

# Minutes of Crockett PTA Meeting

August 31, 2020 (Remote)

1. Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm. President Denise Soto reminded membership of our contact information, FB page and email.
2. **Minutes from May and June 2020 meetings** approved and seconded by Val Castano, VP of Fundraising.
3. **Correspondence Kimberly Cordella, Corresponding Secretary,** thank you note from academic award recipient.
4. **Treasurer's Report, Treasurer Jocelyn Ortega** Balance of \$191.06 Gaming Account and \$5,166.57 in Checking Account. Budget for 2020-2021 school year was presented, ideas for new fundraisers are welcomed for possible income. Expenses and start up funds were explained and itemized on the proposed budget spreadsheet.
5. **Principal's Report—Principal, Roxann Clarke-Holmes** There will be a video online of a Welcome Back tour to the building, also welcoming all new families. Markers to signify social distancing, signage to remind students and staff to wear masks. Wall thermometers and temperature checks each morning. Prior to hybrid schedule starting, there will be another video of FAQ, student-led. Starting 9/14, a link will be available to ask questions, "Cougar Family Corner." After first few months of school, will update monthly. Student and parent emails, robocalls to stay in communication, and update contact info as needed so parents/guardians can stay in the loop. There is a school Twitter account, school website, and PTA FB page. Thank you to the PTA.
6. **President's Report—President, Denise Soto** Crockett PTA has received 3 awards from NJPTA: a Principal's Award, for an outstanding partnership between principal and PTA, Communication Award, featuring the PTA newsletter, and a President's Award, recognizing the 5<sup>th</sup> grade Mixer created by Danielle Nutt (VP of Membership) in 2019. This was created to welcome our incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade class and allow students from all the sending elementary schools to meet each other. Other middle schools in the area have been doing home visits, "Cougar Caravan" to see the students, safe and socially distant. Diversity and inclusion, hope to create a committee that is in line with the national PTA goals, diversity, equity and inclusion. Encouraging all volunteers throughout community to show up and be vocal.
7. **Membership Report—VP of Membership, Danielle Nutt** membership drive, forms may be found on CrockettPTA.org, and we can be contacted at [crockettnjpta@gmail.com](mailto:crockettnjpta@gmail.com). Will try to reinvent middle school mixer so that students are still able to connect and meet new friends. Will use dine out nights, maybe by grade level. Spirit weeks so that kids can connect that way. Will also make information available in Spanish or other language needed to make the forms accessible for all families.
8. **Fundraising Report—VP of Fundraising, Valerie Castano** Spiritwear sale is coming up, Pura Vida bracelets for sale, Dine out nights, virtual 5K run a possibility, clothing drive, write-a-check campaign, pie sale for Thanksgiving. Family photo sessions a possibility. Free virtual bingo for kids, possible volunteer for pie sales.
9. **District Mask Initiative—Lisa Schulz** Cloth masks are needed for donation, drop off places will be Steinert High School, Nottingham High School and Rt. 33 Barbershop
10. **General School Announcements** a Principal's letter will be posted by 9/3 on the school website. Virtual learning will attempt to mirror a regular school day as closely as possible, in preparation

for a hybrid schedule. Teachers will supplement live instruction videos with Google meets and Google classroom.

Adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Attendance List (August 31, 2020)

Denise Soto, Angela Mendola,  
Lauren Chifilini, Jessica Maldonado  
Roxnn Clarke-Holmes, Lisa Schulz,  
Nadia Gromadiuk, Jennifer Albertson  
Laurie Kiernan, Tanya Pruitt,  
Stacey Valentino, Elkin Bermudez  
Kelly Kostin, Kimberly Cordella,  
Jocelyn Ortega, Rajeeh Jones  
Alesha Barryy, Victor Anthonio,  
Jordy Garcia-Jacquez, Miguel Guilfuchi  
Dawn Shiron, Danielle Nutt,  
Valerie Castano, April Thomas  
Patricia Polite, Reinaldo Jose Martinez,  
Kaysha Colon, Aleem Jahan  
Miguelina Collado, Jon Lorie,  
Kenneth Jones, Jaime Kukla  
Amy Ford, Jessica Roessel,  
Amy Wiesbeck, Nadine Weir  
Michelle Obermeier, Amber Dilts,,  
Yves Blain, Brian Burch