

**Antonia Crater Elementary School  
Parent Teacher Organization  
General Meeting**

May 9, 2011 6:30 p.m.  
Antonia Crater Library • Child supervision was available  
20+ parents/staff present

**Welcome**

About a half-dozen incoming Kindergarten parents joined in this meeting, after being hosted by Mr. Milner for a K Parent Night event earlier in the evening.

**Review of Minutes**

From 4/11/2011 meeting – reported by Stephanie Carstensen, Vice President

**Crater Update**

**Kindergarten Parent Night:** Mr. Milner, Dr. Mears and Mrs. Bass hosted incoming K parents for an evening dedicated to welcoming these families and giving some helpful insight/tips for success for the incoming students. There were parent handouts on Crater academics/attendance and getting involved – with their respective student, their student's classroom and Crater through volunteering and visiting as often as possible.

**Reading Program:** Dr. Pam Mears gave a presentation on the reading program that she actively facilitates with 8 other staff members throughout the school year. From assessments to diagnosis to instruction of students, as well as the professional development and commitment to staff, the Crater reading program supports goals/benchmarks/recommendations to all-student reading success.

**PTO Business**

**Transition Team:** Parents, staff, Dr. Mears and Mr. Milner continue to work out details as Ewing Young and Crater look ahead to sharing a principal and working with a Lead Teacher in the new school year. As specifics are put into place, PTO and Crater families will have more information.

**Financial Report:** Steve Thomson, Treasurer, gave a current financial report. He also fielded questions about the 2011-2012 proposed budget. The group moved, voted and approved earmarking \$12,000 into next year as “starter funds” for playground improvements. A few “Wish List” items were also mentioned: extended blacktop; concrete; heavy equipment ... as the playground renovations become clearer, so will needs that we hope Crater parents can network and help make the improved playground/extended facility a reality. Stacia Riggs, who facilitates “passive fundraisers” that Crater PTO promotes, gave a quick overview of the Amazon.com link; Campbell's Labels; General Mills Box Tops; etc. May 31 will be the last day to submit Box Tops – especially important for those with a 6/2011 expiration date.

**Open Positions:** Kara Rayburn, Volunteer Coordinator, reviewed open coordinator and officer positions. At the conclusion of the meeting, several parents volunteered to fill positions. Openings will be published the rest of the year or until filled.

## **Event Report**

**Lottery (4/12/11):** Mr. Milner and Mrs. Karen Lang (parent chosen through the school's mini-lottery) along with two representatives from the Portland Trailblazers scratched \$730 for Crater Elementary. All monies will go to the playground improvements. Mr. Milner hung up a poster + a “scratcher” in the foyer.

**Carnival (4/16/11):** Stacia Riggs reported that the Carnival was a great success – monies/expenses are still being account for – but approximately \$10000 was earned.

**Staff Appreciation Lunch (5/4/11):** Stephanie Carstensen, Event Coordinator, reported a festive event with over a dozen families helping with decorations and meal preparation/contributions for the Taco Salad Bar.

## **Upcoming Events**

**Book Exchange (June 7-9):** Kelly Harrold, Event Coordinator, has the event prepared and ready. She will be shadowed by a parent interested in coordinating the event next spring.

**Year-End BBQ (6/14/11):** Stephanie Carstensen, Event Coordinator, reported that food has been ordered – same as last year with a hot dog lunch. Mrs. Hall's father will be our chef and a request for volunteers will go out shortly. We will ask for a \$2 donation per meal; Crater students are all served complimentary meals, paid for by PTO.

**Field Day (6/14/11):** Mr. Milner reported that Mr. Wood will be focusing on finishing the organization of this event and requests for volunteers will be publicized soon.

**Next meeting: TBA**

**Adjournment at 7:40pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Stephanie Carstensen  
PTO Vice President