

# Crestwood Elementary PTO Minutes

## March 13, 2024

In-person PTO meeting at Timbers called to order at 7pm

Welcome - Keri Pimental

- Upcoming dates

- March 27 - Early Release Day
- March 28 - April 7 - Spring Break
- April 24 - Spring Event
- May 9 - Donuts w/ Grown Ups
- May 10 Donuts w/ Grown Ups

Principal Report - Mr. Avink

- Love For Leo fundraiser was a success and raised around \$1200
- Parent/teacher conferences were the week of Feb. 27th and went well
- March is reading month - unfortunately Book Bingo has been cancelled due to a low number of participant signups but will be rescheduled for the next school year
- NWEA testing is over and data shows Crestwood is ranking top in the district
- M-Step prep/testing for grades 3rd-5th will start up after Spring Break
- On April 12, author Chris Grabenstein will be visiting Crestwood - for grades 3rd-5th
- The district calendar for the 24/25 school year is out and was emailed to parents. The number of early release days have been slightly decreased
- Edgerton Trails Elementary is on track to open for the 24/25 school year
- Rockford is piloting two new ELA programs districtwide at all grade levels. Feedback from teachers will help determine which one will be used next school year
- Discussions occurring to possibly decide on doing something for the upcoming eclipse

Mackenzie Hauke - Music Recap

- She recently went to a music conference in Texas with one other RPS music teacher to learn new methods for teaching music and creative ways to get students more engaged. She wanted to thank Crestwood PTO for helping to fund the trip

## Officer & Committee Reports

- Treasurer - Kristi Hewitt (Keri presenting tonight)
  - Budget/Activity Pass Updates
    - Currently over budget and end of year balance is projected to be in the negative due to unplanned expenses/events and higher prices
    - Discussing ways to correct this, which includes reducing how much PTO contributes to trip expenses and reducing staff grants as well as lowering the budgets for Appreciation Week and the Spring Event
    - PTO board and admin to set up an end-of-year meeting after Spring Break to discuss budget and options for next school year
    - Voted on \$200 library grant for author visit - all voted yes
- VP of Programs - Keri Pimental
  - PTO Popcorn
    - Collecting money for popcorn will begin after Spring Break and popcorn will be given out end of day on specific preplanned Fridays
    - There are 5 volunteers scheduled to help on each popcorn day
    - Students will buy punch cards for \$2, which teachers will keep in the classrooms
  - Staff Appreciation Week May 6-10
    - Committee has decided to do a little something each day instead of a meal on just one day
    - Looking into asking for snack donations and/or gift card donations for the gift card wheel
  - Mileage Club Updates - Megan
    - Mileage Club starts back up April 10 with a Fun Run - frog charm
    - Last day is May 22 with a Fun Run - sun charm
    - Signup genius for volunteers will go out the week before Spring Break
    - Asking for a separate date to have a ceremony for handing out awards to make it more special for mileage club participants
  - Spring Event - Allison Wheeler
    - Will take place Wednesday, April 24 from 5pm-7pm, which is also an early release day
    - Glow Themed
    - Photo booth and glow bar to hand out glow sticks
    - Bounce house, “glow” dance party in the gym, cornhole, flag football with RHS football players, RHS dance team, and food trucks
    - Still need to figure out music for the dance party
    - Still in need of many volunteers

- There are corn hole boards being made to play with during the event and then to be sold in a silent auction at the Spring Event
- Asking to have a Neon Day Spirit Day created for April 24th

#### New Business

- Help with next year's planning needed
- Open PTO board positions - Danielle and Keri will be phasing out after this school year
- Looking into the possibility of parents being allowed to attend the talent show this year

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Meeting Adjourned