

**AC PTO Meeting**  
**November 5, 2013**  
**6:00 pm, Crater Library**

**Attendance:** Woody Little, Troy Fisher, Rich Brown, Gerod Rayburn, Christine Birch, Leslie Thurman, Jen Bass, Trina Bishop, Ciaran Hynes, Geoff Gifford, Rupert Dallas, Renee Garrison, Jennifer Fisher

**Principal's Report:** Troy Fisher

- Common Core Standards – 40+ states have adopted. For an overview, go to [www.commoncoreworks.org/page/378](http://www.commoncoreworks.org/page/378) . Standards in English/Language Arts, Math, and Science. Making standards consistent across the US, nationwide assessments. There is a lot of work to change over to the new standards. Parents can tell their kids to keep at it, keep working hard, changes have been happening fast. “It’s ok to struggle.” Stick to it. We are trying to develop a higher level of thinking. Lots of brain games and word problems.
- Civil War Canned Food Drive – start 2 weeks before the Civil War.
- Sharing Tree – pantry staples, toilet paper, some extras boxed up to give to families. All items are written on paper ornaments for kids to pick up. Boxes delivered at beginning of Winter Break. Families don’t know they are getting boxes, totally anonymous. Usually serves 5-7 families. Starting sometime in December.

**Old Business:**

- Candy Buy Back – Wilson Orthodontics will pay \$250 + 1/ pound for candy brought in to office. Candy is then sent to US Troops. Collecting bin is outside of office.
- Fun Run – Thanks Leslie Thurman! You did an outstanding job. Total profit we made \$13, 595.22. Woohoo! That is \$600 more than projections.
- Student Directory – Thanks Jill Johnson! Electronic copies have been distributed.
- Spirit Wear – Great response, thanks Renee! 10 day turn around.
- Conference Night Staff Appreciation Dinner – Thanks Christine Birch! Breakfast for dinner was fun.
- eScrip/Boxtop update – Trina Bishop, Boxtops total is \$1310.50, Labels total is 20,407 points. eScrip – Safeway is largest vendor. You just sign up your card, and each swipe will earn money for the school 1-4% depending on purchase. Need to get the word out and get people signed up. Easy to do! Go online, put in your card #, and link your card to Crater. [www.eScrip.com](http://www.eScrip.com)

**New Business:**

- Bylaws Update: Meeting November 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm. Anyone interested please come review and update our bylaws.
- Wildlife Safari Opportunity – Saturday group tours \$5/person. Will explore opportunity for April or May. 2.5 hour drive to get there. Drive through wildlife habitats at your own pace. See animals up close. Riding and petting some animals is possible. Self-guided tour for in the car part.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Outdoor School Fundraiser – usually done in the fall. Mr. Fisher already has volunteers. You can buy bulbs, coffee, or cookie dough. Will be starting before Thanksgiving and run until the week after. Orders will be in first week of December.
- Grants – Mr. Fisher has brought the opportunity for grants to the staff. They are on board with asking the PTO for things needed for the school. Woody gave Mr. Fisher a new grant form. There is already a need.
- Treasurer Report – Introduce new Treasurer-Elect  
\$29,669 balance. Introducing a newly revised budget. Copies handed out for review and discussion. Changes to the Classroom grants, Enrichment: Grades, CougaRobotics, Fun Run, Donations, Other (income), and addition of Child care line items. Changes were done to reflect more accurately amounts based on historical data. Addition of line item is to provide payment for child care at activities.  
Motion and second to approve amended budget. Vote was in favor, unanimously.
- Volunteer Coordinator – Position remains open, anyone interested?
- Teacher Wish Lists – holiday time, teachers usually get gifts from families. PTO can get requests from teachers for gifts useful in classrooms. It has been done the last 2 years. Megan Fisher volunteered to take this on.
- CougaRobotics – bought new curriculum this year, so we can offer 1.0, 2.0, and 3.0 sessions. Also made t-shirts. May need to fundraise this year to cover all expenses.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30pm.**

- Meeting dates will fluctuate a bit this year – not always on 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, based on Woody's work schedule.
- Next meeting will start at 6:30pm instead of normal time.