

Minutes of Crockett PTA Meeting

September 23, 2021 (Remote)

1. Meeting called to order at 7:01pm by **President, Lisa Schulz**
2. **Minutes from June meeting:** Approved and seconded by membership. They were emailed out to membership and posted on website.
3. **Correspondence (Corresponding Secretary, Kimberly Cordella):** A thank you card for the teacher welcome breakfast from Mrs. Grohowski.
4. **Treasurer's Report (Treasurer, Valerie Castano):** \$2642.53 in checking and \$131.15 in gaming accounts.
5. **Principal's Report (Principal, Dr. Roxann Clarke-Holmes):** Welcome to all students, excited for school year to begin, did not miss a beat! School theme for this year is "It Starts with Me." Get to know each other, sharing our gifts and talents, and getting all voices heard. Back to School Night will be held virtually for parents, on Thursday September 30, at 6:30 pm. Teachers will conduct the meets from their own classrooms. Cougar Family Corner online, the FAQ is posted but you can still send in new questions at any time. Virtual clubs, sports, photography and anime clubs will be kept up. The Crockett Morning Show has hit a snag as it needs a staff member to run it. Morning announcements are on the school website. Guidance counselors do have google classrooms that parents and students can check.
Crockett has started an 8th grade peer leadership program. We are the first middle school to do this. Training was held over the summer with an emphasis on empathy, collaboration and teamwork. Eighth graders can work as greeters, help the younger students find classrooms and will soon push into classes to deliver lessons to the younger students.
The school continues to help students adjust to being the building full time, reminders about appropriate attire for example. T-shirts will be given to the kids to put on if they need to cover up during the day. The school continues to communicate, via the Twitter page, robocalls and emails to both parents and students. Will continue to post announcements to website.
6. **President's Report (President, Lisa Schulz)** Present the proposed 2021-2022 PTA budget to membership. The proposed budget which has been posted on our website, includes income, which are fundraisers, membership, bracelet sale, possible 50/50, dine out events. We explained our expenses, such as start up funds, working meetings, membership dues, etc. The budget passed with a majority. *Valerie Castano has been appointed the Treasurer of Crockett PTA.* Consequently, we now have an opening for a new Vice President of Fundraising, the position that was vacated by Valerie Castano. Also, the PTA has proposed new standing rules which are posted on the PTA website. Please look them over so we can vote on these at the October meeting.
7. **Membership Report (VP of Membership Danielle Nutt):** The PTA is celebrating 125 years of being an advocate for all children. Membership is \$7 for individuals. Currently at 21 members as of this date, we doubled in size within one day. We need manpower to get our programs up and running. School beautification is one of our proposed programs for the year, would like to get students involved in this initiative. We are asking for donations of time or décor, such as flags, for outside the front of the school. We have already planted some flowers there for fall. We are also working on two PTA grants. A Family Reading Initiative, sponsored by Office Depot, and a STEM program sponsored by Bayer. If we are awarded these grants, new programs such as a book club and a science fair type of activity will be possible. These programs will create great opportunities for ALL children.

8. **Spiritwear Sale:** will be live on September 24, 2021. Order forms will be emailed to parents. Sale closes on October 15, 2021.
9. **Announcements:** Our next meeting will be Thursday, October 14, 2021

Adjourned at 7:35 pm

Attendance List, September 23, 2021

Lisa Schulz

Danielle Nutt

Kimberly Cordella

Valerie Castano

Angela Mendola

Dr. Clarke-Holmes

Mrs. Kroly

Christina Williams

Jacquelyn Violi

Amber Ciafa

Dawn Shiron

Kelli Kostin

Joyce Alvarado

Adrienne and Nick Lopez

Stacey Slitko

Debbie Stires

Cindy Collins

Estephany Tecum

Jessica Tsiopelas

Michael Barrera

Lisa Ochoa

Nelia Jean

Ryan Fiabanne

Tricia Natal