

PTA Meeting Agenda October 2, 2024

In Attendance: Megan Thomas, Tami Coppler, Brian O'Malley-Gamrat, Sam Walsh, Michele Kish, Albert Pater, Brianne Matteo, Tamara Kemmler, Carolyn Kemp, Sarcy Stohon, Melissa Mentz, Sarah Reeder

Online Attendees: John Adamson, Taylor Hosmer

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

Welcome and Introductions

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 September 2024 meeting.
 - [Now being posted on the NEW Carlynton.net website](#)
 - [Michele Kish motions to approve, Tami Coppler seconds](#)
- Today ends the Membership Drive for 24-25 school year - can sign up later if needed
 - [Membership IS open throughout the school year, but National PTA drives ends today](#)
- Follow up from Open Forum Meeting - New fundraiser/event ideas the PTA is looking into for the 24-25 include Cultural Night, Music Nights, Movie Night, and an Adult Night Out Fundraiser.
- Family Fun Night - went smoothly, students had a great time, thank you to everyone that volunteered and donated
 - [We had a lot of things donated so if you didn't see everything you donated it's because we're saving it for the Spring Family Reading Night](#)
 - [Scholastic book fair was a success](#)
- Review upcoming volunteer opportunities on signupgenius
- Guilt Free Fundraiser went home late due to printing delay
- FreeStore Updates from Mr. Alexander - Currently filling 28 bags in Crafton and 140 in Carnegie. In Crafton we need mac & cheese, canned pasta, fruit cups, cereal boxes, granola bars, and canned vegetables. Have questions about receiving a bag from the FreeStore? Reach out to Mr. Alexander at donald.alexander@carlynton.k12.pa.us
- Q: Michele Kish spoke to Crafton Elem. Secretary, and asked if we could communicate that the Pittsburgh Food Bank is working in conjunction with First UP Church of Crafton Heights on Stratmore. Michele can post to our PTA Facebook page and we will approve and she can provide Mr. Alexander with copies of the flyers so he can add those to the bags being given to students. Can we get a laminated copy added by the free store? Miss Parish will add to the Cougar Connection.
- Share photos

Treasurer's Report

PTA account balance as of 9/29/24: \$8,929.37

- The following checks have not yet been cashed:
 - \$20 for PTA babysitting

- \$47.35 for Fall Family Night reimbursement
- \$696.90 for Kindergarten T-Shirts

Sept 2024 PTA Expenses:

- PTA Meeting Babysitting: \$20
- Talent Show Starting funds:\$331.53
- Kindergarten T-Shirts: \$696.90
- Teacher Retirement Gift: \$44.79

Sept 2024 PTA Profits:

- Fall Family Reading Night: \$456.24
- Blaze Pizza Giveback Day: \$31.83
- Five Below Giveback Day: \$31.05
- Fitfeine Giveback Day: \$70
- Birthday Shoutouts: \$96
- Guilt Free Donations: \$70
- September PTA Day: \$100

**Note: All Book Fair proceeds will go to the library*

Project Playground

Proposal -

- Review estimates/photos from Mr. Pater
 - Mr. Pater is the facilities director
 - This project is our response to feedback from parents asking for improvements to the school playgrounds
 - PTA is recommending a phased approach
 - PTA will vote and then Tami will take this to the school board for an official approval
 - We will also need to reach out to risk assessment partners/insurance carriers to ensure we meet requirements (Mr. Pater will own this task)
- Potential Ideas:
 - Ground cleanup
 - Can we do a spring cleanup behind the school?
 - Can we move those tables to the large playground? At least in the interim?
 - Install equipment obtained via grant in Small Playground
 - Mr. Pater spoke to Fic and they're thinking all the material would fit on the grassy area but might take a while to install
 - Would need to bring one set up at a time, but maintenance feels like they could do it. Maybe we can start installing when the fall sports season slows down.
 - Mr. Pater will take ownership of managing that. He will reach out to insurance company as well.
 - Install shaded area in large playground
 - If we want something long term a hard surface material would be better over the soft shade canopies
 - Soft shade canopies can last between 4-7 years
 - Install benches & tables under shaded area in large playground
 - Install GaGa ball pits in small & large playgrounds
 - Miss Parish recommends adding a padded surface in the center
 - First official step is to have the PTA members vote to allocate those funds of \$5400 that we can then give to the school district (there are tax benefits to having the SD make the actual purchase)

so we would reimburse if this goes through). Google form to vote to allocate the \$5400 with the first purchase being for picnic tables will go out soon.

- Right now it seems like the easiest/fastest thing we can do is purchase picnic tables
- Sun shade might be a longer term goal because we would need to fundraise for that separately
- Move \$5400 from PTA account from 23-24 fundraising - Vote on initial Project Playground funding will be sent via email to active/paid members
 - Votes will be collected through Google Form
- Future fundraising percentages will be voted on via email to active/paid members

Principal's Report - Ms. Parish

- Newsletter will be in the link to Cougar Connection
- Josh Jones sent an email for national day of school swatting, may happen tomorrow 10/3, this is a prank
- Pajama Drive October 1 through December 4th. PTA will provide pizza party to winning homeroom.
 - Pajamas can be any sizes but must be new and complete sets.

Committee Report

- 6th Grade - Jen Blevins
 - Pep Rally – Thursday October 17th
- Talent Show - Brian O'Malley, Edith Adamson and Molly
 - Will be doing tshirts for the kids
 - Looking into a way to do a teleprompter

Coordinator Updates

- Family Fun Night - Melisa Levinty
- Scholastics - Cara Heisler
- Box Tops - John Adamson
- Fun Day - John Adamson
 - Will be reaching out to ensure we can get bounce houses again
- Walk- A-Thon - Sam Walsh and Ashley Schaffer
 - 99 Pledges OR
 - Potentially use the new THON site the 6th grade committee is using for their Read-a-thon.
- Jingle Bell Junction - Megan Thomas - purchasing has started, send email with good prices items and PTA will review purchasing, wrapping paper and gift bag donations needed. Looking for a coordinator to help with setting up and facilitating the in-school portion (Dec 10 & 11)
 - Still looking for volunteers for this as well
- Holiday Parties - still looking for a group of 3-5 that can help plan in-school wide parties for Halloween (Oct 31), Winter (Dec 17), and Valentine's Day (2/14).
 - Halloween we will have a dance party in the gym with glow sticks and a DJ, classes will attend similarly to the Scholastic Book Fair
 - Q: Can we confirm Carnegie and Crafton Halloween Parades are not at the same time?
 - A: Miss Parish: Yes, we will try. Maybe do ours at 10:05AM, tentatively for K-3 students

Save the Date - Monthly flier for October went today

October 2	PTA Membership Drive Ends
October 2	Green and Gold Day \$2 Donation
October 2	PTA Meeting (Crafton Elementary Library) 7PM

October 7-18	Spirit Wear Fundraiser
October 9	Dining with a Purpose - Red Robin, Settlers Ridge ALL DAY
October 10	FREE Yoga in the Gym 6:30PM-7:15PM
	• We do have SOME yoga mats, but if you have one bring it!
October 15	Hoagie Pick Up in Cafeteria 3PM-6PM
October 15	School Board Meeting (Jr Sr High School CCC) 7PM
October 16	Picture Day
October 18	No School
October 21 - October 25	Red Ribbon Week
October 22	November Birthday Shout Outs Due
October 23 - November 10	Square 1 Art Fundraiser
	• These will be in in time for the holidays
October 25	Two - Hour Delay
October 25	Halloween BINGO (Jr Sr High School Cafeteria) 7-9PM
	Q: Is this a district wide thing?
	A: No, this is just for Crafton students/families
	Q: Are students encouraged to wear costumes?
	A: Yes
October 31	In-School Halloween Party

Parent Feedback/ Open Discussion

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 PM