

Pebble Creek Elementary PTO Meeting November 5, 2015

- I. **Attendees:** Casey Abbeglen, Sandy Beavers, Monica Brown, Sherry Caverlee, Amanda Crisp, Cynthia Davis, Tammie Dawson, Shawn Henderson, Kari Krueger, Susan Mabry, Tammy Mogford, Kate Morawietz, Hanna Page, Sarah Riggs, Terri Ross, Kim Russell, Ginger Urso, Deborah Veley, Jodi Warner
Guests: Annette Roraback, Becky Rowlett
- II. **Call to Order:**
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 12:02 PM by Kim Russell.
 - b. Kim welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- III. **Approval of Minutes:**
 - a. A motion was made by Susan Mabry to accept the September and October minutes. A second was made by Casey Abbeglen. Motion passed. Minutes were approved.
- IV. **Treasurer's Report: Susan Mabry**
 - a. There were a large number of deposits this month due to Boosterthon.
 - b. Please continue to review your budget.
 - c. Balance Sheet was presented.
 - i. Starting Balance: \$58,100.19
 - ii. Deposits: \$3,629.65
 - iii. Disbursements: \$13,553.09
 - iv. Ending Balance: \$48,176.75
- V. **Principal's Report: Annette Roraback**
 - a. Character book parade was today and it was a great experience.
 - b. Family Dinner Night is tonight.
 - c. The Bond Passed! This is great news for our community. Another demographic study will be done and a new zoning committee will be put together in the spring.
 - d. 2017 – 3rd Intermediate School will open.
 - e. Further discussion is taking place regarding outcome of the School Board position that ended in a tie.
 - f. Veterans will be honored on Veteran's Day during Assembly. Please submit Veterans for recognition.
 - g. November 11th is also early release day as well as math day when students will be presenting to parents.
 - h. Decades day is November 23 as part of enrichment day. Becky Rowlett provided further information regarding the day. There will be a hamburger BBQ for the teachers. They are requesting that room moms send out a request for food to be provided for the luncheon.
 - i. New Redcats and iPads have been received and distributed into the classrooms. Currently we have approximately 3 iPads per classroom with the goal of 5.
- VI. **New Business**
 - a. **Money Market Account – Susan Mabry:**
 - i. We currently have money in a money market account that was initially set up for a special project. In order to remain in compliance, we need to consider closing the account. Kari Krueger moved to close the account. Casey Abbeglen seconded. Motion passed.
 - b. **Overages – Susan Mabry:**
 - i. Based on our current budget, we have had some overages to various line items. Request is being made to adjust budget accordingly. One line item in particular is that of a scholarship check that never cleared the bank. The scholarship was from last year

and a second check was cut and delivered to the recipient. The initial check was never deposited. Ginger Urso moved to make needed budget changes. Sherry Caverlee seconded the motion. The motion passed.

c. Allocation of Boosterthon Funds – Kim Russell:

- i. **Boosterthon** – Successful event. Based on prior vote, the shade cover is being researched.
- ii. **Shade Cover - Kate Morawietz:** Kate has been researching shade covers based on price, aesthetics, usage and safety. Ginger Urso will provide the contact name of a potential Civil Engineer who might be able to provide direction. More information will be provided as further details develop.
- iii. **Physical Education:** There was discussion regarding the need for basketballs and a cart for A/V equipment for PE. Susan Mabry moved to purchase the needed items and Casey Abbeglen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

d. Pond Pump: A pond is needed for the pump. Kari Krueger moved to purchase the pump and Susan Mabry seconded the motion. The motion passed.

e. Education Foundation – Kim Russell on behalf of Lisa Hunziker:

- i. The CSISD Education Foundation is a non-profit organization comprised of 30 community members who all have a vested interest in CSISD - primarily parents with kids in the district or products thereof. Our purpose is to raise money for students and teachers across the district. The brochure on your table explains more about the Board and our various programs - please take one.
- ii. Two big programs we sponsor take place in the fall, one of which being Innovative Teacher Grants, which we will be awarding through our annual "Grant Patrol" this coming Monday. We will be giving out \$120,923.00 in grants to teachers across the district for exciting new things to happen in their classrooms. You may hear your kids talking about the band and cheerleaders being on their campus with oversized checks being distributed... It's a fun day to be able to give back to all schools.
- iii. The second upcoming program is a fundraiser called "Star Educator," which is highlighted in the brochure. This takes place in December, and is a great way to honor CSISD teachers and staff. If you need an easy teacher gift for the upcoming holidays, here's the ticket: a minimum donation of \$10 to the Foundation honors a recipient with a certificate, lapel pin and recognition in the newspaper (the Foundation delivers it for you too!). See the brochure or visit givetokids.csisd.org for more details. You can also contact Lisa Hunziker with any questions, and she will be telling you about spring events as they get closer.

f. Amazon Smiles – Amazon Smiles is a program that enables us to receive funds back from Amazon. Promotions Committee will provide further information so we can all participate.

VII. Committee Reports and Updates

a. Carnival: Casey Abbeglen

- i. Prior Carnival committee members that have historical information are requested to give information to Jacque and Casey.
- ii. Sponsorships: Amanda Crisp reported that the sponsorship letter has been updated and will be sent out next week. New initiative will be made to solicit new sponsors for Carnival from PCE families that are interested. Sponsorships raise approximately 30% of the funds raised at Carnival.
- iii. Silent Auction: Monica Brown – request is being made for each Board Member to donate an item to the silent auction by the January Board Meeting. If you know of a potential donor, please let Monica know so she can reach out to make contact for donations. Letters for donations will go out next week. Calls will begin in January to solicit donations. If you want to bring the item to the school, give them to Brenda and she will place the item in storage.

- b. Candy Cane Fun Run – Cynthia Davis:** December 5th from 9-10:30.
 - i. Theme: Run with Rudolph
 - ii. Seeking volunteers from Board and outside organizations.
 - iii. Students may have the opportunity to submit poster ideas.
 - iv. Monday, November 16 – boxes will be out for donations for the Brazos Valley Food Bank.
- c. Communications: Tammy Mogford**
 - i. Graphics and flyers are appreciated for newsletter submissions.
 - ii. Next newsletter: January 19th.
 - iii. First newsletter of the year is printed. Additional newsletters are sent out by email list serve and will be added to the Principal’s messages.
- d. Book Fair – Sherry Caverlee**
 - i. Great event.
 - ii. Thanks so much to all of the volunteers.
 - iii. All for Books was very successful. Approximately 70 books were purchased with those funds and additional books will be purchased with funds from the sale.
 - iv. Panthers Helping Panthers assisted approximately 40 Pebble Creek students and the donations are appreciated.
 - v. Online Book Fair will begin on Monday.
- e. Garden: Kim Russell on behalf of Jamie Cannon**
 - i. They are continuing to research bricks.
 - ii. The Cub Scouts did a great job weeding out the garden.
- f. Staff Relations – Deborah Veley:**
 - i. Staff Holiday Meal is December 3
- g. Yearbook – Sandy Beavers:**
 - i. Sales goal is 300 and we have not yet met our goal.
 - ii. Online store is still open.

VIII. Upcoming Dates

- a. November 5, 2015: Book Fair Family Dinner Night from 5-7:30 PM
- b. November 11, 2015: Early Release at 12:45 pm
- c. November 12, 2015: Spirit Night at Chick Fil A
- d. November 25-27, 2015: Thanksgiving Break
- e. December 3, 2015: PTO Holiday Luncheon
- f. December 5, 2015: Candy Cane Fun Run
- g. January 7, 2015: January PTO Meeting

- IX. Adjourn: Kim Russell** adjourned the meeting at 12:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
 Kari Krueger
 Secretary