

**Pebble Creek Elementary PTO Meeting**  
**April 16, 2015**

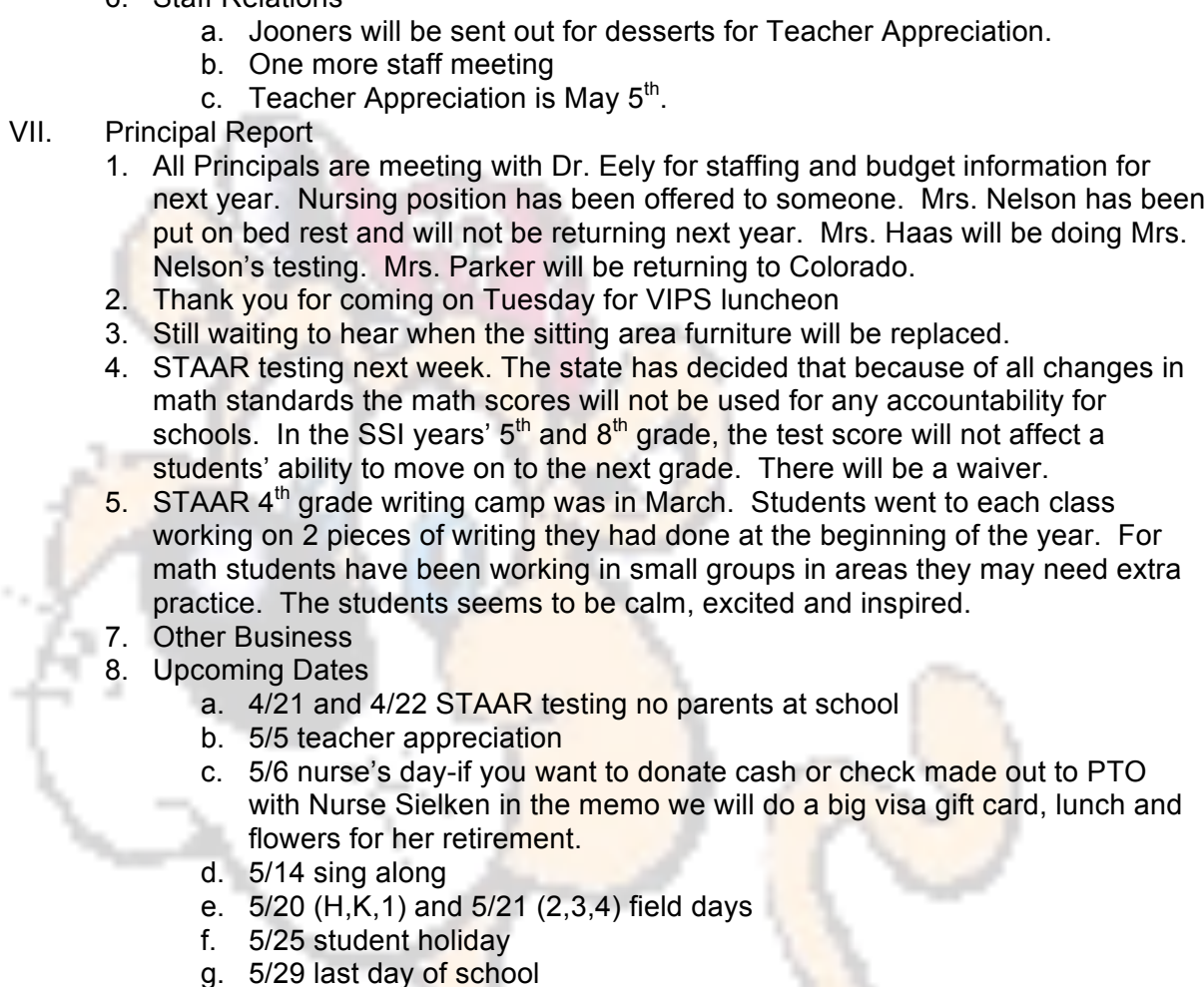
Attendees: Goly Apgar, Kelli Backstrom, Sandy Beavers, Pam Criscitello, Stefanie Davidson, Cynthia Davis, Tammie Dawson, Nicola Harris, Jill Homeyer, Ginger Howard, Lisa Hunziker, Andria Kastner, Tammy Mogford, Katie Newton, Sarah Riggs, Kim Russell, Allison Sawyer, Stephanie Stapp and Jodi Warner

Guest: Annette Roraback

- I. Call to Order at 12:08 pm
- II. Nurse Sielken is retiring. Moving to Washington State to be with family. Interviews are being conducted by Mrs. Roraback and hopefully the new nurse will be able to shadow Nurse Sielken for a few days.
- III. Approval of Minutes from March 2015
  1. Ginger moves to approve minutes, Sandy seconds, motion passes
- IV. Treasurers Report
  1. Amount of money in account is healthy. This meeting was later in the month so the report is current as of yesterday.
  2. If you need to give Ginger checks or need reimbursement you can turn them in to the front office. If you do this, be sure to let Ginger know.
- V. New Business/Voting
  - a. Adoption of 2015-2016 Budget
    - i. Ginger gave Jodi the numbers and then Jodi, Tammy, Kari, Kim and Susan Mabry (next year's treasurer) put together the budget for next year with Mrs. Roraback
    - ii. Cash balance is \$62,456.84, there is still \$7,216.62 encumbered by committees that have not yet used funds allocated but have acknowledged the funds will be spent.
    - iii. Please turn in receipts or let Ginger know if you will not be turning in a receipt. Receipts are the way we plan the budget amount for each committee. We don't want to inadvertently cut necessary funds from a committee.
    - iv. PTO annual expenses
      - ~ Committee budgets is \$4,285
      - ~ Citywide PTO dues \$25
      - ~ CSISD Education Foundation \$250. We make this monetary donation and also make a Carnival donation at 50 Men Who Can Cook. Based on these two items our school is recognized as a \$500 sponsor.
      - ~ Spring Creek \$100-when a new school opens, all current schools donate a seed amount for the new school PTO. When Greens Prairie opened we donated more (\$250) because our principal was opening that school.
      - ~ Weekly Drawings \$200-we don't do weekly drawings anymore but like to keep gift cards for Annette to use sporadically throughout the year for teachers and staff

- ~ Workroom Supplies \$360-this is for ink and paper for the poster maker and all other supplies we use throughout the year.
- ~ Annual PTO expenses for running the organization \$5,720
- v. Amounts paid straight to the school that they use
  - ~ Birthday Pencils \$150. Each child receives a pencil for his/her birthday.
  - ~ Scholastic News \$2250.00. This amount dropped from last year's amount of \$3,000 because the school district recently decided to use a new program called Social Study Weekly. Kinder and 1<sup>st</sup> grade decided to strictly use this and not use Scholastic News as well. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> grade will still use both.
  - ~ STAAR water and snacks \$300 for water and animal crackers during the test.
  - ~ Grade Level Field Trip Transportation \$5,000, each grade is given \$1,000 for transportation for field trips. Only \$3,200 was used this year.
  - ~ Grade Level Field Trip Admission \$5,000. We created this new line item as way to alleviate asking parents for donations for field trip admission. This gives \$10 per child per year for admission costs.
    - When do teachers decide which field trips they will go on? Teachers usually have an idea, but sometimes trips can't be booked until January and sometimes new opportunities arise that might be a one-time thing (King Tut exhibit).
  - ~ 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip \$4,000
  - ~ Teacher wish list \$9,100. Each teacher gets \$150 at the beginning of the year and \$50 in the Spring. They are able to use it as they desire. Camp teachers get \$50 in the fall.
  - ~ Postage for Postcards \$200 who is your teacher postcard sent out in August.
  - ~ PE Olympian \$1000
  - ~ Academic Excellence Party \$600. This is an approximation based on what was spent in the past. It is typically \$1200 we split the cost with the school.
  - ~ Total Ongoing Educational Programs \$29,100. This number combined with the PTO expenses is \$34,820
- vi. Funds for School Betterment
  - ~ The school was using first in math but now use IXL math \$2500
  - ~ Teacher Grants \$6,000. Last year we spent \$5,000 but there has been enough interests and requests to support the extra \$1000. This eliminates requests from teachers during PTO meetings and gives all the teachers the opportunity to apply for specific needs or wants for the classroom.
  - ~ CORE \$1,250 Trail mix of good character has replaced hiring someone to come in and teach the 4<sup>th</sup> graders. We used part of the CORE money to purchase a second set of the books used for good character lessons since we did not need to hire anyone. Next year we should be able to order the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final set.
  - ~ District will now be paying for Quaver for music. Log in information comes at the beginning of the year.
  - ~ Technology \$5,000 for IPAD minis. Not sure if we need that much for IPAD minis but would like to have 5 per class

- ~ Technology \$5,000 for RedCat. CAMP teachers, library, and support classrooms.
- ~ Total amount for school betterment \$19,750.00
- vii. Excess funds to start next year \$670.22
- viii. Changes to committee budget
  - ~ Wee deliver received more money because not receiving as many donations
  - ~ The \$360 for Newsletter/Website is due every two years and will renew in January. There is an option for online payment on the website. It is an added fee on top of the credit card 3%
- ix. Tammy motions to approve, Pam seconds – motion carried.
- b. 2016-2016 Fundraising Plan
  - i. Each year our fundraisers are school supplies and carnival. For scheduling purposes for next year calendar Kim would like to go ahead and approve fundraisers for next year.
  - ii. Boosterthon in the fall and carnival in spring. Boosterthon funds potentially could be used for Smart-Board software updates or for a permanent cover for the eating area in the front of the school.
  - iii. Also to help off-set the cost for the cover, we were thinking of doing another round of named bricks. We weren't able to do bricks this year because of the delay in getting the seating area set back up.
  - iv. Allison moves to approve, Jill seconds. Motion passes
- c. Scholarship Recipient
  - i. Scholarship Recipient for 2015 goes to Shreya Shankar. Presentation is May 20<sup>th</sup>. She will receive \$500 from PTO. The school is still working on who will receive their \$500 scholarship.
- d. New Committee
  - i. We would like to create a sponsorship committee as a way to streamline points of contact regarding sponsorships of school t-shirts and carnival.
  - ii. Ginger moves to approve, Kelli Backstrom seconds, motion passes
- VI. Committee Reports & Updates
  1. Book Fair, Spring
    - a. Watch for Jooners sign up.
    - b. Books are buy one get one free
  2. Carnival
    - a. Parties-look for flyers, there are still spots open for most of the parties.
      - i. April 29<sup>th</sup> is moms and mimosas at Jennifer Miller's home.
      - ii. End of the year pool party, there are still a few spots open for each grade. There will be snow cones.
    - b. There will be a post mortem on April 24<sup>th</sup> at noon. Thank you event at Messina Hof, more details to follow.
  3. Communications
    - a. Last newsletter just went out. Any other information will go out on Facebook.
    - b. Let Tammy know if you have anything that needs to be added.
  4. Citywide Food Drive
    - a. Coins and cans theme. Begins April 28<sup>th</sup>. Every dollar is equal to 6 pounds of food.
    - b. boxes will be set out in the hall.
  5. Promotions
    - a. Spoons today

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6. Staff Relations
    - a. Jooners will be sent out for desserts for Teacher Appreciation.
    - b. One more staff meeting
    - c. Teacher Appreciation is May 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - VII. Principal Report
    1. All Principals are meeting with Dr. Eely for staffing and budget information for next year. Nursing position has been offered to someone. Mrs. Nelson has been put on bed rest and will not be returning next year. Mrs. Haas will be doing Mrs. Nelson's testing. Mrs. Parker will be returning to Colorado.
    2. Thank you for coming on Tuesday for VIPS luncheon
    3. Still waiting to hear when the sitting area furniture will be replaced.
    4. STAAR testing next week. The state has decided that because of all changes in math standards the math scores will not be used for any accountability for schools. In the SSI years' 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade, the test score will not affect a students' ability to move on to the next grade. There will be a waiver.
    5. STAAR 4<sup>th</sup> grade writing camp was in March. Students went to each class working on 2 pieces of writing they had done at the beginning of the year. For math students have been working in small groups in areas they may need extra practice. The students seems to be calm, excited and inspired.
    7. Other Business
    8. Upcoming Dates
      - a. 4/21 and 4/22 STAAR testing no parents at school
      - b. 5/5 teacher appreciation
      - c. 5/6 nurse's day-if you want to donate cash or check made out to PTO with Nurse Sielken in the memo we will do a big visa gift card, lunch and flowers for her retirement.
      - d. 5/14 sing along
      - e. 5/20 (H,K,1) and 5/21 (2,3,4) field days
      - f. 5/25 student holiday
      - g. 5/29 last day of school

NEXT MEETING Thursday, May 14, 2015