

CREST PARENT GROUP

Parents in support of the CREST Program at P.V. High School

CREST Parent Group General Meeting

Monday, October 19, 2020 - 6:00 PM

MINUTES

Attendees (noted from Chat box): Cindy Interdonato, Gracie Snyder, Amanda Taylor, Stacy Mendez, Bill Neubert, Margaret Stefanik, Bryan Bowers, Sonali Pathre, Tamara Yurong, Jarrod Gold, Deanna Kohlmeyer, Milinazzo, Rishi B, Evelyn, Vicki Vancil, Lisa Streu, Gina DiSipio, Beth Dinoffria, Helen Szeto, Imaculate Pierce, Lisa Hoberg, Senaida B, Tina Lee, Divya Sharma, Evelyn Laughlin, Urszula Kowlow, Wei Chen

6:00 PM - President - *Cindy Interdonato*

- Welcome
- Cindy confirmed that meeting is being recorded
- Still looking for new Treasurer - Cindy asked to pls type your name in the chat box. Brief responsibilities include being on the checking account to deposit and write checks, and provide monthly financial updates. So far, no volunteers.
- Meeting minutes link to September 2020 was posted in Chat box. Please review and make a motion to approve minutes.
- Cindy will keep the meeting minutes, upcoming agenda, Phil's notes, and also post videos of recorded meetings (starting this meeting) on this link.
<https://crestparentgroup.org/cpg-meetings/>

6:05 PM - Secretary - *Darla Giuffre*

- Approve Minutes from September 2020 General CPG Meeting
- Darla Giuffre made the motion
- Seconded by Gracie Snyder
- All in favor gave thumbs up

6:08 PM - Vice President - *Stacy Mendez*

- Stacy shared screen
- Membership Updates - 102 membership a/o today; as of last year 117 (down 13%)

- Phil provided Stacy w/ total enrollment - 26.5% membership for all 4 grades and split fairly evenly across the 3 strands
- Membership: Freshman 50% / Sophomore 20% / Juniors 11% / Seniors 17%
- Membership dollars not provided
- Cindy added membership link to Chat Box and shared it can be done online

6:12 PM - Treasurer - *Cindy Interdonato for Christy Spack*

- Financial Update - \$14,300 beginning cash
- Additions: \$635 donations and \$150 club fees - Total income \$785
- Expenses: Each teacher receives \$250 for classroom per year - Virma (CS) \$196, \$173 for outreach refreshments and judge's breakfast; frisbees were given to all 2020 seniors w/ CREST logo (graduation drive through); President's Volunteer Awards \$691; Annual PTO fee \$50 - Total expenses \$1,110
- Ending cash on hand \$14,000
- Transferred cash (approximately \$1,400) from paypal to bank account and will be in October reconciliation

6:15 PM - Fundraising - *Gracie Snyder*

- 3 restaurants emailed for ask for fundraising opportunity date in November or December
- At that event, we'll be selling merchandise: CREST t-shirts, car magnets, and stickers.
- Also thinking of ordering CREST masks.
- Normally merchandise is sold at the beginning of the year. We need to have an event to sell items safely.

6:16 PM - Hospitality - *Amanda Taylor*

- We want to provide something for CREST teachers to show support. Will ask for donations to give teachers a \$5 gift card. We could do other things but will start with this idea now.
- Will be sending out a Sign-Up Genius (names will be taken off parent registrations).
- Membership link was added to Chat Box
- Tamara Yurong asked about other ways to assist keeping social distancing in mind - i.e. online gift cards to specific places, or an Amazon wish list
- Board Breakfasts - Amanda to ask Phil about the possibility of CPG hosting board meetings for corporate people.

6:19 PM - Communications - *Cindy Interdonato*

- October Newsletter coming next week
- Need updates from strand Track Reps by Tuesday, October 27 at 10 PM (Bryan - ENG / Imaculate - BIO / Chavonne - CS)
- Gina DiSipio asked about carpooling and a parent mentor program or freshman social group; Tara Schiltz recently volunteered but official CPG carpooling hasn't been coordinated yet. No formal groups have been created for freshman or mentor program but Link Crew, HOSA, Skills USA, Collaborative, etc. have done virtual meetings.

- Imaculate and Saneida asked about connecting with other parents as they're new to CREST. Asked for guidance regarding schedule, recommendations for dual enrollment. WhatsApp was mentioned (as Basis used it), also Telegram for parents. CPG board will speak with the district about this idea.

6:27 PM - No report from CREST Coordinator - *Phil Howardell absent*

6:28 PM - Senior Banquet - *Emma Fuentes absent*

- Cindy shared that executive board was looking into whether we'll be able to have it. Cindy will reach out to Emma to start conversations. More information to follow.
- Deposit from April 2020 was held for April 2021.

6:29 PM - Social Media - *Angie Campos absent*

- Cindy said if you have anything related to CPG fundraising or hospitality, please email Angie with information - drangie1@cox.net
- Angie would post and this would work for senior banquet, carpooling, and anything else we need help with.
- Angie may be able to assist with the requested parent group WhatsApp or FB groups. We "may" be able to do a private group, but Angie wouldn't be able to be the admin for the group as she's on two other PTO groups. We would need another volunteer for this.
- Lisa Streu volunteered to assist Angie as she has this experience from work.

6:32 PM - UPC (United Parent Council) Representative - *Lisa Hoberg*

- October's meeting was successful (topic: how to be an education voter)
- All meetings recorded / www.pvupc.org
- It is a district level parent group that advocates for students/families through different committees (gifted, special education, etc.)
- Upcoming November 18 mtg (4:00 PM - 5:30 PM) is going to highlight all the programs that PVSD has - high school down to elementary.
- Business meeting is with Dr. Welsh and offers Q&A prior to main meeting.
- District also does have Covid-19 tracking system new this past week on the website.
- UPC is doing an ongoing fundraiser w/ a Scout & Seller (wine co). 10% of any wine ordered through this link goes back to foundation which is used to support schools w/o parent groups. <https://tinyurl.com/UPCOctober/Wine>

6:36 PM - Track Reps (no updates at this time)

- Computer Science - *Chavonne Yee*
- Bioscience - *Immaculate Pierce*
- Engineering - *Bryan Bowers*

6:37 PM - New Business - *Open to all*

- Phil will send his notes to Cindy who will post his notes on the website and coordinator's report will be included in October newsletter (going out Wed 10/28)

- Question re: emails - Cindy can email board or members of CPG, but only Phil has access to send information to all parents
- CPG is behind on getting all emails loaded to Mail Chimp account
- Reminder to sign up for membership! You'll receive newsletters and information first hand
- Stacy sent list of requested carpools to Cindy who will email to Tara.
- Question if students can stay online the entire year. Cindy believes yes, but they also can change their mind in January if interested.

6:41 PM - Meeting Adjourned

- Stacey Mendez motioned to adjourn
- Amanda Taylor seconded the motion
- Motion approved by "I" or thumbs up

Next Virtual Meeting - Monday, November 16 - 6:00 PM

Look for email from Phil & CPG in the coming weeks!