

PTA Meeting Agenda

Dec 6, 2023

In Person Attendees:

Megan Thomas, Tami Coppler, Amy Jenkins, Olesea Sizemore, Carolyn Kemp, Dr. Krieder

Online Members: Cara Heisler and Brian O-Malley Gamrat

Welcome and Introductions: Meeting called to order at 7:04pm by Megan Thomas, President.

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.

President's Report

- Vote to approve minutes from the November meeting. **Amy Jenkins voted to approve the minutes and Brian O'Malley Gamrat seconded.**
- Monthly "newsletter" for December was dropped off today at school.
- PTA presented to Crafton Ingram rotary on November 22 to enhance community involvement. **Support Anti-Bullying**
- Crafton PTA and Carnegie PTA are looking at ways to collaborate to foster a sense of community between buildings.
 - First event will be ***Dining with a Purpose*** with Bob's Diner on January 24 from 3-8pm. Bob's Diner in Kennedy Township will donate 20% of the customer's check to the Crafton PTA. Bob's Diner in Carnegie will donate 20% of the customer's check to the Carnegie PTA. **Must mention the school for proceeds to benefit the PTA.**
 - Both PTA's will do a theme day, on March 20 - no donation needed. The theme will be Won't You Be My Neighbor. Students can wear a cardigan to honor **Fred Rogers to encourage kindness and gratitude for our neighbors.**
 - Possible spring event - Crafton PTA vs Carnegie PTA Dodgeball or Kickball game. **Any ideas or thoughts, please send to the PTA email: craftonelementarypta@gmail.com**
- We are continuing to explore non-food fundraisers:
 - New drop off event at school tentatively scheduled for March 27 from 5p-7p for up to 60 Crafton K-6 students. Advance sign up required. Allegheny County Ranger Program will present their Skins and Skulls presentation. This presentation is 30 minutes and will help students learn about the different native animal species that live in our county by exploring their extensive collection of animal skins and skulls. They have items to be passed around for students and the presentation is interactive. Students will also have an opportunity to play games in the gym. Dinner included (Pizza, snack, drink).
 - **Amy Jenkins to speak with Taco Bell to see if they are interested in sponsoring the event and providing the food. Amy to complete the facility request and Tami Coppler to complete the google form.**
 - Fundraiser at Jazzercise in Carnegie - Date/Time/Cost TBD - one hour adult/student class. Up to **30 total participants. This means parents and children – 30 total.** Advance sign up required. This would include a few current routines to music like current music hits. An adult vs child dance off. A healthy snack break and freeze dance if time permits.
- Reminder - No treats or drinks are to be sent to school for the holiday party. Anything sent in by a parent or brought in by a party volunteer will be sent home. PTA will provide an approved treat and drink to each homeroom for the holiday classroom party.
- PTA completed the following (see pictures)

Treasurer's Report

November 2023 expenses:

- Red Ribbon Week Prizes: \$40 – gave gift cards for coloring and essay contests.
- Mini Golf Deposit: \$100 (Valentine's Day Party Activity)

Money Profited by PTA In November 2023:

- Birthday Shout Outs: \$40
- Prior Year T-Shirt Sales: \$60
- Guilt Free Donations: \$108
- PTA Dress Up Day: \$159
- Cookie Dough: \$392.60

December 2023 (as of 11/30) starting account balance: \$5,845.80

- Checks not yet cashed:
 - 11/29/23: \$770.40 (Cookie Dough Balance)

Principal's Report: PAPERLESS

Discussed Hour of code

Band concert correct time is 7pm

Amazon visit on the 15th

Giving Tree – if interested in giving a gift; complete form

New Business

- 6th Grade Committee
 - No Updates
- Volunteer Opportunities
 - December 18,19,20 - Jingle Bell Junction
 - February 29 - Family Reading Night - reach out to leventrymelisa@gmail.com
 - Monthly teacher/staff appreciation day - February and April available
 - Visit www.signupgenius.com and search craftonelementarypta@gmail.com
 - **Classes will have 30 minute timeframes to shop. Amy will send signup sheet to Marsha/Holly**
- PTA Fundraisers
 - December 8 - Square One Art Online Orders Due - If you upload additional art your child created by December 8, it will count towards our fundraising total - must use fundraiser code: **116248**
 - December 15 - Tentative - Cookie Dough Pick Up 3:00PM-6:00PM
 - December 15 - PTA Day - Silly Sock Day \$2 Donation
 - December 18 - January Birthday Shout Out Due \$5
 - **Brian is going to reach out to Mr. Comm to see if we can set up Christmas decorations for the concert.**
- PTA Events
 - December 19 & 20 - Jingle Bell Junction
 - December 22 - Classroom Holiday Party

Reminders - Ways to support the PTA

- Donate gift wrap and/or gift bags for Jingle Bell Junction - due by December 15
- Donate \$10 gift cards for bus drivers and crossing guards - due by December 15
- Boxtops - keep scanning receipt
- Guilt Free PTA Donation - accepted throughout the school year
- **Gift cards are covered; have enough volunteers.**

Mark your Calendar

- December 23-January 2: Winter Break/ No School
- January 3: Return to School & PTA Meeting at 7:00PM

Parent Feedback/ Open Discussion

How do we do boxtops? Tami will provide information/show and Amy will post the information on facebook.

Can students bring gifts for holiday party as long as not food? Yes

Discussed having a shared spreadsheet for fundraisers with all groups to allow for better communication and collaboration between PTA and other organizations.

Superintendent Parent & Community Forum