

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

Board Members Present: Laura Arthur, Sandy Beavers, Monica Brown, Annette Browne, Sherry Caverlee, Michelle Hawthorne, Ginger Howard, Wendy Letendre, Susan Mabry, Holly McBerty, Rebecca Melder, Tammy Mogford, Lori Puckett, Kim Russell, Alison Sawyer, Michelle Tucker, Marla Waller, Jodi Warner

Guests, Teachers and/or Staff Present: Annette Roraback, Josh Symank, Paula McCann

Jodi Warner called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Ginger Howard to approve the October minutes. Monica Brown seconded the motion. All were in favor and none were opposed. The minutes were approved.

Principal's Report: Annette Roraback

Thanks to the bond approval, a new security vestibule will be added to the entrance.

All CSISD schools met accountability standards on recent testing. Teachers and administrators will look at doing site visits at some of the top quartile schools for ideas on ways to improve.

Committee Reports

AR: Michelle Tucker

- 2nd six weeks will end November 8.
- 4th grade participation is down, while 3rd grade remains high

Candy Cane Fun Run: Holly McBerty

- Will be held December 7 to benefit Food for Families.
- Boxes will be placed in the school the Monday before Thanksgiving.
- HEB provided a generous donation to cover the refreshments.
- Have requested A&M track athletes to visit during run.
- Santa Bob and a photographer will be available for pictures with Santa
- Three contests to boost participation:
 1. Most donations by grade level
 2. Collect one ton of food, and Josh Symank will dress up like an elf for the sing-a-long

3. Versus Southwood Valley Elementary; the school to collect the most food will see their assistant principal pied in the face by the other assistant principal.

Carnival: Monica Brown

- Next meeting is November 15.
- Working on sponsor list.
- Will have a free throw contest between competing teachers.
- Have received a football helmet signed by Kevin Sumlin for auction.

Garden: Annette Brown

- 120 pansy flats were sold; 80 available for purchase in the office.
- Flats will be delivered to school the afternoon of November 19. Pick up then or November 20.
- Girl Scouts will do some planting November 25.
- Boy Scouts will be weeding and cleaning up garden November 10.

Kinder:

- Fall party was a success and enjoyed by everyone.

Newsletter/Website: Tammy Mogford

- Next newsletter will be available November 19.
- Theme will be “Support Pebble Creek Elementary” featuring our three night out fundraisers.
- Will showcase PTO dollars at work to thank families for their financial support and time volunteered.
- Don’t forget to “like” our Facebook page!

Panthers Helping Panthers: Kim Russell

- The giving tree will be placed in hallway outside office this afternoon.
- Necessities needed include toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, socks, and tennis shoes.
- Please return donations by December 11th.
- We have around 30 children needing assistance.

Promotions:

- Don’t forget Jason’s Deli in January

VIPS:

- Jooners is available to assist in planning Fall parties.
- Room parents may use Jooners at any time to communicate with their class parents.

- Send a link to Tammy Mogford if you would like your event posted on Facebook page.

Wee Deliver: Marla Waller

- Deliveries officially began a month ago.
- More than 500 letters have been sent.
- Donations are needed to keep supplies up. Please bring in any extra Christmas or winter themed cards you might have.

Yearbook: Sandy Beavers

- 250 orders have been received, which is down from last year.
- A new flier will be sent home with another chance to order.
- Book donations are also down.
- Would like every 4th grader to receive a book (about 70 students)
- Mrs. Roraback will present the winning artwork for cover and back on November 20th.

President's Notes: Jodi Warner

- Three teacher grants were funded:
 1. 4th grade teachers – math stations
 2. Headstart, Kinder, 1st grades – motor lab
 3. Reading specialists – read aloud books available across all grade levels

New Business:

- Spring grant applications will be available in January.
- PTO yearbook photo will be taken at January 9th meeting.

Q&A:

- Only the 4th grade will participate in student council. Each class will have three representatives.



The meeting was adjourned at _____.

Next Meeting will be in the Library at noon on Thursday, January 9, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Puckett, PTO Secretary