

Crestwood Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2020

Meeting called to order 736am

Welcome- Danielle Haskin, President

Approval of November minutes- Kelly Albini, 2nd Judy Grifhorst

President's Report- Danielle Haskin

- School Improvement Fund
 - Previously discussed replacing laminator as it was broken, but the bond money will cover the replacement of this item
 - Discussing fans for each classroom-
- Board positions will be available for the 2020-2021 school year- please reach out if interested

VP Volunteer Coordination- Jen Baker

- Committee chair positions available for the coming school year as well as board positions
- Valentine's Day parties- 2/14 ½ day
 - DK, 3, 5: 845-10am
 - K, 1, 2, 4: 1045-1145am
- Pastries with Parents-3/4 and 3/5

VP of Programs- Danielle for Keri Pimental

- Carnival
 - 3/20 6-830pm
 - Outer space theme
 - More info to come soon

Treasurer- Ashley Fouts

- Budget- see attached
- Track total- \$26,887

2nd grade team thanks PTO for funding an author visit

Giving tree- Nicole Peterson

- Great year- overwhelming support
 - 7 cars loaded FULLY took gifts to DA Blodgett
 - Closer to home- supported 9 families at Crestwood
 - Overall huge success

Principal's Report- Nicole Peterson

- Thank you from staff for ongoing parent support
- Conferences coming up- 2/25 and 2/27
- Valentine's Day parties- 2/14
- Christmas parties- over 500 people signed in throughout the building
- Watch Dogs- 53 visits to date ** watch for signup to come soon
- Field Trips- Wildlife Relief Association- coming soon to do 3 assemblies
- Recycling Committee- focusing on water bottles and Clorox wipes containers ** don't forget about the paper gator out in front of the school- Crestwood earns money per pound and keeps paper from the landfill

- “Snow Gear” aka “Cold Weather Gear”- will not be enforcing snow gear on older kids if there is no snow on the ground. Conversations happening at home regarding respecting adults in this matter supporting staff are much appreciated.
- Upcoming dates
 - 1/31- ½ day
 - 2/14- ½ day
 - 2/17- no school
- NWEA- currently testing grades 1-5
- Paved track update-
 - open for bids next week
 - bids stay open 2-3 weeks
 - plans originally drawn by architect reflected an official, collegiate type track
 - plans redrawn to meet our needs- asphalt walking path
 - still on track for construction summer 2020

Amy Vancil- REF

- REF est. 1991, 501c3
- Provides funding for educational expenses
- 2 grant periods per year- fall and winter
 - Winter deadline Monday January 20
- Current fundraisers
 - Decorating wall in the Creative Teaching and Learning Center with plaques that can be purchased (see brochure)
 - The Taste- 3/7 food vendors, raffles etc. Ticket info online rockfordEDfoundation.org
- School year grants
- Founders Grant- up to \$25,000 awarded every Spring (funded by Wolverine Worldwide) has previously funded makers spaces
- 2 Community Impact Grants-
 - Helped bring and support GRCC, GVSU, and FSU allowing early college credit in high school
 - Funded mental/emotional well-being at the school levels
- Student Grants- up to \$500

Meeting adjourned 815am