

La Crescent-Hokah Parent Teacher Organization

Meeting Minutes

November 7th, 7:00-8:20
Elementary Media Center

Members Present

Nate Byom, Jessica Vessey, Jenni McCool, Bonnie Martin, Melinda Klug, Kelly Fabian, Melissa Grinde, Jay Woller, Leah Olsen, Susan Oddsen

Fall fundraiser

Our fall fundraiser earnings were down a little from last year but we still did well. Preliminary results in earnings, including straight donations to the PTO to be about \$13650.00.

Pro's and Con's of this fundraiser were discussed including lessons learned that could be changed for next year. We will ask for checks only so no cash will be handled. The deadline for the order turn in will be strictly followed for more timely merchandise return. We also discussed the possibility of the teachers having a checklist of the students who turned in their orders for a cross-reference list.

We continue to have some items that were not picked up. Phone calls have been made to each of the families. If you have not picked up your order, please email Nate Byom at nbyom@hotmail.com.

Several students achieved the limo lunch ride pizza party level in sales. Nate will contact the school office to look at open dates / availability for the party.

Fall Book Fair

THANK YOU to Kristina Bildeaux and Darcey Cody for spending many hours organizing this event. Thank you also to the 15 volunteers who also helped to make the book fair a success.

Total sales were \$6934.97 (this is an \$1427 increase from last fall). In total we will receive \$4154.99 in scholastic dollars for our school / children. Great Job!

Fall Dance

Our fall "Harvest Dance" will be held Friday, November 8th from 6-8 pm in the large gym. Monetary donations will go to the "Random Acts of Kindness" fund. We will also collect winter clothing for families in need in our community. Thank you to Bonnie Martin and Melinda Klug for organizing this event. Thank you to Scott Riess for agreeing to DJ.

Fall / Winter Apparel Sale

After much discussion on having a sale before the holidays, it was agreed not to have the winter apparel sale.

Yearbook Sales

Nate will be in contact with lifetouch regarding sales of the yearbooks this year. Melinda will continue to take photos throughout the year but we encourage all of the teachers to share their photos for the yearbook.

Give to the Max Day

Susan Oddsen presented an event to help raise money for non-profit organizations through GiveMN.org. November 14th is “give to the max day”. Individuals can go online and donate money to the PTO organization. For every hour that money is donated to the organization, an organization is randomly selected to receive an additional \$1000. At the end of the day an organization is randomly selected to earn an additional \$10,000. This could be extra money for field trips or extra projects for our school. Kelly has agreed to set this up online.

Farm2School

Susan Oddsen updated us on the progress of the garden. A grant has been written to “Whole Kids Foundation” to expand the size of the garden.

Winter Event

Jessica is working with the ice arena to host an ice skating event. We are possibly looking at a Friday evening in January or February for this event.

Teacher Appreciation Meal

The teacher meal was a success. Thank you to the volunteers who brought food for our teachers.

Crystal Sobotta	Kristina Bildeaux	Kim Ingram
Brenda Reider	Sarah Strom	Missy Schild
Melinda Klug	Maggie Kowalski	Heidi Woller
Michelle Russell	Linda Kneifl	Britt Welnetz
Jill Welch	Mary Tollefson	Kelly Fabian
Robin Weiser	Melissa Grinde	

Collection Income

Milk Moola	\$100.20
Kwik Trip	\$133.55
Quillin’s	\$ 50.44
Fall Donations	\$605.00
Target	\$139.00

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, December 5th
7:00 in the Elementary Media Center
Childcare provided

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Grinde, Secretary