

September PTA General Meeting Minutes September 14, 2021

Dan Neumann called the meeting to order at 7:03pm

Principal's Message – Mark Bibbee

Our Motto for the year: Cardinals Fly Together, be a part of the CRES Flock

Assessments (The presentation on assessments will be made available on Schoology)

Kindergarten: PALs, EMAS, CBRS Child Behavior Rating Scale, SEL Screener -Social Emotional Learning screener

1st grade: i-Ready, Naglieri (NNAT)

Grade 2: NNAT, CogAT, SEL Screener- Emotional Learning screener Fall, Winter, Spring

Grade 3: VGA – Virginia Growth Assessment – Fall, CogAT Cognitive Abilities Test – Fall, SEL Screener Social- SOLs Standards of Learning Spring

Grade 4-6
Iready – Fall

Attendance

You must call the office if your student will be out so that it can be excused. Emailing the teacher will not get the word to the office. Otherwise, they will call you.

703-923-2828 is the number to call

-Masks are required at all times indoors.

-All staff is vaccinated.

-Keep students home if they have any COVID-like symptoms.

-If your child is sent home with a fever, you will have to keep them home for 14 days. Whereas if you keep them home, they can return 24 hours after fever is gone.

Contact Tracing through required seating charts.

Care Room
Supervised health room. (Have 2 + a clinic)
Get a return to school form.

Schoology – Replaced Blackboard
-Access through SIS

*Need substitutes, lunch monitors, class monitors and bus drivers.

Schoology – Each and any parent / guardian can have their own schoology account.

Discussed Covid reporting process.

Question: If a student is pulled out of class, can we tell them something so that they are not worried?

-Students were told that they weren't in trouble.

Mr. Bibbee is not allowed to state the grade level when he announces a case.

Question about access to slides:

Mr. Bibbee will post slides about testing.

About absences: Covid absences will not count toward absences. If you are quarantined or sick, your absences will be excused.

Soon, quarantined kids or kids with Covid may be able to watch live stream their class (not interactive.)

Question about notifications: When close contacts are notified who will that come from?

-Mr. Bibbee will notify the close contacts.

Kids will switch pods if they need to be with a different academic group. It will always happen on a Monday.

If your kid is a close contact, they will be excused and have access to whatever livestream we have. If parent is a close contact, kid is not until parent becomes positive (or symptomatic).

All close contacts are required to quarantine for 14 days regardless of testing status.

Question: What is the tent for by the basketball quart?

Used for shade during recess, snack time, etc.

PTA President's Welcome – Dan Neumann

Dan established that we had a quorum and noted that we need 10 members to establish a quorum.

-We will be alternating Tuesdays and Thursdays for PTA meetings.

-Will have a survey for virtual or in-person. We will do one or the other.

-Votes are coming up. You may only vote if you've paid your dues. You are still able to attend meetings regardless of membership. (But please join because our membership dues are the vast majority of our budget that funds our activities.)

Motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting: Angela Messenger

Seconded

Minutes passed.

We are a 501C which means we need to have an audit each year. We need to vote on the results. There were 2 findings which have been reconciled.

Motion to approve: Lisa Baxter

Second: Angela Messenger

Report is approved.

Budget

-We have a strong membership this year. This budget will likely change as more people join, but we need to approve it now to move forward.

We budgeted on the conservative side but were optimistic about our ability to hold events.

-Started with 10K carried over from last year.

-Budget leaves 2K to roll over to next year.

-We cut down the number for assemblies and field trips in trying to be realistic.

-Teachers have requested renewal of BrainPop subscription. Standards based educational shows. Added \$2400 to the budget. BrainPop is very popular with teachers and kids.

We upped our teacher appreciation budget. Lisa Baxter has done an amazing job. Budget from prior years was half used for end of year luncheon which doesn't leave much for other stuff. So we added \$500 (since we won't be doing assemblies).

Question about library fund allotment. We went back to number from 2 years ago but will plan to reallocate the \$1000 back to the library later this year.

Income from restaurant nights and box tops went down. So we will work to add back money to the library fund.

We will be voting on the budget every month.

Motion to approve.

Second.

Motion passed and budget is approved

As of this morning we have 187 voting members. That's more than 2 years ago.

School supplies and spirit wear We are now using the same provider for both. Info is on the CRES PTA Facebook page as well as on Cherry Run Family Fun. Generated ~\$200 for the PTA.

Mike Lupton worked on Back-to-School Bash

-Boy Scouts

-Girl Scouts

-Running Club

-PTA

-Marital Arts studio

-Boohoo woohoo

Runners Club – participation is back up. Outdoors on the athletic field.

Directories – You must opt in to have your info included in the directory. It's online. So you have to remember to submit your info to have your info included. Will be closed on the 8th of October so we can get it out by the end of October. Directories help parents contact each other to arrange play dates, birthday parties, etc. (Directories are not to be used for marketing) They are free for PTA members and \$5 for non-members.

Fall Festival

Burke Nursery is not doing Fall Festival this year. The PTA is hosting our own fall festival at the school. There will be food and events. We are waiting on final approval on the date (late October) and rain date.

Motion was made to adjourn

And Seconded

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm.