

**Antonia Crater Elementary School  
PTO/Cougar Club  
General Meeting**

January 15, 2013 @ 6:00pm  
Childcare in Cafeteria

**Welcome and Introductions ~ Jennifer Fisher PTO Secretary**

**Principal: Mr. Milner**

➤ School Update

➤ New security policies

Because of what happened in CT, the entire district has beefed up security. The plan we have in place is for a range of emergencies (bomb threats, chemical spills, earthquakes, fire, explosions, intruders in building. There is existing an emergency response team as well. Regular fire, lock down, and earthquake drills are done.

All outside doors are locked while students are present in the facility. “Lock out” This relies heavily on the front office secretaries. They are the first responders.

There was a lot of parent input in the conversation. We realize that if someone wants to get into the school, the best we can do is buy time to get first responders here. It is up to the parents to inform their children about “Stranger Danger” and other safety issues. The school will not be taking place of the parent role/interaction. One parent suggested a self-defense course for staff. Another suggested arming staff or having an armed security guard. One mentioned fencing in the school to help limit access. This is already being discussed. One suggested having signs in the cars to release students for parent pick up by car.

Panic button currently exists that will immediately lock all doors. Cameras are already here in the main hallways.

Discussions with police department, parents, etc.

Dismissal procedures: Front entry is for parent pick up in person. Cafeteria is for parent pick up by car. Gym is for bus riders. Door to playground is for bike riders and walkers.

What the school needs from parents: blankets for kids in case of being outside, and a CURRENT list of anyone your child(ren) could be released to including neighbors, friends, etc.

### **Crater Events and Program Reports**

- Candy Drive ~ Nicole Chamberlin  
2 weeks to get check
- District Parent Club ~ Jennifer Fisher  
Will include meeting minutes from District meeting with Superintendent.
- Movie Night ~ Jeff Denton  
Needs volunteers – at least 2 more February 8th
- Christmas Wish Lists ~ Jennifer Fisher  
If there is any feedback, please get with Jennifer personally.
- Spring Book Fair ~ Rodney Birch  
Report was sent to Leslie Thurman instead of Jennifer Fisher
- Carnival ~  
We need a reason to raise the money. Technology? Security?
- Grand Lunch ~ Need coordinator  
No one volunteered.

### **PTO Business**

- Financial Report ~ Lisa Carlson, Treasurer  
\$24338.76  
Carnival money currently has no set plan for money that is raised. Could we perhaps use it for technology or security changes and upgrades.  
Current system to keep track of money is GNU CASH. It is pretty difficult to use, not user friendly. Could we look at purchasing different software?
- Open Board Positions/ Nominations
  - Treasurer Elect
  - Vice President ~ Woody Little was nominated and elected.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10.