**Creekside Elementary PTO Meeting – November 8, 2018**

**Meeting called to order at 6:00**

**In Attendance:** Amanda Hill, Melissa Hoffman, Stephanie Schlosser, Lindsay Burgess, Jacob Horn, Karen Quinn, David McDonald, Jessica Drager, Shannon Ferris, Marcie Spinneweber, Heather Rink, Myanna Komaromi, James Puzzuoli, Christopher Jablonski

**Previous Meeting Minutes:** On computer and available at meeting to read. Will also be uploaded to website.

**Board Reports:**

**Treasurer, Amanda Hill~**

\* We are halfway spent through our budget for the school year.

\*Continue to promote Amazon Smile, Kroger Rewards, Shoparoo, etc. especially with the holidays approaching.

\*March 1st will be our next collection for box tops. Considering making some kind of classroom race. Classroom that earns the most will earn prize/special treat/ special day (pajama, etc.)

**Principal, Mr. Pumford~**

\*Keep promoting free money programs like Amazon Smile etc.

\*No conference night. Opinions? Some have expressed that they like being able to come in even during the school day. Kindergarten teachers have chosen one evening and are meeting with all of their families. The rest of the grades are offering to meet with families on an as needed basis.

\*Cindy Kohli is doing a great job running the Book Fair this fall! It was a great idea to have Dads and Donuts while the book fair is going on.

\*We have spent $5,000 from PTO for major purchases for our literacy programs (reading libraries for classrooms, subscriptions, etc).

\*Parent was asking about applying for grants such as the Recycling Project Grant, Tanger Outlets in order to raise more money for Creekside. Chuck Hughes stated that Amanda Wright at central office works to write grants. Often we do not qualify for grants because we do not have as many “At Risk” students/families.

**New Business:**

1. **Superintendent Mr. Hughes- HCS Presentation/Discussion**

\*Fall District Meeting

\*The first day of school for the 2019-2020 school year will be August 21, 2019. Getting a lot of positive (and some negative) feedback for the pre Labor Day start dates.

\*Sinking Fund Update

\*Hartland community is growing. This leads the way to potential future growth in our schools.

\*Financial Outlook

\*Creekside Elementary was the first elementary in Hartland to score over 70% proficiency in all the tested areas for MSTEP.

\* Brainstorming Activity: What is the future going to look like for Hartland? What do we want in Hartland? What do you want for Hartland schools? What does the public want? What will the public approve? Mr. Hughes is collecting information to find answers to these questions. Asking those at the PTO meeting this evening and parents throughout the community for their thoughts and opinions.

1. **Fun Run – Quick Recap**

\*There is a company that helps put together Fun Run, a 3rd party organization, that Round Elementary used. We may consider doing this for next year. Stephanie will talk to Round and get their input on having this company put together Fun Run.

1. **Donuts with Dads – Quick Recap**

\*Great turn out so far. Grateful to have Dunkin Donuts donate 82 dozen donuts for this event! Running this event during the Scholastic Book Fair seems to have increased sales at the book fair.

1. **Santa Shop**

\*Sign-Up Genius is almost set for getting volunteers for this event.

1. **Marcos Pizza – Pizza Night**

\* Will be December 19, Creekside will receive 20% of the sales when Creekside is mentioned when ordering.

\*Start advertising now. Maybe have the districts social media person put this information out on the Hartland Consolidated Schools Facebook page.

**Additional Discussion:**

\*How can we get more people to volunteer for our events? Maybe have evening volunteer times for setting up events for those that work during the day. Try using the Room Coordinators, Mr. Pumford’s Friday emails, Facebook page, Facebook events, papers sent home in take home folders.

**Next meeting will be December 6th in the Media Center**

**Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.