

# CRPTO General Board Meeting August 24, 2016

Meeting called to order at approximately 9:00 a.m. by Jennifer Wetzler, CRPTO President.

# **CRPTO Board Members Present: Excused Absence:** April McCracken, VP Communications Tracy Davis, VP Membership Carly Parkhill, Co-VP Fundraising Dana Hutchings, VP MS Coordinator Fay Ziton, VP MS Coordinator Catherine Carrillo, Secretary Christine Deaton, Co-VP Events Francesca Werz, Volunteer Coordinator Jennifer Wetzler, President Karla Clay, Asst. Treasurer Lindsay Slover, Principal Marnee Medress, Asst. Treasurer/Spirit Wear Matt Patzlaff, Assistant Principal Rochelle Gabriel, Past President Starr Crist, Treasurer Stephanie Halvorson, Co-VP Events Tammy McGreevy, Co-VP Fundraising

## Welcome:

President Wetzler welcomed everyone to the meeting.

# <u>Update from Principal Slover:</u>

Principal Slover welcomed everyone and introduced herself as the new principal.

She provided an update on the first fire drill of the school year noting it went impressively well. She also informed the attendees that the recruitment for a school librarian was well underway and explained the process was more extensive than anticipated due to the position's certification requirement. In the meantime, she will look into the feasibility of parent assistance or other options to provide library support until the position is filled.

Principal Slover then spent some time talking with the attendees about parent parking concerns and made note to troubleshoot ongoing traffic safety issues and possible crosswalk shading during the hot weather months.

# **CRS Connects Update:**

Ms. McCracken welcomed the new families to the meeting and spoke to the successful new family meet and greet and tour that took place at the back to school event. She also emphasized the continued need for ambassador families to lend a helping hand to incoming families.

## **Education Support Fund:**

Ms. Gabriel shared that Fund participation was currently at 30% (approx.) and the goal is to reach \$180,000 each school year and it takes parent donations to make that happen. She made note of a concern regarding the online donation process and will ensure the online receipt issued states it is a donation versus a sale for tax purposes.

## **Volunteer Information:**

Ms. Werz shared that a room parent meeting would take place immediately following the PTO general meeting.

# **Middle School Update:**

There was no update on this agenda item due to Ms. Ziton's absence from the meeting. Ms. Wetzler did request that \$50 middle school donations be submitted to to Ms. Ziton by September 2nd.

#### **Spirit Wear:**

Ms. Medress shared that spirit wear sales were great so far this year and there were still a good amount of sweatshirts available for purchase. She explained that due to the popularity of certain items, not all sizes were currently available and so a spirit wear reorder was being contemplated and if fulfilled, would be available for purchase at Book Fair.

Anyone that would like purchase should email Marnee at <a href="mailto:spiritwear@crpto.com">spiritwear@crpto.com</a>

## **Book Fair Update:**

Ms. Deaton and Ms. Halvorson shared an update that the upcoming book fair's theme will be Buccaneers (Pirates of the Caribbean and Peter Pan combined). They emphasized

what a huge event this is for Copper Ridge (with a budgeted financial goal of \$5,000!) and explained the manpower it takes to make this a successful event. They encouraged volunteer participation and indicated that the kick-off meeting would take place on August 31st at 9am in Room 608 at which time a Sign-Up Genius would be available for all book fair volunteer positions. They encouraged volunteers to attend the kick off meeting in addition to volunteering via Sign Up Genius once that is distributed by email. The book fair is scheduled for September 23 and 26-28 with Donuts for Dads on those days from 7am to 8:30am.

#### **Carnival Update:**

Ms. McGreevy provided an update on this year's carnival scheduled for October 21st. She indicated that there will be three wristband pre-sale dates this year to provide even more opportunities for discounted prices. Sponsorships are available and more information will be distributed in the near future. A carnival volunteer sign-up sheet was distributed at the meeting.

# **Lights, Camera, Auction:**

Ms. Parkhill provided an update on the Lights, Camera, Auction event scheduled for April 7, 2017. Mark your calendars and more information will be sent during the school year.

## **Budget:**

Ms. Crist provided a budget update reemphasizing that the Education Support Fund was currently at 30% (approx.) and we look forward to continued growth especially in the Kindergarten thru 5th grade participation rates. She also informed the PTO attendees that voting ballots for the 2016/2017 budget were available at the meeting.

NOTE: The ballots for the 2016-17 budget were cast and the budget was approved by the members.

#### Questions:

There were no questions but a few updates were provided: 1) Southwest Candy is currently offering a 10% donation back to Copper Ridge on any candy sales made by Copper Ridge families, 2) there is a new Copper Ridge PTO website and the PTO is also on Facebook and Twitter and followers are encouraged so we can continue to grow organically and 3) a reminder that The Boys and Girls Club has a variety of programs available to students at Copper Ridge.

#### **Upcoming Dates:**

Book Fair Kick-Off Meeting: August 31 from 9am to 10am (Room 608) Next PTO meeting: September 14 from 9am to 10am (Room 608)

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:45 a.m.

Minutes submitted by:

Catherine Carrillo
Catherine Carrillo, 2016-17 CRPTO Secretary

Approved by:

Jennifer Wetzler

Jennifer Wetzler, 2016-17 CRPTO President