

CROMER PTO MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 17, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm by Shannon Shoots, PTO President. Officers in attendance were Teresa Andrade, Treasurer, and Karen Patty, Secretary. Teacher representatives in attendance were Hazel Maben and Penny Hale. Dr. Horn and three parents were also in attendance.

Theresa gave the treasurer's report. There was a discussion regarding placement of the ramada. Dr. Horn also suggested that alternative shade structures might be more beneficial than a large ramada. Mrs. Maben suggested smaller structures, such as those used at city bus stops, be placed around the playground.

The first Cake Bingo came in almost on budget. The second Cake Bingo should be mostly profit.

All of the budgeted money for subscriptions has been used.

\$310.00 left for science fair prizes. Heather Gala made a motion to move \$200.00 from die cuts to science fair prizes. Dr. Horn seconded the motion.

The Tax-Exempt status is still in the process. Teresa Andrade has been in touch with the accountant regarding this matter.

\$6000.00 was donated by Liz Archuleta and Deb Hill county supervisors, for the new marquee. One-half of this amount has been put down and drawings have been approved by the county and a permit has been issued.

Spirit Wear – If everything is sold, there should be a profit of about \$100.00. PTO chose to price the items so that people would be able to afford them, instead of trying to make a large profit from Cromer families.

Mrs. Hale wants to put a note in her newsletter for t-shirts.

Teresa asked what areas should be kept in the budget and where cuts could be made due to the current economic crisis. There could be some money put into the budget for start-up next year. There was not really any discussion about this matter.

Jennifer Whetten is coordinating the next Cake Bingo.

Family Fiesta Night was a big hit. Penny Hale said the #1 comment was people could socialize compared to last year at Outback.

All PTO Board positions are open at this time. Shannon Shoots will not be returning as the President and Karen Patty will not be able to be a board member.

Shannon said some people have commented that the money raised for the fund raiser should not be used for a ramada. A portion of that money was designated for teachers in their accounts. The ramada project may need to be put on hold, however since the money was fundraised for this specific item, it was discussed that the money should remain for the designated item.

Upcoming Events were listed:

- Feb. 20th, Cake Bingo from 6:30 – 8 pm
- Muffins with Mom – can get the muffins the night before
- Donuts with Dad – order glazed, chocolate, and maple
- Nurses Day, May 6th – acknowledgement
- Teacher Appreciation, May 1st – It was suggested to give teachers movie tickets and decorate the lounge and give out the tickets at that time.
- End of Year Event/Basket Raffle by grade: a talent show was suggested
- 6th grade appreciation: possibilities include the Aquaplex (Theresa Andrade is going to find out more information for this), ice skating is another possibility
- Field Day – maybe have a popcorn and movie instead. Dr. Horn suggested using aides and other support staff to help with outside events.

Dr. Horn gave a brief presentation regarding the middle and high school combinations. One of the ideas behind the combination is that middle school students can take high school level classes and receive high school credit for them.

Dr. Horn also gave a presentation regarding the budget. Parents are being encouraged to fill out lunch forms for free and reduced lunches. If their child did not qualify earlier this year, but the family's economic status has changed, their child may now qualify for this program.

Title 1 funding is based on this criteria. At this time, Cromer has 35% of the students that qualify for free or reduced lunches. If there are 40% of the students that qualify for this program, Cromer will receive extra money for various programs within the school.

Cromer School Rules are posted throughout the building: Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful.

Arizona ranks 49th out of all the states for education. The average state funding in the U.S. is \$8903 per student. Arizona's state funding for education is \$6232 per student. The federal government determines how much money to give a state based on the funding the state itself allots. For example, a state that spends \$10,000 per child will receive more money per child from the federal government than a state that only spends \$6000 per child.

The state has cut \$1.6 million from the remaining school year's budget.

FUSD budget reductions:

- approximately \$1 million from M & O
- \$236,000 from Soft Capital

FUSD spring solutions

- hiring freeze
- budget freeze
- cost-cutting/energy savings within all areas and buildings
- no money to carry forward

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.