

Pebble Creek Elementary PTO Board Meeting
November 3, 2011

Board Members Present: Stephanie Adams, Dawn Ament, Connie Appelt, Laura Arthur, Mandy Barkley, Adrienne Bentz, Sarah Brieden, Annette Browne, Sherry Caverlee, Christina Close, Pam Edens, Krista Fazzino, Erin Frank, Lisa Garner, Heather Gobin, Michelle Glover, Mary Harrell, Deanna Harris, Nicola Harris, Sarah Hendler, Leslie Holcombe, Kara Holmgreen, Jill Homeyer, Ginger Howard, Tasha Johnson, Jacque Knoop, Beverly Kuhn, Wendy Letendre, Susan Mabry, Rebecca Melder, Amy Parrent, Kim Russell, Amanda Vaughan, Kelly Waguespack, Ginny Wareing, Jodi Warner.

Guests, Teachers and/or Staff Present: Annette Roraback, Connie Wood, Ginger Urso

Kara Holmgreen called the meeting to order at 12:16PM.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Amy Parrent to approve the October 6, 2011, minutes. Ginger Howard seconded the motion. All were in favor and none were opposed. The minutes were approved.

Guest Introductions

Principal's Report: Annette Roraback

- Second six-weeks ends Friday.
- PCE has been named to the Texas Business & Education Coalition honor roll. Annette Roraback, Connie Wood, Janet Anderson and Jean Westbrook will travel to Dallas to accept the award.
- PCE also earned the National Center for Educational Accountability's (NCEA) Higher-Performing School distinction for the 2011 school year in 4th grade writing. The award is based on commended TAKS scores and improvement over the prior year, compared to schools with comparable demographics.
- The CSISD budget needs to be cut by \$1.3 to \$2 million next year. The school board is looking at changes to the bus schedule and school start times that would save approximately \$200,000. This item will be discussed at the board meeting on November 15, 2011. See the CSISD website for additional information.

- College Station High School has started enrolling students. For additional information on enrollment and parent meetings, see the CSISD website.
- Last Friday, the students enjoyed the first enrichment day of the year. The theme was "Mystery Day." Our guest performer was Todd Whittaker, a magician.
- Special Person's Day will be Tuesday, November 22.
- The Ned Show was a huge success. Ned stands for Never give up, Encourage others and Do your best. The show was free to the school in exchange for the school selling merchandise (yo-yos). Sales were approximately \$3,000. The school also receives some free product that it will use for student rewards.
- Connie Wood is attending all conferences possible to learn more about the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) exams. PCE is confident in its curriculum and believes our students will be prepared for the tests.

Academic Coordinator's Report: Connie Wood

Connie is looking for volunteer tutors for student who are new to our school this year. Volunteers don't have to be certified teachers. They mainly need tutors for math, but could also use reading help if there are enough volunteers.

Treasurer's Report: Kelly Waguespack

- Beginning Balance: \$36,506.39
- Ending Balance: \$33,340.02
- Deposits: \$785.12
- Disbursements: \$3,951.49
- At our January meeting, Kelly and Kara will present a financial analysis of funds available for school betterment.

Committee Reports

Candy Cane Fun Run: Leslie Holcombe and Wendy Letendre

Candy Cane Fun Run will be held on Saturday, December 3, 9:00AM to 10:30AM. Information about the event was distributed in the Monday folders (10/31). T-shirt orders are due by Friday, November 11. Entry fee is one canned good and we will have food donation boxes in front of

the office prior to the event. Photos with Santa will be available again this year thanks to the generosity of Rosalee McShane. The Texas A&M Track team will appear and volunteer at the event. We have booked Santa Bob and reserved the kitchen. Sign-up sheets are circulating because we need more volunteers to help during the event and to provide lemonade donations. If you have questions, contact Leslie or Wendy.

Carnival: Susan Mabry

We've added new members to our committee, but still have openings for Sponsor, Program/Publicity, Decorations and Teacher Auction. Looking for class basket coordinators (kinder (2), 1st (1), 3rd (1), 4th (2)) and 4th grade plate painters (Adair, Anderson, Weir). Class basket themes are the same as last year. Christmas and After-Christmas sales are a good time to shop for kid's raffle and basket items. Our next meeting is Tuesday, November 8, at 11:30 at Ninfa's (back room).

Garden: Sherry Caverlee

- Pansy sale – We have sold 190 flats of pansies, with 35 flats still available. Sales total \$2,850.00, with expenses at \$1,968.75, for a profit of \$881.25. We delayed opening up sales to Pebble Creek homeowners so that all the school orders could come in. We will still open it to homeowners to try to sell all remaining flats (reserving 2-3 flats for the garden area). Pansies will be available to be picked up after school on November 16 and before or after school on November 17.
- Garden clean-up - On October 22nd, 19 students and at least 17 parents came to help with weeding, pruning, planting, and mulching in the pond area, picnic area, and the second grade gardens. A rock garden was started in front of the pond area. Thanks so much to Cub Scout Pack 1069 for their help! Total expenses for the garden clean-up so far are \$198.65.
- On Monday November 14th, a clean-up of the 3rd grade garden beds will take place with one of the Girl Scout troops from the school. Another beautification day will be arranged with the second Girl Scout troop from the school to plant pansies and help with the rock garden after the pansy delivery dates.

Promotions: Mary Harrell and Amanda Vaughan

- Box Tops were mailed off on Monday. We counted, sorted, and trimmed 11,869 Box Tops, which totals \$1,186.90 for our school! The winning class is Mrs. Cullum's class.
- Next Tuesday, November 8th, Family Night at Chick-fil-A.
- December 6th Family Night at Double Dave's.

Wee Deliver: Pam Edens and Krista Fazzino

The 4th grade reps have started delivering mail every Monday and Thursday afternoon. We are delivering about 60 - 75 letters a week. We have new November stamps and stamp winners who were acknowledged during morning assembly on Tuesday. If any PTO members have paper and envelopes they would like to donate, it would be greatly appreciated.

Yearbook: Dawn Ament and Rebecca Melder

- We announced the nine semi-finalists (Sydney Criscitiello, Annette Shim, Sophia Medina, Mikayla Hodnett, Christina Williams, Tori Frank, Julie Li, Lily Wu and Tripp Barkley) and winner (Eren Akleman) of the 2011-2012 "There is No Place Like Pebble Creek" yearbook cover contest during morning assembly on Thursday, November 3rd. The semi-finalists' artwork will be featured on the back cover of the yearbook.
- Please upload any Fall party pictures or others that you have taken at any PCE events to images.balfour.com
- We will be taking the PTO yearbook picture at the conclusion of the meeting.

Book Fair: Stephanie Adams

We had a grand total of sales \$16,296.93 which is about \$35.00 over last year. We get a percentage of that in cash and free books for the school. We also got an extra \$200 for having a family event, attending the workshop, doing wish lists, etc. One for Books brought in \$376.00 which allowed us to put books in the hands of students who couldn't afford them and have some fun drawings for all of our kids. Also, Scholastic matches that amount with a donation to a charity, such as

the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation. Our parents generously about 200 books to our teachers! The money the Library gets from the sales goes for our subscription to World Book online, our subscription to Safari Montage that all the teachers use in the classrooms, author visits, books for the library.

New Business: Kara Holmgreen

- a. 50 Men Who Can Cook Event – The Education Foundation’s annual fundraiser, 50 Men Who Can Cook, will be held February 3, 2012. PCE needs a cook to represent our school. He would need to prepare about 400 taste portions of food. If you know of anyone who would be interested, please contact Annette Roraback or Kara Holmgreen.
- b. Smart Board Scanner – There is one classroom without a Smart Board Scanner. They cost approximately \$100. Laura Arthur made a motion to **purchase a Smart Board Scanner for \$100**. Stephanie Adams seconded the motion. All were in favor and none were opposed. The request was approved.

Old Business: Laura Arthur

Sign Update - The new digital sign will be installed Tuesday, November 8. Texas Digital Systems has the new cabinet built with the digital portion installed. SignPro of Bryan will remove the old sign cabinet, remove the “Pebble Creek Elementary” and panther Mylar components from our old sign, install them in the new sign cabinet and install the new sign cabinet in our current stone structure. This will all be done on-site and will be completed in one day. The electrical and computer portion of the installation will take longer to complete, but the parking lot interruption will only be for one day.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:46PM.

NO Board Meeting in December.

Next meeting will be in the library at noon on Thursday, January 19, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Frank, PTO Secretary

*PTO minutes can also be viewed on Pebble Creek's PTO website
www.pebblecreekpto.org*

