**Crocker/Riverside PTO**

**General Meeting Minutes**

Thursday December 7, 2017

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

1. **Welcome** Anna Molander (6:04 p.m.)

1. **Introduction of the Board** (6:14 p.m.)
   1. As a PTO we can think long term for Crocker
   2. Annual fund is doing really well
   3. 27 People in attendance
2. **Sharing Info Out**  (6:21 p.m.)
   1. Budget and Fundraising
      1. PE getting new equipment $1,841 (see below)
3. **Group Discussion Items:** 
   1. **Question 1:** Capital Campaign; Ways/Ideas to improve physical campus? (6:30 p.m.)
      * 1. **Table 1 Notes:** Would the money be well spent on space? This is expensive; maybe use money for a full-time staff member like a librarian or other?
           1. Programs that directly affect students.
           2. It is the districts campus, why is it not their responsibility?
           3. Are there buckets for physical improvements? Directing those buckets?
           4. The Field is unsafe, we can use this, and other safety concerns to force districts to make improvements.
           5. Taking Pods and restructuring them for a variety of things/uses.
           6. Maximize outdoor space and outdoor classrooms.
        2. **Table 2 Notes:** 
           1. Remodeling bathrooms; fixtures, hand dryers, reduce use of paper, re-grout tile.
           2. Field renovations, previous efforts are not lasting
           3. Build second story in auditorium
           4. Water damage in ceilings
           5. Shade around the field
        3. **Table 3 Notes:** 
           1. Multi-purpose room in current auditorium and converting cafeteria to non instructional space
           2. Maker’s space
        4. **Table 4 Notes:** 
           1. Field renovations
           2. Rethinking outside space
           3. Better way to manage lunch time
           4. More outdoor eating space
           5. Bigger library
           6. Computer lab
           7. Gym
           8. 2-story building
           9. School teams help build camaraderie
           10. Pull-in area for drop and go
           11. New source of funding to take burden off parents
   2. **Question 2: Parent Classroom Volunteering. Ways/Ideas on how to Improve, Change or Stabilize the Room Parent Program?** 
      * 1. **Table 1 Notes:** 
           1. Setting goals per family, not a mandate but a convincing push “help your kids succeed”.
           2. A technology/digital calander that people can plug in their time spur of the moment
           3. Track your volunteer hours
           4. Setting volunteer goals
           5. Paid positions for docents
           6. Require volunteerism
           7. Camaraderie to show other how easy, fun and how much of an impact it is
           8. Networking
           9. Donating hours rather than money and have a thermometer like annual fund
           10. Partnering with rotaries and HISP
           11. Capture the audience while they are present at an event. I.E. Band and choir events.
        2. **Table 2 Notes:** 
           1. Recognitions and thank-you for volunteers, website shout outs
           2. Keep onsite TB testing and fingerprinting
           3. Giving more notice for needs
           4. Volunteer calendar
           5. Mid-year updates
           6. Use of social media and robo-calls
           7. Marquee updates
           8. Physical location to display volunteer needs
           9. Idea to put together a cheat sheet of all volunteer opportunities on campus and what each position requires.
        3. **Table 3 Notes:** 
           1. Keeping fingerprinting and TB testing onsite
           2. Let kinder and new parents know of opportunities, dates and clearance deadlines etc..
           3. Incoming kinder parent meeting in June for parents to ask questions,
           4. Break down all the needs at the above mentioned event including field trip protocol
           5. Teacher input, what they need, split up this work
        4. **Table 4 Notes:** 
           1. Paid coordinator for docent programs
           2. Splitting up class work
           3. Field trip coordinator, teachers more inclined to have trips
           4. “raise” volunteer hours, “we’d like to see every parent volunteer 10 hours a year” etc..
           5. family volunteer goals
   3. **Question 3: What makes Crocker Riverside Special? How Can We Maintain This, and What Should Not be Changed?** 
      * 1. **Table 1 Notes:** 
           1. We all choose to live in Land Park for a reason; it’s the community feeling, Crocker brings people together. We need to keep marketing this
           2. Newsletters
           3. PR person
           4. Marketing person
           5. News person
           6. We shouldn’t let this all fall on the board’s communications person
           7. More outreach
           8. Our voice needs to be heard
           9. Obtain corporate sponsorships
           10. Don’t change/restrict early arrival, kids play, parents chat, great positive experience.

* + - 1. **Table 2 Notes:** 
         1. Positive stuff, sense of school being an extended family
         2. No strict lines of demarcation
         3. Inclusive attitude on campus
         4. PTO by default no-pay
         5. Safety on campus
         6. Behavior of kids
         7. We don’t have big school problems i.e. bullying
         8. Buddy bench
      2. **Table 3 Notes:** 
         1. Mr. McCord being outside
         2. Office staff is great
         3. More of what others were saying
      3. **Table 4 Notes:** 
         1. Fall carnival is amazing
         2. Drop off is fun
         3. 4th R people are awesome
         4. Improve:

Class Christmas show

Talent show

Each class/grade showcase

Lunch quietness is wrong, kids cant speak, they quickly eat and throw a lot of food away just to go talk

PTO communications bridge with 4th R like outbreaks (lice etc.)

* 1. **Budget:** We need more music, now we have sure music money to obtain instructors.
  2. **Why do we have so much carry over?** 
     1. We need to conserve a little to be in a good position for the new year.
  3. **Motion to Approve Budget by David Weist, Second by Trina Tuse, Unanimously Approved.**

1. **Adjournment (7:42 p.m.)**