

Pebble Creek Elementary PTO Meeting October 6, 2016

Attendees: Sandy Beavers, Beth Bondurant, Jamie Cannon, Kelly Chambers, Stephanie Davidson, Kara Gidley, Shawn Henderson, Lisa Hunziker, Andria Kastner, Whitney Kriel, Kari Krueger, Lisa Maddock, Holly McBerty, Tammy Mogford, Dory Moore, Nikki Norton, Sarah Riggs, Cheryl Robison, Adrienne Shields and Deborah Veley

Guests: Gary Gawer, Heather Jankowski, Megan Jonasson, Charlsie McDaniel, Annette Roraback and Becky Rowlett

I. Call to Order

- a. The meeting was called to order at 12:04 PM by Tammy Mogford.

II. Welcome Guests

- a. Tammy welcomed our guests and let them know we are happy to have them here. Anyone interested in getting plugged into PTO, let Tammy Mogford know.

III. Approval of Minutes

- a. A motion was made by Deborah Veley to accept the September 2016 minutes. A second was made by Lisa Hunziker. Motion passed. Minutes were approved.

IV. Treasurer's Report – Tammy Mogford on behalf of Susan Mabry

- a. Susan Mabry is currently on vacation. Financial information will be presented at a later date and will be available on the website.
- b. We are in good financial standing.

V. Principal's Report - Annette Roraback

- a. Adventure Dash was a great event. The kids had a blast and the course was fantastic.
- b. Thanks to everyone involved with not only Adventure Dash but for everything the PTO does to help.
- c. Rezoning was presented to the School Board at the last meeting. The School Board is taking the information and open sessions have taken place. The School Board will make a final decision soon.
- d. New committee will be formed in the Spring for the new elementary school opening in the Fall of 2018. If you are interested in serving, let Annette Roraback know. They are looking for people who are from the various locations in town and who have a global view with focus on the district.
- e. The school is also looking for representatives to provide input regarding curriculum/campus improvement. We are required by state law to submit an annual plan at the August School Board meeting. Parent representatives are needed. Community and business representatives are also needed. If you are interested, contact Annette Roraback. There will be approximately 2-3 meetings between the time frame of February to June. The meetings are held after school.
- f. Decades day will be the day before the Thanksgiving Break.
- g. There is the potential that PCE will host a Science Night in Spring. Further details will be provided at a later date.
- h. There are currently a couple of PTO meetings from other schools that are being skyped and the question was posed as to whether or not we would like to do the same.
- i. Heather Jankowski was invited as a guest and she was in attendance to explain needs and how PTO funds will impact the library. Heather thanked the PTO for the support.
 - i. We have over 18,000 items in the library. Quantity is great but we currently need more quality at some levels.
 - ii. Current focus has been on transitional chapter books (1st-2nd grade).
 - iii. Heather provided examples of library quality books.
 - iv. Average age of collection is from 1999. State guidelines recommends not exceeding 10 years.
 - v. Currently have a need for more current and updated books.

- vi. Content of many of the books currently in the library is great but aesthetically, books that don't look good, don't typically get checked out.
- vii. They repair books as much as possible but it gets to a time when the books can no longer be used.
- viii. A question was posed regarding the number of books the library is needing to purchase. She explained that it is not necessarily a number but rather a quality/desire to read. 200+/- would be great but quantity will prevail.
- ix. A question was also raised regarding Book Fairs. The fall book fair does add to the library but the spring book fair does not. However, the spring book fair is a great incentive to help children read.
- x. Another question was asked regarding a wish list that could be shared with parents. There is a vendor that may be able to do this and recognition will be made in the book.
- xi. When new books are purchased, older books will be removed from the inventory.

VI. New Business

a. Teacher Grants – Tammy Mogford:

- i. As a PTO, we give out \$6,000 in teacher's grants every year (\$3,000 in the fall and \$3,000 in the spring).
- ii. Requests were submitted for over \$3,600 in grants.
- iii. \$3,276.64 dispersed for:
 - 1. Vocabulary Program
 - 2. Math Program
 - 3. Triple Beam Balances
 - 4. Teaching Research Skills Books
 - 5. Osmos
 - 6. Wireless Headsets for Smart Boards
 - 7. Character Development Lessons
- iv. Thank you to the committee: Lisa Hunziker, Megan Jonasson, Kari Krueger, Tammy Mogford, Nikki Norton, Hearin Schmitt, Susan Ringer and Kim Russell
- v. We will give approximately \$2,700 out in the spring.

VII. Committee Reports

a. Education Foundation – Lisa Hunziker

- i. The Education Foundation is a group of members with a vested interest in CSISD. Their focus is to raise funds to provide grants to teachers and scholarships to graduating seniors.
- ii. Currently, grant applications are due today, October 6, 2016.
- iii. The committee will review the grants and then do a grant patrol and make it a big presentation in November with drums, cheerleaders, etc.
- iv. The main fundraiser is 50 Men Who Can Cook and it will be on the 1st Friday in February.
- v. If you are interested in joining the committee, let Lisa know.
- vi. You may see foundation t-shirts being worn by teachers. Those t-shirts are being given to CSISD employees who have donated to the Community Foundation. Other gifts included clear bags, jump drives, fleece jackets.

b. Adventure Dash – Tammy Mogford:

- i. Obstacle Course/Fun Run took place this morning, October 6th.
- ii. Thus far, we have raised approximately \$28,700. We keep 65% of the funds which is greater than what we collected with Boosterthon.
- iii. We will do a review of Adventure Dash following the event to weigh the pros and cons.
- iv. Special thanks to Coach Jessica Kapchinski for her efforts.
- v. We have met our fundraising goal and will spend \$8,500 on classroom iPads and Osmos.
- vi. Additional funds will be used for library upgrades, including new books.

- c. Communications – Kelly Chambers and Cheryl Robison:**
 - i. Deadline for next newsletter is October 14 and it will be published on October 24.
 - ii. Please send content and images/pictures to the committee as soon as possible for inclusion in the next newsletter.
 - iii. Current topics include: Spirit Nights, Yearbook (Orders Due and Photos Needed), Silent Auction Items Needed, Family Dinner Night, Book Fair, Wee Deliver, S-Shirt Sponsor Thank Yous.
 - iv. Facebook items are handled by Kelly.
 - v. Website and newsletter items go to Cheryl.
- d. Book Fair/Library Volunteers – Beth Bondurant, Lindsay Burdett and Chris Williams**
 - i. The Fall Scholastic Book Fair will run Friday, November 11-Thursday, November 17th. The theme is Bookaneer Book Fair, where books are the treasure.
 - ii. Family dinner night is Thursday, November 17th. Dinner will be provided by Texas Roadhouse. Flyers will be provided with meal information so orders can be placed.
 - iii. There will be a character parade.
 - iv. There will be a skit during Assembly on Halloween day to kick off the week.
 - v. Please be on the lookout for sign-ups coming in your email. We will need a lot of volunteers for set up, sale day work shifts and take down. Additional helpers during the Family Dinner night will also be needed.
 - vi. If you like to help decorate, please let the committee know and they would love to have help and ideas.
 - vii. Candy will be sold prior to the book fair. The money will be used for PHP during the book fair.
 - viii. The library is in need of volunteers to help Ms. Martin during the weeks that Ms. Jankowski is at Greens Prairie. If you are able to volunteer and did not receive the sign-up information via email, contact Chris Williams at cwilliams03@yahoo.com. There are several spots that need to be filled.
- e. Carnival – Jessica Koeneman, Tammy Mogford and Stephanie Stapp:**
 - i. First meeting is October 14 at noon in room 202. Lunch will be provided.
 - ii. We are still looking for a Committee Chair for Parties.
 - iii. We are always looking for committee members to help as well. Anyone interested can contact Tammy Mogford.
 - iv. Carnival is our primary fundraiser from which our budget is based.
- f. Kinder Coordinators – Monica Brown and Holly McBerty:**
 - i. This year is going great in Kindergarten and they are adjusting to life at Pebble Creek.
 - ii. The committee met with the Kindergarten teachers and will be meeting with the room moms regarding the Halloween Party.
 - iii. Kinder Lunch volunteers are needed.
- g. Panthers Helping Panthers – Shawn Henderson**
 - i. Meeting with Stacie Watson today to make plans for the year.
 - ii. Planning to provide items for a minimum 42 students during the Christmas holiday.
 - iii. Assistance from the Board and other PCE families will be appreciated.
 - iv. Other opportunities for PHP is book fair and yearbook.
 - v. Amazon wish list will also be considered through the Amazon smiles account.
- h. Promotions – Goly Apgar and Stephanie Stapp:**
 - i. October 18 = Box Top Collection
 - ii. October 19 = Grub Burger Bar Spirit Night. 20% of the proceeds go to PCE.
 - iii. All Spirit Nights can be found on the website.
- i. Staff Relations – Rebecca Melder, Hanna Page, Adrienne Shields and Deborah Veley**
 - i. The next PCE Faculty Meeting will be Tuesday, October 18th. A sign-up list will be sent out next week.

- ii. If you are not able to bring an item, please forward the email to the room moms and/or anyone who might be able to participate.
 - j. T-Shirts – Kara Gidley and Lisa Hunziker**
 - i. October 6, 2016 is the last day to order shirts.
 - ii. Feedback regarding the shirts has been great!
 - k. VIPs – Whitney Kriel, Lisa Maddock and Betty Pinney**
 - i. An organization from A&M is interested in volunteering but needs to know dates volunteers are needed.
 - ii. Binder is available with sign-up information or contact the committee.
 - iii. When sending information to volunteers, please be sure to send a link to the VIP registration/application page as it can take up to two weeks to get the background check processed.
 - iv. If you need to check the status of a volunteer, please contact Lisa Maddock at lisamaddock73@gmail.com.
 - v. Dates where volunteers could be used including Book Fair, Carnival, Candy Cane Fun Run, and Library. If you have any other needs, please let the committee know.
 - vi. Annette Roraback will be checking regarding background check needs for vendors/sponsors.
 - l. Wee Deliver – Kate Morawietz and Sarah Riggs**
 - i. First delivery was today and there were approximately 50-60 letters delivered.
 - ii. Envelopes and stationery are always needed.
 - m. Yearbook – Sandy Beavers, Stefanie Davidson, Tammie Dawson and Andria Kastner**
 - i. **Orders are due at the end of October.**
 - ii. **Please send pictures. We will continue to collect pictures until after Carnival. Pceyearbook@hotmail.com.**
 - iii. **Further information will be provided in the Monday folders.**
- VIII. Upcoming Dates**
- a. October 7 – Brown Bag #2
 - b. October 10-11 – Student Holiday
 - c. October 17 – Chess/Scrabble at 2:30 pm
 - d. October 18 – Box Top Collection
 - e. October 19 – Grub Burger Spirit Night
 - f. October 21 – End of the 1st 9 Weeks
 - g. October 24-28 – Red Ribbon Week
 - h. October 28 – Fall Parties
 - i. October 31 – Yearbook Orders Due
 - j. October 31 – Dollar Dress Up Day – Orange and Black
 - k. October 31 – Chess/Scrabble at 2:30
 - l. November 2 – Math Club
 - m. November 2 – Student Council at 3:15
 - n. November 3 – November PTO Meeting – 12:00 Noon in Room 202
- IX. Adjourn: Tammy Mogford adjourned the meeting at 1:02 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kari Krueger

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Secretary