

Carriage Crest PTSA General Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 14, 7:00pm–8:20pm
Carriage Crest Elementary School

Executive Board Attendees: Amanda Krohn, Kara Veach, Lisa Steichen, Danielle Price

Guests: 32 Guests

Call to Order

Carriage Crest PTSA

President's Message: Welcome to the Carriage Crest PTSA!

- Amanda welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the executive board members and committee chairs.
- General Board meetings will be held on the first Thursday of every month. Executive Board meetings are held on the last Thursday of every month.
- The Carriage Crest PTSA is here to serve the community. If you have any suggestions or complaints, then please talk to us. We are happy to make changes to better serve the school, students, and parents.

Carriage Crest PTSA on Facebook

- Carriage Crest PTSA Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/CarriageCrestPtsa/>
- Other Facebook Pages:
 - Carriage Crest Families Page:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/194962270691437/>
 - Carriage Crest Dual-Language Page:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/CCDLParents/>

Volunteer in Public Schools (VIPS) Program

- All volunteers need to sign up on the Kent School District Web site:
<https://volunteer.kent.k12.wa.us/custom/510/>
- There were some glitches at the beginning of the year, but they should be resolved now.

Washington State PTA Region 9 Conference

- The Carriage Crest PTSA is part of Region 9 of the Washington State PTA (<https://www.wastatepta.org/pta-leaders/pta-regions/region-9/>)
- The Region 9 Fall Conference is on September 16, 2007 (8:15am–5:15pm at Hazen High School in Renton)
- More information about the conference and registration can be found here:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/region-9-fall-conference-with-pta-and-the-law-tickets-37006061125>
- Members of the Carriage Crest PTSA Executive Board are attending in order to be in compliance with the Washington State PTA bylaws

Carriage Crest PTSA Member Discounts

- We can't post anything online about the discounts that members of the Carriage Crest PTSA receive, but we will be happy to send you that information if you e-mail us at ccptsa973@gmail.com.

Carriage Crest PTSA Committees (and Chairs)

After School Programs (Caroline Kelley)

Assemblies – OPEN (Holly Jensen expressed interest during the May 2017 PTSA meeting)

Art Docent (Sandra Brannfors)

Awards and Recognition **(OPEN)**

Book Fair (Angie Hobby)

Box Tops / Soup Labels (Jolene Novack)

Communications/Newsletter (Lisa Adams-Rosendahl)

Coyote Reader's Club (Emily Pittman)

- A special reading program for the students that is done during the breaks.

F.A.C.E. (Lisa Adams-Rosendahl)

Family Events (Caroline Kelley)

Field Day **(OPEN)**

Fundraising (Angie Hobby and Jolene Novack)

Legislative Chair (Lisa Adams-Rosendahl)

Math Mania Club **(OPEN)**

- This starts in the Spring. It has become less popular because it appears to be busy work, so we are looking for ideas to make it more fun.

Membership (Nancy Tom)

Reflections (Jennifer Satterstrom)

- Reflections Program overview can be found here: <https://www.wastatepta.org/events-programs/reflections/>
- Information from Web site: "The Reflections Program is a National PTA and Washington State PTA cultural arts competition. The purpose of this program is to provide an opportunity for students to use their creative talents by expressing themselves through their own original works. Young artists get involved through their local PTA or PTSA. A student may submit an entry in any of six arts areas. Only original works of art are accepted. The six art areas are: Visual Arts Photography, Literature, Music Composition, Dance Choreography, and Film Production."
- The theme for this year is "Within Reach" and information should be going home soon in the Thursday folders

Spirit Wear **(OPEN)**

- Coordinated sales in the Fall and Spring

Staff Appreciation - Jolene Novack and Lisa Adams

STEAM Fair - (Holly Jensen)

Volunteer Coordinator **(OPEN)**

Watch D.O.G.S. – Steve Schroeder and Dan Novack

Web site - Eric Todd

(OPEN) indicates that these committee chairs still need to be filled

Carriage Crest Elementary School Information

Lingo Used at the School

- PTSA: Parent Teacher Student Association
- Justice Hall: 4th grade, 5th grade, and 6th grade
- Liberty Hall: 3rd grade, 4th grade, 5th grade, and self-contained special education
- Friendship Hall: Kindergarten, 1st grade, and 2nd grade
- Bay/pods: Terminology for different areas in the halls
- ELL: English language learner
- STEM: Science Technology Engineering Math
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- EA: educational associate (this person is supporting the principal)
- Raz-Kids: Online guided reading program with interactive ebooks, downloadable books, and reading quizzes. It has reading materials in English and Spanish.
- Bloomz: communication tool for teachers and parents

Carriage Crest Classrooms

- All of the rooms in the school are being used as classrooms. The paras are located in special areas in the halls.

Teacher Favorites

- Nancy and Eric have been working together to get information about the teachers on the Carriage Crest PTSA Web site
- Teacher Favorites can be found here:
<http://carriagecrestpsa.org/Page/School/Favorites>
- You can get to know your teachers and find out what supplies they need for their classroom by looking at these.

Supplies

- Teachers are going to need extra supplies this year. Check in with your student's teacher to see what they might need.
- A lot of teachers need speakers for their computers in their classrooms. Parents can donate used or new computer speakers. If you have any questions about this, then contact Caroline Kelley.

Teacher Requests

- We anticipate that more teachers will ask the Carriage Crest PTSA to cover any materials that they might need for the classroom. There is a freeze on funding right now in the Kent School District.

Number of Students at Carriage Crest Elementary

- We are above capacity right now at the school. There are 495 students at the school. More housing is being built around the school (about 86 houses are being built). Boundaries are likely to change during the next few years.

Kent School District Updates

- Lisa Adams will be making more of an effort to keep parents alert about what is going on with the Kent School District to the Carriage Crest Facebook page

Upcoming Events and Requests for Volunteers

Watch D.O.G.S.

- The Watch D.O.G.S. event will be at 7:00pm on Wednesday, September 20th
 - Watch D.O.G.S. is a great way for Dads and other male figures to serve as great role models for the students. Students will see them around school.

PTSA Family Movie Night

- This will be at 6:30pm on Friday, September 22nd
- Volunteers are needed for the PTSA Family Movie Night
- Popcorn, candy, and water will be sold

Monster Mash Bash

- This is a fun event that includes a carnival, maze, and spooky walks for young kids and older kids. Everyone is encouraged to wear costumes.
- We will need volunteers. Setup usually starts at 1:00pm on that day.
- PTSA members can only sell tickets at the event. We tried selling tickets ahead of time, but there were too many issues with this.

Pastries with the Principal

- This event will be in October. This is a great event to attend. You will have an opportunity to ask the principal questions and voice any concerns that you might have.

Color Run

- The Color Run has not yet been approved. More information will be sent out about this when it is approved.

Additional Discussion

Lockdown Drill

- There was a lockdown drill at the school on Thursday, September 14th.

Auction

- Some parents were under the impression that the 2017 auction was done so that there wouldn't be any additional fundraising for two years
 - The auction was held to build up the PTSA funds that were running low. The PTSA did not have any debt, but it helped replenish the accounts.
 - The idea is to hold the auction every other year in order to keep the accounts padded.
 - Approximately \$30,000–\$35,000 was raised from the auction

Parking

- Parking is an issue at the school.
- During Curriculum Night, Amanda worked it out with Mr. Gallagher to open up the gates and have angular parking available for parents and guardians. This is going to be a test run with hopes of being a solution until (or IF) more parking becomes available.
 - Watch D.O.G.S. might be able to help with this
- Mr. Gallagher has refused to make parking available in the back when there are kids running around. This creates safety issues.
- There are also areas where cars cannot be parked because of environmental hazards (e.g., leaking oil from a car might stream into the creek).
- There is street parking in the neighborhood behind the school, but sometimes the gates in the back of the school are closed.
- There was discussion of an elevated sidewalk and a light at the school. The county won't put in a light because of the proximity of the lights at Petrovitsky and 192nd.
- There was bond money for parking, but there is a freeze on spending and that money might end up going to other projects because of the way bonds work.

Fundraising

- Some parents complained about fundraising by selling items (some money goes to the company and some of it goes to the school). Parents are more than welcome to make direct donations.
- More needs to be done to inform parents that their places of employment will match donations.
- Someone suggested setting up a GoFundMe page for supplies. It should be possible, but there are rules that we will need to follow. The PTSA will look into this.
- Someone suggested donations of \$5–\$10 from parents to help fund classroom parties
- You can also use Amazon Prime Smile and Fred Meyer rewards to raise money for the school. Every little bit helps!

Other Items

Treasurer's Report

- The treasurer's report was made available to everyone at the meeting. Time ran out, so this will be reviewed at the next Carriage Crest PTSA General Meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

- Lisa Adams and Nancy need to do a drawing to see which Carriage Crest staff member (who signed up for the PTSA) won tickets for Coldplay
- Lisa Adams will add information about what is happening in the Kent School District to the Carriage Crest Facebook page
- Volunteers are needed for the PTSA Family Movie Night
- Rules need to be looked up for GoFundMe pages
- Contact Watch D.O.G.S. to see if they can help out with parking during Curriculum Night

- Amanda will look into the possibility of shuttles for school events
- Need to find people to serve as chairs for Awards and Recognition, Field Day, Math Mania Club, Spirit Wear, and Volunteer Coordinator committees

Upcoming Events

September 16th, 8:15am–5:15pm: Washington State PTA Region 9 Conference

September 20th, 7:00pm: Watch D.O.G.S. Pizza Night

September 22nd, 6:30pm: PTSA Family Movie Night

September 28th, 6:30pm–8:00pm: Curriculum Night

September 28th, 8:00pm: Carriage Crest PTSA Executive Board Meeting at 8:00pm

October 5th, 7:00pm–8:00pm: Carriage Crest PTSA General Board Meeting

October 27th, 6:30pm–8:30pm: Monster Mash Bash