

***Pebble Creek Elementary PTO Board Meeting
October 4, 2012***

Board Members Present: Casey Abegglen, Dawn Ament, Laura Arthur, Kelli Backstrom, Sarah Brieden, Annette Browne, Sherry Caverlee, Jenny Dalsing, Erin Frank, Lisa Garner, Sarah Hendler, Kara Holmgreen, Jill Homeyer, Ginger Howard, Beverly Kuhn, Jen Lake, Wendy Letendre, Rebecca Melder, Carol Nesbitt, Amy Parent, Patty Pulnik, Kim Russell, Doug Sawyer, Christen Sharpe, Nikki Theis, Kelley Waguespack, Jodi Warner.

Guests, Teachers and/or Staff Present: Annette Roraback, Connie Wood, Paula McCann

Kara Holmgreen called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm.

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

Principal's Report: Annette Roraback

- *Resolution – the resolution was discussed at length at the City Wide PTO. The purpose of the resolution is to highlight the public outcry regarding High Stakes Testing. This testing only records a one day snapshot of how each child is performing. Our states standardized testing has morphed from its original intent into something that is counterproductive to teaching and learning in Texas.*
- *School Health Advisory Council – Parent volunteers sought to advise the District on school health policies. Anyone interested should contact Annette.*
- *District Wide Policy changes – Annette introduced Paula McCann (the teacher representative for PTO). Pebble Creek's school website outlines these policy changes. Charly Stagg is in charge of maintaining this information. The website includes printable curricular calendars for each grade level, resources and content. It is outlined by 6 weeks to assist parents in preparing students for their quizzes and tests and is linked to state standards. New grading guidelines are also outlined here. There are resource links to 1st in Math, Khan Academy video instruction and iPad aps.*
- *Giving Tree - will be discussed at the Curriculum Meeting. Working with The Big Event to do a Junior Big Event which will allow our children to learn to give back.*

Academic Coordinator's Report: Connie Wood

- *CORE – Began 9/19. A new name has been proposed to include “service” making it SCORE. Meetings will occur 4 times this school year and will culminate in a luncheon on May 17th from 11:30 to 1:00.*
- *Student Council – Student Council has been re-launched. Classes have elected their reps. Reps will be awarded certificates tomorrow at Assembly.*
- *Early Release Day – for staff development. This summer's teacher training at the Hilton covered Choice Boards. Choice Boards were due on this past staff development day in each practice room for each team. A team has been developed on each campus by the District for “BCT (Behavioral Leadership Team). This team is being trained in “safe and civil school” with conscious discipline. Focuses on our systems and how they all work together.*
- *Jr. Great Books – 22 new parents have been trained. 1st and 2nd grades have the largest group of volunteers. Dana Browne would like to see more volunteers for 3rd and 4th grades. All materials are available to be checked out in the new work room.*

Treasurer's Report: Kelly Waguespack

- *Beginning Balance: \$ 32,055.44*
- *Ending Balance: \$ 39,761.90*
- *Deposits: \$ 6,386.48*
- *Disbursements: \$ 17,603.76*
- *MMA Balance: \$ 18,923.74*
- *New forms were circulated for sales tax. The old forms are still acceptable but the district sent new forms to each campus. Retailers should not need EIN #. The number is listed at the top of the Comptrollers letter. DO NOT give the retailers the actual letter.*
- *No Raffle items should be over \$600. Tax issues arise at this level.*

Committee Reports

A/R: Sarah Brieden

- *The board will be updated regularly starting next week.*

Book Fair: Tasha Johnson

- \$2400 in pre-sales
- \$300 in sales the night of Book fair.
- Total of \$2694 in ticket sales.
- Funds raised by vendors: \$404.10 from Chef Thai and \$80 from Cake Junkie.

Garden: Sherry Caverlee

- Pansy order forms will go home in Monday folders on October 15th.
- Garden clean-up with the cub scouts will be Nov. 11th.
- Pansies are scheduled to be delivered November 14th.
- Girls scouts scheduled to plant pansies on Nov. 18th.

Panthers Helping Panthers: Kim Russell

- Panthers Helping Panthers is branching out to some extent to Panthers Helping People. The Giving Tree project began this week and will continue through the semester. It encourages all students to take the initiative to help others. There is a big "Giving Tree" outside Mrs. Z's office. There, the student may pick up an apple and write a description of what he/she did to serve others and Mrs. Z will add the apple to our tree and a picture of the child. Hopefully kids will be creative and come up with their own ideas but we also included some ideas for them in the information sheet sent home Monday.
- We also hope to do a school wide service project this Spring. Holly is helping to maybe coordinate something with Big Event.

Promotions: Mary Harrell & Beverly Kuhn

- NEXT Thursday, Oct. 11 is our next profit share at Dickey's Barbecue. It's all day - from 7 am - 9 pm. and the PTO gets 15% of the sales for the day. Dickey's is also offering a special treat (most likely a popcorn or cupcake party) to the class with the most attendees, so be sure to let Dickey's know who your child/children's teacher is/are. The teacher of the winning class will also get a \$25 gift card. Dickey's is also offering all PC teachers and staff the option to buy a delivered boxed lunch on the day of the fundraiser and that \$ will also be included in the sales total for the day.
- November's Chick-fil-A night is Thursday, Nov. 1.

- *Box Top collection date is Oct. 19!*
- *Don't forget to tie your Kroger card to the barcode sent home in the daily folders. Even if you don't shop at Kroger very often, every little bit helps!*

T-Shirts: Amy Parrent

- *Extra t-shirts and sweatshirts available.*
- *851 shirts ordered*
- *\$4700 in sponsorship money*

VIPS: Jodi Warner

- *VIPS is working to complete sharing volunteer sign ups with committees. Book fair volunteers were scheduled effectively through Jooners and the event was well staffed.*
- *We have also started recruiting and planning for carnival volunteer needs. We were able to have a booth at the TAMU student organization volunteer fair and contact several new and returning student volunteer groups.*

Wee Deliver: Jennifer Lake

- *2 reps appointed per class*
- *Postmaster ceremony will take place on 10/10 at assembly*
- *8 stamps will be chosen by the new Postmaster*
- *10/5 – open for business*
- *Request made for supplies for the letter writing table (envelopes and paper).*

Yearbook: Rebecca Melder

- *2012-2013 "Pebble Creek goes Hollywood" yearbook order forms will go home Tuesday, October 9th. The order deadline will be Friday, October 26th. Yearbook orders will ONLY be offered during October, there will NOT be an offer in the Spring!!*
- *Please submit your PCE pictures: images.balfour.com*
- *We will be taking the PTO Board picture after the November meeting*

President's Notes: Kara Holmgreen

New Business:

- *Grants Committee Update* - meeting for review will be held tomorrow at 8:15 am. \$2500 allocated for fall grants and \$2500 allocated for the spring semester.
- *CSISD Scholarship Process*
- *Nominations for Outstanding Businesses* – for businesses that have made contributions to Pebble Creek
- *School Betterment Requests*

Pebble Creek PTO Cash Analysis – October 2012

<i>\$39,761.90</i>	<i>Total cash in checking and MMA</i>	
<i>(\$27,726.41)</i>	<i>Total outstanding expenses</i>	<i>Budgeted in previous year but not yet spent</i>
<i>\$3,806.62</i>	<i>Total funds to be reallocated</i>	<i>Back into budget (for overbudgetted items)</i>
<i>\$15,842.11</i>	<i>Funds available for future needs</i>	<i>Needs to be spent on school betterment.</i>

The meeting was adjourned at 1:07 pm.

Next Meeting will be in the Library at noon on Thursday, November 1, 2012.

*Respectfully submitted,
Erin Frank, PTO Secretary*