

**Crosswind Elementary**

**PTA General Body Meeting Minutes**

**August 27, 2019**



List of attendees on file

Meeting called to order by Raquel Blue at 6:04pm.

The minutes from the last General Body Meeting were approved as posted.

**President's Report:** Raquel welcomed all attendees and thanked everyone for coming. She stated that the theme for this year's PTA Board is Appreciation and Information. As a part of this theme, the teachers were treated to an "Out of this world" Back to School Breakfast earlier this month. Additionally, teachers were presented with items from a supply bar that included post-it notes, dry erase markers, pencils, paper clips, and other items. Raquel also announced that this year's budget included \$200 mini-grants for every teacher that could be used to purchase supplies for their classrooms. Finally, Raquel urged everyone to visit our new website, and to keep an eye on our Facebook page and bulletin board for information pertaining to PTA activities.

**Principal's Report:** Dr. Crafford welcomed all the parents and teachers and thanked everyone for coming. She also thanked all PTA Board Members, both past and present. She introduced all teachers, assistants, assistant principals, and other staff members. Dr. Crafford also announced that Crosswind was once again named a Tennessee Reward School. Additionally, she read a letter certifying Crosswind as an asbestos-free school.

**Treasurer's Report:** Lisa Martens stated the beginning balance for this year as \$24,628.40. Year to date income is \$2,027.90 and year to date expenses are \$7,373.48. She clarified that the expenses included startup costs of website, the Welcome Back Breakfast for teachers, Planetarium fee, reimbursement of teacher funds, and purchasing poster boards for every student to use in art class. Thus, the year to date balance is \$19,282.82.

**Proposed Budget:** Raquel thanked the hard work of the Budget Committee, led by Lisa Martens, in developing this year's proposed budget. She stated that the increase in both hospitality funds and general school support funds included funding for teacher grants, buying poster board for all students, teacher treats for 2 months of the school year, the Planetarium that will be visiting on September 11-12, a new volunteer luncheon, as well as a new family friendly event to be held in the Spring. Raquel called for discussion regarding the proposed budget. Discussion from the floor included April Helmsin asking where the money raised from Turkey Trot would be spent. Additionally, Dana Siegel spoke thanking the PTA for giving her the opportunity to purchase educational items for her classroom, including books and other materials that her students wouldn't have otherwise.

**Motion:** Raquel moved to approve the 2019-2020 budget as submitted by the Finance and Budget Committee.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan Schwartz

Paper ballots were passed out to the general body.

Ballots were tallied and motion passed at 6:40pm with a vote of 77 for and 2 against.

Julie reported that we currently have over 300 members who have signed up for PTA. This year, all memberships include a Crosswind Decal! September is Membership month, and there will be a Membership drive held. A bulletin board will be on display that notes each classroom's progress. The

first class to reach 100% participation will earn the opportunity to silly string Dr. Crafford. The class in each grade with the highest participation will have a sidewalk chalk day, and the grade level with the highest participation will earn new indoor and outdoor recess equipment for each class! Additionally, all classes with at least 75% participation will earn a PJ dress up day. Julie encouraged everyone who has not yet joined to please do so soon!

**Parent Volunteers:** Susan reminded everyone of the Room Parent meeting that will be held on September 11 at 9:30am. She also reminded everyone to visit the PTA website to sign up for the many volunteer opportunities throughout the school. Susan also explained some changes to Teacher Treats this year. Each grade level will be responsible for providing Teacher Treats for one month. The Fifth Grade is up first and will be providing treats on September 5. The PTA will be providing Teacher Treats for 2 months of the school year.

The next meeting will be held on November 11, 2019, and Dr. Crafford announced that the choirs will be singing.

Meeting adjourned by Raquel Blue at 6:44 pm