

Pebble Creek Elementary PTO Board Meeting
April 4, 2013

Board Members Present: Dawn Ament, Laura Arthur, Kelli Backstrom, Adrienne Bentz, Sarah Brieden, Annette Browne, Krista Fazzino, Erin Frank, Kara Holmgreen, Tasha Johnson, Beverly Kuhn, Wendy Letendre, Rebecca Melder, Melissa Nugent, Amy Parent, Nikki Theis, Michelle Tucker, Kelley Waguespack, Jodi Warner

Guests, Teachers and/or Staff Present: Annette Roraback

Kara Holmgreen called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Laura Arthur to approve the March minutes. Wendy Letendre seconded the motion. All were in favor and none were opposed. The minutes were approved.

Approval of amendment to February 2013 Minutes: A motion was made by Jodi Warner to approve an amendment to the February Minutes. The amendment included February's financial report, which was omitted in the last submission of minutes. Amy Parrent seconded the motion. All were in favor and none were opposed. The amendment was approved.

Principal's Report: Annette Roraback

- **STARR** 1st round of testing is over. Next round will be on the 23rd and 24th of this month (3rd and 4th grade Math and Reading)
- **Tara Slaydon** will be leaving Pebble Creek to join the Education Department at Texas A&m University. She will be involved in scheduling and placing student teachers. Amy Urbina will replace Tara for the remainder of the year.
- **Big Event** members of the Fighting Texas Aggie Band were on hand through the Big Event to clean and restore the gardens and pond area. The outdoor learning center is mostly complete at this point. Charly Stagg is assembling a scrapbook to keep abreast of the progress of the outdoor learning center.

- **Budget** the school is requesting that the PTO purchase a poster maker. A representative from the Poster Maker company will be at the school to present his product to the teachers, staff and PTO. Date and time to be determined.
- **Staffing** Mrs. Hogg and Mrs. Westbrook have announced their retirement at the end of this school year. Each has 30+ years of experience.
 - Tentative classroom break down for next year: K=5; 1st = 5; 2nd = 6; 3rd = 5; 4th = 7.
 - As was the situation last year, teachers will have to be shifted between grades to accommodate the classroom changes.
- **VIPS appreciation lunch** next Wednesday in the Library

Treasurer's Report: Kelley Waguespack

- Beginning Balance: \$ 21,675.02
- Ending Balance: \$ 66,357.50
- Deposits: \$ 46,598.35
- Disbursements: \$ 1,915.87
- Ending MMA Balance: \$ 18,933.10
- Total PTO Funds Available: \$ 85,290.60

Committee Reports

Carnival: Adrienne Bentz

- Next year still need volunteers for games and silent auction
- Themes will be presented at next month's meeting. 3 options will be presented to the current 3rd graders for voting by May

Field Day: Amy Parrent

- May 22 & 23
- 8:30 - 10:30 (HS 1st on Thursday; 2nd - 4th on Friday)
- Picnics will take place on a different day than those mentioned above.

Garden: Sherry Caverlee

- Twenty-one Texas A&M students came to plant, weed, mulch and clean up the pond in the gardens at the front of the school.
- They also turned and weeded the beds for third and fourth grade to prepare for planting. The largest job was creating the new first and fourth grade garden beds and outdoor classroom.
- Please see the beautiful results of the PTO grant money issued to Charly Stagg and the first grade team.
- The first graders will plant wildflowers, pumpkins, cantaloupes, beans, a butterfly garden and much more.

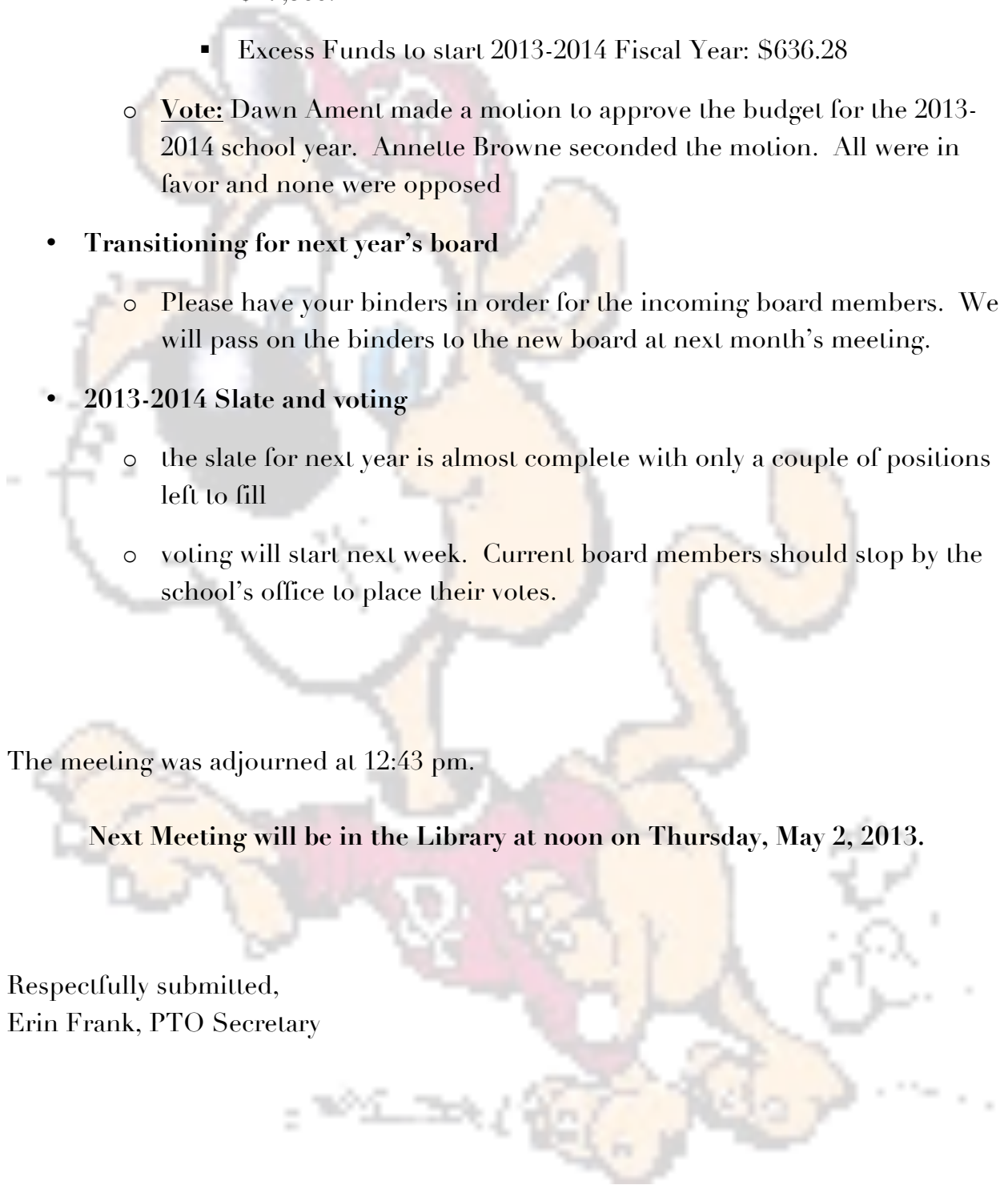
Citywide PTO Food Drive: Holly McBerty

- May 6-10.....more details to follow.

President's Notes: Kara Holmgreen

New Business:

- **Proposed Budget for 2013-2014**
 - Budget Summary
 - Total Available funds for remaining 2012-2013 expenses and for 2013-2014 Budget: \$88,458.00
 - Less remaining expenses (includes 4th grade field trip, May Luncheon, box tops pizza party, Scholarship, AR party, Citywide PTO Meeting, and Playground shade: \$ 36,119.32
 - Total Funds available for 2013-2014 School Year: \$49,171.28
 - Total Annual Expenses and Educational Programs for 2013-2014: \$ 31,035.00
 - Balance for school betterment in 2013-2014: \$18,136.28

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- Funds Requested for 2013-2014 (includes First in Math Program, Teacher Grants program, Poster Machine, and Laydybugs): \$17,500.
 - Excess Funds to start 2013-2014 Fiscal Year: \$636.28
 - **Vote:** Dawn Ament made a motion to approve the budget for the 2013-2014 school year. Annette Browne seconded the motion. All were in favor and none were opposed
 - **Transitioning for next year's board**
 - Please have your binders in order for the incoming board members. We will pass on the binders to the new board at next month's meeting.
 - **2013-2014 Slate and voting**
 - the slate for next year is almost complete with only a couple of positions left to fill
 - voting will start next week. Current board members should stop by the school's office to place their votes.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:43 pm.

Next Meeting will be in the Library at noon on Thursday, May 2, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,
Erin Frank, PTO Secretary