

Pebble Creek PTO Meeting Minutes

November 3, 2016

Attendees: Tammy Mogford, Susan Mabry, Sandy Beavers, Stefanie Davidson, Shawn Henderson, Chris Williams, Hanna Page, Holly McBerty, Kelly Chambers, Cheryl Robison, Sarah Riggs, Whitney Kriel, Lisa Maddock, Beth Bondurant, Nikki Norton, Kara Gidley, Lisa Hunziker, Amanda Brittain

Guests: Charlsie McDaniel, Staci Cocanougher, Becky Rowlett, Annette Roraback

- I. **Call to Order**
 - A. The meeting was called to order at 12:04PM by Tammy Mogford.
 - B. Tammy shared thank you notes from teachers.
- II. **Welcome Guests**
 - A. Tammy welcomed our guests to the meeting.
- III. **Approval of Minutes from October 2016 Meeting**
 - A. A motion was made by Susan Mabry to accept the October 2016 minutes. A second was made by Lisa Maddock. Motion passed. Minutes were approved.
- IV. **Treasurer's Report – Susan Mabry**
 - A. Reports are on the website. It's been a quiet month financially.
 - B. Revenue: Kroger \$98, Farmhouse Creamery Spirit Night \$200, fall fund raiser brought in 4,810 in checks.
 - C. Expenses: \$148 for fall fundraiser supplies, library furniture \$5,000. Annette added that furniture should be here around Nov. 21.
 - D. So far, spent \$3,480 on teacher grants.
- V. **Principal's Report – Annette Roraback**
 - A. Success team meeting was today. The next legislative session is in January. Dr. Ealy spoke important education items. She will share more information at the January meeting.
 1. Charter and private schools getting public funding. There is a movement for charter/private school vouchers. We would want them to be held to the same standards/rules as public schools if they are to receive funding.
 2. Accountability system will be looked at. There will be a rating of schools A-F based on one day of testing and not a whole school year. Tuesday, December 6 at 6:30 at the Transportation Center there will be a town hall meeting with John Tanner from San Antonio to address testing accountability.
 3. The school finance system will be reviewed. It has been ruled constitutional (Byzantine model). We are chapter 41 school district, which means we are property rich. If we have an overage of money from property we have to send it to the state (through school taxes). It has been understood that money is then sent to property-poor districts to help equalize districts, but that is not what is happening. The overage money is going into a general fund to spend on whatever (prison, roads...) Annette will send out bullet points to parents so we can present concerns to our legislators. Annette shared example of Oklahoma shutting down schools because they don't have enough money or switching to a 4-day week to save money.
 - B. Upcoming days at school:
 1. November 22 – Enrichment Decades day. K-50's, 1st-80s, 2nd-40s, 3rd-70s, 4th-60s.

2. Math Day: Kinder is November 18. 1st-4th Grades are November 22. Family and friends come for part of the day to see what math is like in elementary school today, which is very different from when we were young. There will be stations to experience; kids are no longer given a worksheet with 50 math problems to solve.

C. Leadership Meeting

1. Encouraging innovative practices in education and taking risks to prepare kids for 21st century. Skills children need are different now than used to be. We are preparing them for jobs that don't exist yet. We need to think outside of box in education and change the way we instruct our students. PCE is starting Genius Hour, which is one hour per week where teachers allow students to learn about whatever they want in a research type project. (Started at Google where 20% of workweek is spent on whatever employees want to do). There is a different structure for each grade level. Students will present to their class (or world via YouTube) what they have learned. Genius Hour is typically on Fridays in the afternoons. It is part of campus improvement plan to encourage students to think at higher level, creatively.

VI. **New Business**

- A. Tammy noted that Kim should be back in town by November 9 and that Tammy will then be out of the country November 10-14. Questions, etc. should be directed to Kim during that time.

B. **Education Foundation – Lisa Hunziker**

1. The grant Patrol is next Thursday, November 9. We will be awarding \$142K in grants to all schools across CSISD. They will travel to the schools to deliver 52 grants out of the 75 grant applications. They will be delivering their 1 millionth dollar since the program started.

C. **City-wide PTO – Susan Mabry**

1. Dr. Ealy does not like the new A-F rating. Susan encourages parents to go to the meeting on Nov 6 for more information. In January they should get a report based on last year's ratings to compare to the new system and see where we stand.
2. Chrissy's Closet has served 215 staff and students. They need shoes, new socks, and new underwear right now. They have run out of space and are not accepting any clothing right now except for the items above. We will put the collection bin back out when they are accepting more. They do accept toiletries.
3. College View is hosting a clothing drive November 5, 8AM-12PM. There are stipulations on the website of what they are and are not accepting.
4. An anonymous donation of \$10/child at each school has been made through the Education Foundation to students in head start and pre-kindergarten for book fair purchases.
5. Rock Prairie recently did a color run. A contact said it went well and they cleaned the kids off easily with leaf blowers. There were no asthmatic issues reported.

VII. **Old Business**

A. **Teacher Grants – Tammy Mogford**

1. We had one Kinder teacher (Kellen) grant for the wireless microphones that did not make it on the original list so it has now been included for a total of \$3,480.44 distributed with \$3,684.24 to be distributed in the spring (generally less is spent in the spring).

B. **Adventure Dash – Tammy Mogford**

1. We raised a total of \$30,055. As a result, we had trike day on Tuesday, October 25th. Mrs. Roraback was Pebble Creek's Trike Champion of the year. Kids were excited all day long.

VIII. **Committee Reports and Updates**

A. **Communications – Cheryl Robison and Kelly Chambers**

1. Deadline for next newsletter is November 11 and it will be published on November 21.
2. Please send content and images/pictures to committee to Cheryl Robison as soon as possible for inclusion in the next newsletter.
3. Current topics include: Spirit Nights, Box Top Winners, Candy Cane Fun Run, Winter Parties, Character Dress Up Day, Book Fair Success, PTO Dollars at Work so far

B. Book Fair – Chris Williams, Beth Bondurant, Lindsay Burdett, Pam Criscitiello

1. Fall Scholastic Book Fair is November 11th-17th.
2. Set up day is November 9th and Preview Day is November 10th. We will need many helpers! Please sign-up online via Sign-Up Genius. All For Book Campaign is currently going on. The class with the most participants will receive a prize (rubber duck pirate) on November 4th.
3. Book Character Dress Up Day/Parade will be first thing in the morning on Thursday, November 17. There will not be a morning assembly, students will go to their classrooms at 7:35 and the parade is scheduled to start at 7:50. Family Dinner Night and Flash Light Reading will also be on November 17th. Texas Roadhouse will donate \$2 from every meal to the PTO. We need the most volunteers on this day with moving the sale to gym and then back to library.
4. If you know anyone who would like to volunteer with set-up, sale shifts, or our evening sale and take-down, please contact Chris Williams at cwilliams03@yahoo.com

C. Candy Cane Fun Run – Tammy Mogford on behalf of Dory Moore

1. CCFR will be Saturday, December 10th from 9 – 10:30am. There are two courses (indoor and outdoor) for the kids to run just like in the past. Admission is a canned food item. Panthers can start bringing canned foods starting Wednesday, November 30th. All donations benefit Brazos Valley Food Bank.
2. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be available for professional pictures (order forms will be sent home prior to the event.)
3. There will be two contests: 1) The grade that donates the most food by weight will receive a popcorn party, and 2) If Pebble Creek collects at least one TON of food, Mrs. Roraback and Mr. Whileyman will participate in a Scooter Sleigh Race (pulled or pushed by “reindeer” teachers).
4. A signup genius has been created for the volunteer needs of the event. It went out this Tuesday by email and on Facebook. We are now looking to fill those spots! We are currently waiting to hear from HEB on any volunteer contributions (Annette: HEB has adopted us for special events, Buddy will be here) and then at that point we will know if we need to have parent volunteers for lemonade and any other items. Our first flyer will go out in folders on Monday.
5. We could use some outdoor Candy Cane decor to make the day more festive.

D. Carnival – Tammy Mogford, Jessica Koeneman and Stephanie Stapp

1. Next Carnival meeting is Friday, November 18th at noon in Room 202. All Committee Chairs have been filled; however, we need committee helpers. If you are interested in helping, please come and bring your lunch.
2. Sponsorship letters were finalized. Nikki will send PTO the letter and flyer in case we know other potential sponsors. After meeting the PTO budget, we hope to raise enough funds to spend on school betterment, such as replacing well-worn classroom furniture, and on educational programs.
3. Logo is finalized.

E. Promotions – Tammy Mogford on behalf of Stephanie Stapp, Goly Apgar

1. Next spirit night is at Chili's on Wednesday, November 16th from 11am – 11pm. 15% of the proceeds will be donated to PCE. The following is at Texas Roadhouse on Monday, December 12th from 5 – 8pm. Kids eat free. 15% of the proceeds will be donated to PCE.

F. Panthers helping Panthers – Shawn Henderson

1. We will be selling lollipops before school and after school November 7-10 to help raise money for book fair. The lollipops will be a dollar each and we will write names and deliver them to the students' teachers who will then give to the students for a lunch time snack! Proceeds will go to Panthers to get books. Shawn needs a volunteer to help from 3-3:30PM.
2. Christmas Tree Angels will be set up November 18th. There will be 14 girls & 14 boys.
3. While everyone's generosity is greatly appreciated, Ms. Watson says there is a problem with "fairness" between siblings when one child receives more items than what is listed, e.g., a whole bedding set, while the other child receives only items on the list. Please stick to giving items on the list to avoid the problem between siblings. If giving to more than one child, Susan added that we can ask Brenda which tags are siblings and shop for them so the gifts are even. Also please keep in mind that African American students use a shampoo/conditioner that is designed for their hair type.
4. She will need volunteers to help with wrapping.
5. Parents of these students are contacted to arrange pick-up or drop off by a staff member.
6. Individual items do not need to be wrapped; instead, place them all in one big gift bag (per student). Kohl's had giant bags last year.

G. Staff Relations – Rebecca Melder, Adrienne Shields, Deborah Veley, Hanna Page

1. Faculty meeting – Tuesday, November 15th – please forward sign up to others. They have started using themes for each meeting for variety (Halloween, Thanksgiving, etc.)
2. Hanna has a list of room moms and teacher favorites for anyone who needs it. Brenda has it as well.

H. T-shirts – Lisa Hunziker, Kara Gidley

1. Kara shared picture of the Carnival logo
2. Extra school t-shirts are at Monograms&More and we are waiting for them to be printed. Should be ready tomorrow, and then passed out next week.

I. Yearbook – Sandy Beavers, Stefanie Davidson, Tammie Dawson, Andria Kastner

1. Sales ended Monday. Sold almost 200. There is a minimum order of 300 to hit our price point. We will probably push out an email to those who haven't ordered or send home flyers in the Monday folder. It was suggested to send home the order form instead of sending parents to the website.
2. Send pictures to be used in the yearbook.

J. VIPS – Lisa Maddock, Whiney Kriel, Betty Pinney

1. As you send out sign-ups, remember that volunteers have be cleared. If you send Lisa your sign-ups, she will check them for you.
2. There is a VIPS email address but current officers do not know the password. Board members will ask former PTO Board. If we can't find the answer, Lisa will create a new email address.

IX. Upcoming Dates

- A. November 10 - 3rd Grade Field Trip
- B. November 11-17 - Book Fair
- C. November 16 - Spirit Night at Chili's

- D. November 17 - Book Character Dress-Up, Book Fair Family Dinner Night 5-7:30PM
 - E. November 18 - Carnival meeting at noon
 - F. November 21 - Enrichment Decades Day
 - G. November 23-25 - Thanksgiving Break
 - H. November 28 - Chess/Scrabble
 - I. November 30 - Student Council
- X. **Adjourn**
- A. Tammy Mogford adjourned the meeting at 12:52

ADDENDUM: On December 1, 2016, Kari Krueger moved to approve an expense for \$240 for 16 PCE students to receive Blessings in a Bag. The motion was made via an email vote. Monica Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Holiday Luncheon – December 1st
NEXT MEETING: Thursday, January 5th

“When you look at life through the eyes of gratitude,
the world becomes a magical and amazing place.” -Jennifer Gayle