

PTA General Meeting
3rd Tuesday / February 20, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.

Meeting Minutes

President: Clay Melton called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.
Jessica Link seconds.

Attendees: Clay Melton, Anthony Betters, Kelley Cole, Ian LeMaster, Dorea Burkamper, Shawna Ripple, Sandy Scaia, Cymone Green, Casey J, Jessica Link, Charlotte Butilofer, Tim Anderson, Kelly Bult

Executive Committee Reports:

Approve Last Meeting Minutes (Dec 2023)- Motion by Clay, Anthony B. seconds the motion.

- We need a secretary now.
- We are burning reserves now. Cash wise we are fine, but our donations are way down.
- School is asking for \$5k of support to send gifts and Tshirt incentives for taking the ISASP in March. We can commit \$1,400. Your donations can increase this amount today.
- Met with Iowa PTA President on new Stripe-based portal rollout training.

Committee Reports

Membership: Anthony Betters

- Please donate for 2024 school year
- If you have not receive and email please email anthonybettersjr@gmail.com
- Secretary needed (if you are on the PTA calls monthly you are a good candidate)

Optimus Club Holiday Flags

- Tanya Schneidermann's last kid graduates this year, and she is asking for a replacement person to lead this effort.

Hospitality: Dorea Burkamper (& LeAnn Willis as Shadow)

- Post Prom Email just arrived in your inbox from the school.
 - Dorea clarified that Post Prom is independent from the Prom. Donations and Volunteering are welcome to help support a Post Prom. In fact, 100% of surveyed Seniors want to attend—they love it.
 - Donation Information is here: <https://crcsf.com/whs-%20postprom/>
 - Send Questions to here: PostPromCRWash@gmail.com

- Dorea wants to purchase safe, folding utility knives for the custodians. Need to connect with Kelley.
- Teachers Lounge renovations requested
- Teachers Luncheon scheduled for May 17th. Dorea is speaking with Ida's Pizza vendor and other vendors already.
- CR Foundation donated three flags for the School, PTA, PPA or WAC usage.

Grounds: Christine Erickson

I'd like to schedule the first Spring garden day for **April 20th (Saturday) at 9am**. We may need to schedule a second day in May, but for right now my goals for the spring are:

- Clean up existing beds (including putting in a small number of replacement plants in the garden done last spring at the sign on Forest/Cottage Grove).
- Plant a native species, perennial garden in the existing circle garden by the track (on the hill off the "jock lot").
- Re-design and plant the garden next to the front doors/arcade (with the stone bench) with a native species, perennial garden. I am looking to have the garden have a more purposeful design that would require less maintenance for the volunteers.

I have contacted landscape architect Natalie Ross who is willing again to help with the design and planting of the new spaces. As long as the PTA/administration is okay with these tentative ideas, she and I will meet soon to discuss the plans in more detail and she will create a design and estimated cost I can share for final approval. It would help me to know what **funds**, if any, I would have available for these projects or if I should think about raising funds. If anyone would like to meet with Natalie and I on the design concepts, let me know!

We need to contact Cottage Grove now to ask for their possible labor. Anyone have any other ideas for labor help or tools on that day?

College Connections: Becky Lindwall Notes with Counseling

No report needed this month.

Warrior Closet: Amy Rouse

The largest needs are always: Backpacks, Wash Gear (tshirts, sweatshirts) chapstick, belts.

Currently we need backpacks as we just got a message from



that they will give us a box of chapstick. Thanks,

Raining Rose!

Attached my updated info sheet on the closet, feel free to share with the group! Let me know if you have any questions. [Warrior Closet 2023-2024](#)

Amy Rouse reachable at arouse@crschools.us, or 319-558-463

Principal's Report: Ian LeMaster

- Cell phone policy
- New Attendance Policy

Counseling Report: Shawna Ripple/ShaNell Young

- Mrs Holladay's departure - job has been posted, but in the meantime:
 - Ms Ripple will assist with 9-11th grade students with the last names E-G, in addition to her already assigned alpha (A-D)
 - Mrs Waters will assist with 9-11th grade students with the last names H-K, in addition to her already assigned alpha (S-Z)
 - Mrs Young will assist all Seniors E-K, in addition to her already assigned alpha L-R 9-12th gr)
- Ms Ripple will make every attempt to keep the Counseling Website updated, however please feel free to reach out to her to ask/remind her to add pertinent/updated info. to the site
- FAFSA - annual update needed. The Dec deadline changed 3 times.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:48 a.m. seconded by Anthony Betters

Any questions or comments?
Please contact us at: crwashpta@gmail.com

Reference Items (Not Discussed in Meeting)

Volunteer Reference Information

Raptor Volunteering Tracking System,

<https://apps.raptortech.com/Volunteer/Login/MTE5OTpWb2x1bnRIZXI6ZW4tVVM=>

or reach from the Washington High School Website:

<https://washington.crschools.us/students-families/parent-teacher-association/>

This link will be posted at the end of each month as a reminder to enter your volunteer hours. Make Washington's Volunteer hours show up in district records! Go Warriors!

Washington Counseling Information

<https://sites.google.com/site/cwrcounseling/home>

Executive Contact Information

Role, Name, Contact Information:

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- We need a PTA Secretary!