

## La Crescent – Hokah Parent Teacher Organization

### **Meeting Minutes** October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00-8:30 Elementary Media Center

#### **Members Present**

Nate Byom, Becki Kiesau, Jessica Vessey, Jay Woller, Jenni McCool, Melinda Klug, Melissa Grinde, Bonnie Martin, Scott Martin

#### **Meeting Format**

We would love to increase participation in PTO by both teachers and parents. We thought limiting the length of the meeting would allow for this. The board will now meet at 6:30pm and the general PTO meeting will be at 7:00pm.

#### **Apparel Sales**

Nate contacted Thorson Graphics regarding the expected arrival date of the apparel. It is expected to arrive next week.

Apparel did arrive and was delivered to the classrooms on October 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Fall Fundraiser**

Chippe Shoppe merchandise is scheduled to be delivered on **Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Please mark this on your calendar and make arrangements to pick up your orders after school that day. We will be open until 6:00 pm.

We are in need of volunteers that day for both setting up orders in the gym and distributing items to families. Please help if you can. Melissa will send out an email request for volunteers.

If you are interested in helping contact Melissa at **melissakaye23@acegroup.cc**

## **Parent / Student Events**

We are exploring several ideas for parent / student events. A fall dance was proposed. This would be held Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. Nate will contact a DJ. Jessica will contact Community Ed for the rental of the gym. Discussion was held regarding admission fee per family. It was decided to have a "Fall Harvest Dance". We will be asking for donations of outdoor winter clothes (coats, snowpants, gloves, hats) for the school or a monetary donation. Look for more information to follow.

Family movie night will be held in early 2014. The date is yet to be determined. We are looking at February. There is a one-time licensing fee to show the movie.

## **Funding Requests**

Additional funding requests were reviewed. These included field trips, transportation for the concert rehearsal in the spring, transportation for the 4<sup>th</sup> grade middle school orientation, and renewal of the united streaming license.

We talked about asking families to contribute a portion of the cost of certain field trips. We will keep the usual \$5/student fee for the 4<sup>th</sup> grade science museum trip.

If a family wishes to make a donation for another child, you may do so by sending donations to the PTO. This will help to offset costs for the field trips.

## **Teacher Meal**

It has been a PTO tradition to provide teachers with an appreciation meal on family night of the parent -teacher conference week. Many teachers have a very long work- day and having food available is always greatly appreciated.

If you would like to contribute a food item on **Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>**, please contact Melissa Grinde at **melissakaye23@acegroup.cc**. This would include such items as a meat or cheese tray, veggie tray, fruit, or dessert/snacks.

### **Fall Book Fair**

Our fall book fair will run during conference week, **November 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>**. There will be an opportunity for parents to purchase books, trinkets and classroom gifts.

More information on the book fair will come home in a few weeks. The book fair requires a large volunteer effort. Please consider helping with set up, ringing out customers and /or take down. This is always a great way to get caught up with people you may not have seen in awhile. Please contact Kristina if you are able to help, at **[kbildeaux@advanstar.com](mailto:kbildeaux@advanstar.com)**.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 in the Elementary Media Center

Respectfully submitted,  
Melissa Grinde, Secretary