

**Pebble Creek Elementary PTO Board Meeting**  
**February 7, 2013**

**Board Members Present:** Dawn Ament, Laura Arthur, Kelli Backstrom, Sarah Brieden, Sherry Caverlee, Krista Fazzino, Erin Frank, Lisa Garner, Sarah Hendler, Kara Holmgreen, Jill Homeyer, Tasha Johnson, Beverly Kuhn, Wendy Letendre, Amy Parent, Patty Pulnik, Doug Sawyer, Jen Lake, Kelley Waguespack, Jodi Warner.

**Guests, Teachers and/or Staff Present:** Annette Roraback

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Kara Holmgreen called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Sherry Caverlee to approve the November 2012 and January 2013 minutes. Laura Arthur seconded the motion. All were in favor and none were opposed. The minutes were approved.

**Principal's Report:** Annette Roraback

Success Team (with Dr. Coulson) met and discussed the judicial ruling that the current educational funding system is unconstitutional. The Texas legislature is currently in session. Annette urged everyone to write letters to state representatives requesting immediate action as opposed to waiting on appeals to take place.

3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers have gone to Region II training to help with future test preparations

New CSISD director of technology has indicated that Pebble Creek is in need of updated technology. The end of year Bond Election will address these issues. Specifically, the bond election will address the upgrade to the office area technology and the overall technology infrastructure. His goal is to obtain a “one to one” ratio.....every child should be able to handle a piece of technology in his or hands.

50 Men who can Cook 1500 attendees, \$124,00 gross revenue, \$110,000 net revenue. The goal was \$100,000.

## **Academic Coordinator's Report: Annette Roraback for Connie Wood**

- Early release day next Wednesday will review student data (test scores, attendance, etc.)
- 2/18 staff development day will discuss campus improvement plan (annual discussion)
- STARR Results
  - CSISD compared to the state: the district and specifically PCES were far above state averages.
  - The standard level of passing will increase each year with new phases:
    - Phase 1: 50% or more were considered passing
    - Phase 2: 60% or more will be considered passing
    - Phase 3: 65% - 80% will be considered passing
  - Pressure needs to be put on the legislators to re-vamp the testing system.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade STARR at PCES
    - 92% passed in math and 95% passed in reading
  - 4<sup>th</sup> grade STARR at PCES
    - 91% passed in math, 88% passed in reading and 89% passed in writing.

## **Committee Reports**

**AR:** Sara Brieden and Michelle Tucker

- At the End of the 3<sup>rd</sup> six weeks:
  - 54% of 4<sup>th</sup> grade is on the A/R board
  - 19% of the 4<sup>th</sup> grade has achieved more than 50% of their goals
  - 90% of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade is on the A/R board
  - 68% of the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade has achieved more than 50% of their goals

- \$66 was spent on supplies to finish off the year for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade and to get ready for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade to start A/R this 6 weeks

### **Carnival:** Sarah Hendler

- still looking for sponsors, if you know anyone able to donate it
- would be greatly appreciated.
- Next Saturday the 9th will be our first day of decorating! 10:00 am to 3:00 pm - come and go. If you can help, please bring a staple gun if you have one. I have staples to go in them (unless you have an unusual type of gun).
- Tuesday, 12th and Thursday, 14th can be taken care of by the decorating team. We will not need extra help these days.
- Saturday, 16th will be the last day to decorate! 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. We need all of the help we can get. Bring staple guns again.
- Thank you to all of those helping! Decorating in 4 days will for sure be a record!

### **PHP:** Kimberly Russell

- Panthers Helping Panthers Share the Love will begin February 14th. We will be collecting cereal, peanut butter, crackers and gummies thru Wednesday,
- March 6<sup>th</sup> (no big bulk items.....individually packed items only). These items will be sent home to PC kids on free and reduced lunch for the week of Spring Break. There will be a collection box outside the office!
- Thank you and please feel free to contact Kim Russell with any questions

**Promotions:** Mary Harrell/Beverly Kuhn

- Spirit Nights
  - Feb. 27 - McTeacher Night. (the one by HEB)
  - PCES will receive proceed from sales. A volunteer sheet was circulated to assist with the table set up and for teacher assistance. A tip jar will also be out and PCES will keep all of the tips
  - Mar. 21 - Chick Fil A
  - April - Outback
- Boxtop deadline has changed to Feb. 20 since the 18th is a school holiday.

**Yearbook Committee:** Rebecca Melder/Dawn Ament

- We need picture for the yearbook!
- Pick a few of your favorites and upload them to the yearbook website.
- Go to [images.balfour.com](http://images.balfour.com)
- Type in project number: 326985
- And Password: panthers
- Give your name and email, then upload your pictures.
- A few important things to remember before you upload:
  - Please crop the photo
  - Please orient it the correct way
  - Please choose just a few of your best of each event.
- The next publisher deadline is right before spring break.
- Many candid shots are needed

## President's Notes: Kara Holmgreen

### New Business:

- **Garden** (Annette Roraback) the pond needs to be drained, cleaned and re-filled every 3 years. Received a quote from Award Lawns for \$952 to completely clean out the pond and to maintain it monthly for 10 months. There will be another 5% discount for early commitment for this service. Currently there is approximately \$1500 in the school's garden account that can be spent on this.
  - Amy Parrent made a motion to approve the \$952 for cleaning and maintaining the school pond. Wendy Letendre seconded the motion. All were in favor and none were opposed. The motion passed.
- **Carnival**
  - A Jooners event has been set up for people to volunteer to help with early ticket sales. Tickets will be sold in the mornings from 7:30 to 8:15 on the Thursday and Friday before Carnival.
  - Carnival Scholarships this is not an official PTO project but it helps approximately 30 kids from PCES get to the Carnival and enjoy the event. Anyone interested in donating to this fund can contact Kim Russell. Last year approximately \$500 was raised by word of mouth.
- **PTO Scholarships** there is a new standard scholarship form for all CSISD schools to use. It can be found on the district's website.



- **New PTO Guidelines** have been released for CSISD under the direction of Carla Merritt. PCES will not see many adjustments to the way business is handled. There will be additional reporting requirements.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:38 pm.

**Next Meeting will be in the Library at noon on Thursday, March 7, 2013.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Erin Frank, PTO Secretary

