$2 Donation
 - October 25: November Birthday Shout Outs Due

- PTA Events
 - October 12: Family Night
 This is not a drop off event. Students must be accompanied by a parent.
 - October 27: Provide all students with popcorn to finish Red Ribbon Week
 - October 31: Halloween Party and Parade K-2 (during school)

Reminders - Ways to Donate

- Birthday Book Club - Purchase a book for the library in honor of your child's birthday. Questions regarding the Birthday Book Club should be directed to Amanda Sirianni Amanda.Sirianni@carlynton.k12.pa.us
- School Nurse - Donations of gently used pants/shorts, boys size 8-10. Questions regarding the donations for the school nurse should be directed to Ashley Schaffer Ashely.Schaffer@carlynton.k12.pa.us
- FREESTORE 15106 - Thank you for all the donations. Non-perishable foods are collected in the donation box in the front lobby. Questions regarding receiving donations or general questions for the FREESTORE should be directed to Don Alexander Donald.Alexander@carlynton.k12.pa.us
 - Free Store is also in need of paper bag donations. Mrs. Burluson has reached out to the Crafton Giant Eagle who will be donating some.
- Guilt Free PTA Donation - Donations accepted throughout the school year.
- PTA Membership will be closing this Friday, 10/6/2023.
- The PTA will be putting together baskets this weekend from the items donated to each classroom.

Mark your Calendar

- October 18: School Picture Day
- October 20: No School
- October 27: 2 hour delay

Parent Feedback/ Open Discussion

Amy Jenkins suggested fundraising to provide Mr. Josh Ficorilli either a promethean board or smart tv.

Also suggested getting the teachers and staff an ice machine.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm by Megan Thomas.