1. Ms. Karina Felix, CRS PTO Co-president, opened the meeting by thanking everyone for coming out.

2. Ms. Felix continued with a briefing on the CRS PTO current finances. A summary of the CRS PTO financials included:
   - $925.00 – Ticket sale revenue from CRS PTO Sweetheart Dinner and Dance
   - Expenses: $522.94 – Catering (Piazza Orsillo),
     $250.00 – DJ Services,
     $142.07 – Party supplies & Food items
   - $3,510.69 – February Scholastic Book Fair Sale Total (Scholastic dollars earned for teachers)

3. Ms. Felix stated that the CRS PTO will be seeking 501c3 status as a non-profit with the IRS, allowing for the PTO to go after grants available to non-profits and charities as well as tax-exempt donations from donors. Ms. Best, Kindergarten Teacher and Teacher/PTO liaison, recalled that the PTO had 501c3 status back in 2005. Ms. Felix stated that if annual reports (a tax return equivalent for non-profits & charities) are not filed with the IRS for 3 consecutive years, 501c3 status is then revoked. And that may have been the case and the CRS PTO currently does not have 501c3 status. Mrs. Kimberley Davison, CRS PTO Treasurer, noted that she has a CPA contact to assist with preparing & filing the application for the PTO.

4. Ms. Felix moved on to the topic of the ‘4th Grade Moving-On Ceremony’, She noted that some parents have asked if there would be one this year. With the introduction of 5th grade, starting in the 2018-2019 school year, it was not reasonable to have a ‘4th Grade Moving-On Ceremony’ at the end of the current school year, as done previously. There will be a ‘5th Grade Moving-On Ceremony’ for the new 5th graders starting next year.

5. The CRS PTO has rescheduled the ‘Parents’ Night Out’ event to April 13, 2018 (refer to NOTE a below). The previously set date of March 29th was in conflict with Holy (Maundy) Thursday.

6. Ms. Felix and Mrs. Davison have begun the process of ordering the student agenda planners for the 2018-2019 school year.
7. The group also discussed possibly having a ‘Spring Fling’ dance for the CRS students before the end of the school year. The CRS PTO board members will meet to discuss further.

8. Dr. Jeff Dowd, CRS PTO Co-president, then took the floor and discussed his idea of putting together a committee whose task would be to generate the ‘wish list’ memorandum discussed at the February PTO meeting to issue to Mr. Point-du-Jour, CARE supervisor. The ‘wish list’ will highlight the things parents are seeking from the C.A.R.E. program (including the activity suggestions that place emphasis on Academics, Recreation and Enrichments); things that are advertised in the C.A.R.E website. Mrs. Kara Wong, Mr. Jamil Brown and Ms. Alanna Gurwitz (parents of CRS & C.A.R.E students) volunteered to assist in this committee. Homework help provided by the C.A.R.E staff was also discussed. Based on the input of some of the parents & teachers in attendance, it was agreed that it would be best for students in C.A.R.E to simply to be given the opportunity to do their homework but that the C.A.R.E staff should not be asked or required to check the student homework in terms of ‘correctness’ because many may not be familiar with the approach taught by the individual teachers.

NOTE:

a. Since the March 12th PTO Meeting, the CRS PTO decided to reschedule the Parents Night Out event to a later date. The Executive Board will be reaching out for assistance from Franklin High School students (involved in various honor societies and clubs) for volunteer help for this event.