

PTA Meeting Agenda

January 8, 2025

In Attendance: Megan Thomas, Tami Coppler, Brian O'Malley-Gamrat, Sam Walsh, Melisa Leventry, Tim Coppler, John J. Adamson, Edith Adamson, Molly Dulaney, Michele Kish, Olesea Sizemore, Carolyn Kemp

Online Attendees: David Gamrat, Melissa Mentz, Taryn Hozmar

Meeting called to order at 7:02

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 December 2024 meeting
 - Melisa First
 - Tim seconds
- Updates on December events - Cookies/Gift Cards, Pizza Party
 - Mrs. Ward's homeroom winner for Pajama drive
- Announce coloring contest winners
- Vote from December 20 was approved use of up to \$300 on Halloween decorations
- Vote will be emailed to members to increase staff appreciation budget by \$500
 - More staff this year than we originally anticipated for
 - Q: what have we done in the past?
 - A: we've always done a catered lunch
 - Q: How short are we on fundraisers?
 - A: Don't know exact amount but down on some, up on others. Not sure how the Carlynton Foundation grant is going to work out this year. Last year Fall fundraisers were lower and in the spring the fundraisers were UP.
 - Comment: PTA should fundraise for the printing of the flyers for parents like we used to. This has never been budgeted to be paid for by the PTA. Brian thinks we should be paying for this again.
 - Comment: Maybe we can add this as a budget line item for the future
 - Molly: Will make some calls to printing companies
- School Wide Valentine's Day Party February 14
 - Sign up genius has a few sign ups but making adjustments to times
- Review events/fundraisers for the rest of the school year
 - Sarris Fundraiser starting soon
 - Gift cards will be awarded to the top earning students

- Monthly birthday shoutouts will continue
- Monthly dine to donate has been very successful and always simple for PTA
 - February – Texas Roadhouse
 - March – Chipotle
 - April – The yard
 - May – Anthony's
 - June – Fitfeine
- February – FigTree, will give portion of latte proceeds to PTA
- Donation Drive for canned soup to donate to the free store around the Super Bowl, "Souper Drive"
 - Winning class will be awarded with a soft pretzel party
- Tote bags still up for sale
- Jazzercise fundraiser
- Technology safety
- March – penny wars, family reading night/scholastic fair, spring hoagie sale
- April – gift of time, family skating night through Pittsburgh skate, chalk the walk event with elementary for PSSA encouragement
- May – Family swim night, Fun Day
 - Q: Do we want to move Fun Day back so it's closer to the last day of school since we go to school a week later?
 - A: Yes
 - Comment: We no longer have the church that previously donated to Fun Day
- Walk A Thon – will secure a date
- Cultural Night – TBD?
- Ice Man Reptiles – Reptile Educational Program
 - Open to however we want to do it, whether it be as an assembly or part of family reading night, etc.
- FreeStore Update from Mr. Alexander :
 - *We are in need of mac and cheese, canned pasta, and any other nonperishable items that are easy for kids to open/prep on their own. We are currently rotating through all 5th grade students as volunteers along with the Crafton FreeStore founding members! Ms Fetterman, creator of the original Free Store, was proud of the work our students are doing to help their community. Mr. Politi has done such an amazing job working with our volunteers, and is helping us to get out 20 bags of food each week! We were the fortunate recipients of a \$10,000 grant and a \$10,000 donation in December!! We plan to move out from under the Carnegie PTA to become our own 503 (c)(3)!*
- Share photos

Report

Treasurer's Report

PTA account balance as of 12/30/2024: \$15,670.29

- Checks uncashed
 - \$761.05 for Jingle Bell Junction
 - Note: As of 1/8 Check has been cashed
- \$5400 is allocated to Project Playground

Dec 2024 PTA Expenses

- Square One Art 6th Grade Wall Tiles: \$349.25
- Printing fees: \$44.94
- Holiday party snacks: \$59.40
- Holiday party bubble house: \$375
- PJ Drive Homeroom Winner Pizza Party: \$68.53
- Pending Halloween Decorations: \$300

Dec 2024 PTA Profits:

- Dec PTA Day: \$72
- Bob's Diner Giveback Day: \$100
- Square One Art: \$305.13
- Bday Shout Outs: \$25
- Jingle Bell Junction: \$1835.20

PTA Expenses 2024-2025 Review To Date

Expense Name	Expense	Budget Amt	Actual Amt	Over/Under
Kindergarten Field Trip	Field Trip	\$600.00	\$610.00	-\$10.00
1st Grade Field Trip	Field Trip	\$600.00		\$600.00
2nd Grade Field Trip	Field Trip	\$600.00		\$600.00
3rd Grade Field Trip	Field Trip	\$600.00		\$600.00
4th Grade Field Trip	Field Trip	\$600.00		\$600.00
5th Grade Field Trip	Field Trip	\$600.00		\$600.00
6th Grade Field Trip	Field Trip	\$1,500.00		\$1,500.00
Special Education Field Trip	Field Trip	\$600.00		\$600.00
Field Trip Transportation	Field Trip	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00
PTA Recognition Gifts	Program	\$400.00		\$400.00
Holiday Parties & Classroom Snacks	Program	\$2,550.00		\$2,550.00
Bulletin Board	Program	\$100.00		\$100.00
Kindergarten T-Shirts	Program	\$550.00	\$696.90	-\$146.90
Staff Appreciation Gifts	Program	\$1,200.00		\$1,200.00
Read Across America Week	Program	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
Red Ribbon Week	Program	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00

Fun Day	Program	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00
Meet the Teacher Night	Program	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$0.00
Fall Family Reading Night	Program	\$150.00	\$150.76	-\$0.76
Spring Family Reading Night	Program	\$150.00		\$150.00
School Supplies for Students/Teachers in Need	Program	\$200.00		\$200.00
Treasure Box Prizes	Program	\$300.00		\$300.00
Insurance & Gambling License	Overhead	\$365.00	\$365.00	\$0.00
Babysitting (meetings)	Overhead	\$200.00		\$200.00
Bank Fees/Checks	Overhead	\$50.00		\$50.00
Miscellaneous	Overhead	\$375.00		\$375.00
TOTAL EXPENSE BUDGET		\$14690		

Babysitting - Monthly Meeting (\$200 Budget)		
Month	Name	Amount
September	Allie	\$20.00
October	Lani	\$20.00
November	NHS	\$0.00
December	N/A	\$0.00
January		
February		
March		
April		
May		
	Total	\$40.00

PTA Recognition Gifts (\$400 budget)			
Items	Date	Amount	
Popsicles	7/17	\$14.67	K Summer Playdate
Mrs Kelly Retirement Gift	9/29	\$47.79	
PJ Drive Pizza Party	12/24	\$68.53	
		\$130.99	Total

Staff Appreciation Gifts (\$1200 budget)			
Item	Date	Price	
Back to School		\$240.00	Fig Tree

Back to School		\$637.50	TOTE BAGS
Back to School		\$79.50	Snacks
Fall Lunch		\$300.00	catered @ Jr/Sr School
September		\$0.00	
October		\$0.00	
November		\$0.00	
December		\$0.00	
January			
February			
March			
April			
Spring Lunch			
		\$1,257.00	Total

School Supplies for Students/Teachers (\$200 budget)			
Month	Name	Total	Paid
August	Headphones	\$7.49	

Treasure Box Prizes (\$300 budget)			
Item	Date	Price	
Five Below	8/6	\$160	
Dollar Tree	8/6	\$18.73	
		\$178.73	Total

Holiday Parties & Classroom Snacks (\$2550 budget)			
Name	Date	Price	
Halloween Drinks		\$103.84	
Halloween Snacks		\$153.00	
Halloween DJ		\$250.00	
Holiday Snacks		\$59.40	
Holiday Bubble House		\$375.00	
		\$941.24	Total

Total Budgeted expenditure: \$14,690

note: field trip expenses will be higher than originally projected

Total expenses spent per date: \$4922.30

Q: Why is Jingle Bell Junction being called a Fundraiser? Why are the funds going BACK to the PTA instead of directly back into the event itself?

A: If money is coming in it makes more sense as a Fundraiser.

Q: Can we allocate some of the profit for next year's?

Q: When we make the budget for next year can we vote to put that into a separate account potentially?

A: Yes, we can at the end of the year. Budget is voted on at the beginning of September. When the budget is determined, Tami always goes off of money made in the previous year, but we have to identify what is a "fundraiser" and what is an "event".

6th Grade Account

- Balance as of 11/30/24: \$1366.49
- Dec 2024 Profits:
 - Read a Thon: \$290

Principal's Report - Ms. Parish

- Jan 17- 2 hour delay
- Jan 24 - Park Rangers Assembly
- Jan 27 - In service day
- Jan 17 - Grading period ends
- Jan 27 - Report cards distributed
- Spirit week in February
- PSSAs will be administered via Chrome Books this year (last week of April - first week of May)

This is Ms. Parish's last meeting with us

Committee Reports

- 6th Grade - Jen Blevins
- Talent Show - Brian O'Malley, Edith Adamson and Molly Dulaney - TBD
 - Looking at May 1 for rehearsal, May 2 for show

Coordinator Updates

- Family Reading Night - Melisa Levinty
- Scholastics - Cara Heisler
- Box Tops - John Adamson
- Fun Day - John Adamson
 - Potentially changing date due to school year ending later
- Walk- A-Thon - Sam Walsh and Ashley Schaffer
 - Will likely have a planning meeting before end of month, let Sam Walsh know if you'd like to help.
- Holiday Parties - Melisa Levinty

Dates to Remember

- **January 6** School resumes from Winter Break & Coloring Contest Pages Due
- January 8 PTA Dress Up Day - Pajamas \$2 Donation

- January 8 - 7:00PM PTA Meeting at Crafton Elementary School Library
- January 10th Wear Green Day
- January 10 - April 13 Sarris Fundraiser
- January 15 8:00AM-8:00PM Dining with a Purpose - Panera
- January 17 Scheduled 2 Hour Delay - Data Day
- January 20 No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
- January 21 - 7:00PM School Board Meeting at Carlynton Jr Sr High School CCC Room
- January 21 December Birthday Shout Outs Due
- January 21 PTA Sponsored In-School Assembly Parks to Schools Program
- January 24 Report Cards Available Online
- January 27 No School Teacher In-Service Day
- January 28 - February 11 Jazzercise Fundraiser
- February 3 100th Day of School
 - Will hide Friday before after school since the event is on a Monday
- February 5th – PTA meeting

Parent Feedback/ Open Discussion

Q: How will the vote be made for the \$500 increase for teacher/staff appreciation?

A: It will go out in an email vote so all paid members have a chance to vote

Meeting Adjourned at 8:17 PM