

## La Crescent-Hokah Parent Teacher Organization

### **Meeting Minutes**

September 12, 7:00-9:15  
Elementary Media Center

#### **Members Present**

Nate Byom, Beckie Kiesau, Jessica Vessey, Kelly Fabian, Jenni McCool, Melinda Klug, Bonnie Martin, Melissa Grinde, Susan Oddsen, Jen Conroy, Karen Schwartzhoff, Kristina Bildeaux, Jay Woller, Emily Sebo, Darcey Cody

#### **Parent – Student Events**

Idea were discussed for different events to promote interaction between school and home. Some of the ideas included an ice skating event at the arena, PTO night at a sporting event, movie night and a roller skating fundraiser. Discussion of idea will continue.

#### **Fall Book Fair**

Our fall book fair will run during conference week, **November 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>**. This is a popular event for students and families, and brings many new books to our school. The chairpersons for the event will be Kristina Bildeaux and Darcey Cody. The book fair requires a large volunteer effort. Please consider helping with set-up (Friday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>), ringing out customers (mornings or afternoon hours Monday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>), and /or take-down (Friday, Nov 8<sup>th</sup>). More information will come at a later date.

#### **Fall Fundraiser**

Our annual Catalog sale with the Chippe Shoppe will kick off on **September 16<sup>th</sup>** with a student presentation from the company representative. This is our major fundraiser of the year, and the primary source of revenue used to pay for field trips and out-of-budget items. Thank you to Nate Byom, Jenni McCool, Jessica Vessey and Kelly Fabian, who have offered to take on the time-intensive task of tallying orders and submitting our final school order. Please help us make this fundraiser a success so we can continue to offer generous support to our school!

#### **School Apparel**

PTO will continue to take apparel orders for another week, with a **final deadline for sale order of Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**.

### **WELCOME picnic for Principal Woller**

We were excited to welcome our new elementary school principal, Jay Woller and his family at Old Hickory park on Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. It was a great turn out of support. Thank you to our local businesses (Bauer's, Kwik Trip, and Corkey's) for their donations/contributions.

### **Funding Requests**

We reviewed the list of funding requests for the school, which included field trips across all grades, homecoming concert band bus for an ES performance, and a computer streaming subscription for all teachers/students.

There is a price discrepancy on the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade multiage class to clear up but request was approved for the full amount.

There was discussion regarding the renewal of the subscription for the *United Steaming Discovery Education* contract. More information is needed on the usage of this program across all grades for the approval.

Viterbo Fine Arts has a program for educational reduced pricing on their performance tickets. The information and documents needed will be resubmitted to all teachers. We are asking that they complete the documents needed for reduced price tickets to help offset the cost of the tickets

### **Community Garden**

Susan Oddsen spoke on the participation of various students with the community garden over the summer. Thank you to Kids Co for the assistance. She is also working with the La Crosse office on a grant may allow for expansion.

### **Boosting Participation in PTO**

We would love to increase participation in PTO by both parents and teachers. Ideas were exchanged from having short presentations from administration, teachers, and / or students. Bonnie Martin arranged childcare with Shelly Gates. The Lancer Link Leader class will be providing childcare in the gym for our future meetings.

### **Collections**

Income:

Kwik Trip Milk Moola - \$210.45

Quillin's Receipts - \$61.20

Target REDcard - \$820.00

Keep collecting Box Tops for Education, Quillin's receipts and Milk Moola caps/bag tops. (Milk Moola will be ending in November). If you shop at Target, sign up for a Target REDcard. Target contributes 5% of your purchases back to the school of your choice. As you see, it is a great way to get income for our school.

Our next meeting is October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 in the Elementary Media Center.  
Childcare will be provided.

Respectfully submitted,  
Melissa Grinde, Secretary