**Crooked Lake PTO Minutes – Oct. 24, 2017**

Chairperson Gretchen Jerskey called the meeting to order at 6:40.

* Welcome and introductions – 10 in attendance

**Officers’ Reports**

**Chair Gretchen Jerskey**

* Staff Appreciation Dinner was Tues. Oct. 10, “Soup-er Stars” theme. Thank you AnnaMarie Ferrell for chairing
* APEX Fun Run Post-mortem and survey
  + Parent version: 18 responded, disliked high pressure on kids to raise money, parents felt like they didn’t have enough information – where exactly the money was going, cadence of prizes distributed (all at once, instead of spread out), prize quality, not interested in volunteering at alternative fundraisers, majority would prefer direct donations, and would like a fundraiser where the school would get to keep more of the money raised.
  + Staff version: 8 responded, staff liked the character building/classroom time and fitness aspect of fundraising, thought APEX was good, don’t want fundraising to be a burden on parents, dissatisfaction about income segregation with funds raised and prizes distributed, and small percentage of funds the school retains
  + Teachers requested attention paid to what PTO is asking staff to do for fundraisers. At conferences, parents commented about being disappointed in the prizes, but said the kids enjoyed it. Compliments to APEX for their enthusiasm and quality messages. Comment about the rally being too loud, and was disturbing/emotional for students sensitive to noise.

**Treasurer Amie Beckel**

* Crooked Lake Parents – Twitter Account update – Twitter account created – need to link to CLS Parents Facebook Page
* Community Picnic recap
  + Very well attended, went over budget due to fewer donations coming in (need to get request for donations out earlier) and planning for 700, higher than other years, due to 50th anniversary
* APEX has generated $18,500 so far, few donations are still coming in. Early estimate that around $3,000 will be available for funding requests
* Treasurer’s report approved after questioning Eagles Creating in Color. Teachers taking it back to utilize the funds and close the account through an initiative via funding request

**Secretary Trish Gunville**  - (Trish was called away. PTO reviewed minutes from September and approved.)

**Principal’s Report: Mr. Sam Anderson:**

* School attendance up over 98% the first month due to CLS events, picnic, APEX
* Great attendance at conferences, almost 100% came
* Thanks for staff appreciation dinner between conferences – it was much appreciated
* Eveland Farm – good shape for soliciting volunteers from 5th grade families
* Kindness poster contesting finishing on Friday
* Fall celebration coming up – Oct. 31. K-2 dressing up in costumes & parades, clearing out around 10am, A+ kids will be dressing up, too
* Fri & Sat – Anoka parades

**Staff Report: Mrs. Stransky, Mrs. Ledin**

* Reiterated a thank-you for the wonderful dinner for staff appreciation
* Both will reach out to teachers for funding requests

**Volunteer Coordinator’s Report: Candie Hansen**

* Pushing talent development, 3 volunteers are getting trained for challenge reading program
* K Skillbuilders: 3 volunteers, starting with Kindergarten
* Destination Imagination – still seeking volunteer leaders
* Ten high school volunteers have signed up to help with event at Eveland Farm Event on 10/26

**Social Worker Robyn Hjorth-Martin**

* Sam and Julie to help bridge the gap assisting with Robyn requests from CLS parents, feel free to get the word out directly about needs, etc.

**New Business:**

* **Fit for the Future**
  + School board members Tom Heidemann and Jeff Simon presented the campaign and more detailed information about the upcoming vote.
* **Spiritwear Sales**
  + Thank you Nichole Peterson for coordinating sales with Rebyl Sports
  + New vintage T shirt available this year, also Rebyl is making available an online store. Sales run from Nov. 10 to Nov 27. Expected delivery is mid-December. Only way to donate money toward helping kids who need assistance getting spiritwear is through the paper form, not online.
* **Funding Requests so far:**
  + Discussed busing for December all-school field trip. Will vote at November meeting.
  + Kindness Retreat (Jenny Norton, 4th grade)
    - Annual experience
    - Last year PTO funded $2,400.
    - Did not vote on this – will vote at Dec. meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.