

Pebble Creek Elementary PTO Meeting January 5, 2017

Attendees: Goly Apgar, Sandy Beavers, Beth Bondurant, Stefanie Davidson, Shawn Henderson, Lisa Hunziker, Whitney Kriel, Kari Krueger, Susan Mabry, Lisa Maddock, Holly McBerty, Tammy Mogford, Dory Moore, Kate Morawietz, Hanna Page, Cheryl Robison, Kim Russell, Adrienne Shields, Deborah Veley and Chris Williams

Guests: Amy Carwile, Zach Carwile, Annette Roraback, Becky Rowlett, Kristen Treider, Russell Treider and Kyle Whileyman

I. Call to Order

- a. The meeting was called to order at 12:05 PM by Kim Russell.

II. Welcome Guests/Introductions

- a. Kim welcomed our guests and let them know we are happy to have them here. Anyone interested in getting plugged into PTO, let Kim know. All PTO members are encouraged to welcome our guests with open arms. Kim also thanked everyone for being in attendance.

III. Approval of Minutes

- a. A motion was made by Susan Mabry to accept the November 2016 minutes. A second was made by Lisa Hunziker. Motion passed. Minutes were approved.

IV. Treasurer's Report – Susan Mabry

- a. There are several checks pending second signature that will be distributed today.
- b. In December, we had carnival, t-shirt and other deposits and we had an expense for Blessings in a Bag.
- c. Susan presented the budget information and gave an overview of upcoming expenses.
- d. All information is on the website for further review.
- e. If you have receipts and need reimbursements, let Susan know.
- f. Deposits and Disbursements
 - i. Starting Balance: \$51,111.76
 - ii. Deposits: \$1,926.00
 - iii. Disbursements: \$240.00
 - iv. Ending Balance: \$52,797.76

V. Pebble Creek PTO Social Media/Website – Tammy Mogford

- a. Tammy let the guests know that we have a website and Facebook presence. Annette added that they can access the information from the PCE website as well. She and Susan let people know areas where they can get plugged in.

VI. Principal's Report - Annette Roraback

- a. This is the 1st day back. Yesterday was a great planning day prior to the students' arrival.
- b. In December, the school district provided the opportunity to hear about the school report card. Following the presentation, the administration met to review the information presented. In the last legislative session, Texas decided to take part in the report card system as well. Annette will be meeting with the staff to let them know how PCE scored. The information will be presented to PTO in February. Annette is still reviewing the information. The grading system is primarily focused on the STAAR testing and doesn't account for the other impact the school has on our children. Schools will be given their official score in 2018. This may be discussed again at the next legislative session. The information may be presented in local media as early as this weekend.
- c. Happy New Year!!!

VII. New Business

- a. **VIPS Board Position – Kim Russell**

- i. Betty Piney is stepping down from PTO due to scheduling conflicts. Amy Krupa has agreed to move into the role. Kari Krueger moved to approve Amy Krupa as a new PTO board member on the VIPS Committee. Lisa Hunziker seconded. Motion approved.
- b. Candy Cane Fun Run Budget – Kim Russell**
 - i. Candy Cane Fun Run was a success.
 - ii. Budget for next year will need to be increased to include funds for Santa Claus.
- c. Spring Teacher Grants – Kim Russell**
 - i. Teacher Grants are currently being submitted.
 - ii. Committee will meet at 8:00 am on January 31 to review the grants. Anyone interested in participating is asked to let Kim know.
 - iii. 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).
 - iv. Requests were submitted for over \$3,600 in grants.
 - v. \$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
 - vi. Thank you to the fall committee members: Lisa Hunziker, Megan Jonasson, Kari Krueger, Tammy Mogford, Nikki Norton, Hearin Schmitt, Susan Ringer and Kim Russell
 - vii. We will give approximately \$2,700 out in the spring.

VIII. Committee Reports

- a. 2017-2018 Board Applications – Kim Russell**
 - i. Forms are available for Board positions next year. If you are interested in the same or different position, please let Kim know. We are hoping to have clean transitions with new and seasoned board members.
 - ii. Please fill out a form and submit it ASAP.
- b. Education Foundation – Lisa Hunziker**
 - i. Lisa gave an overview of the Education Foundation for the guests in attendance.
 - ii. 50 Men Who Can Cook is the 1st Friday in February. Lisa has raffle tickets and event tickets for sale.
 - iii. Mr. Whileyman, Hank Roraback and Mr. Welch will be representing PCE at 50 men this year.
- c. Book Fair – Chris Williams**
 - i. Book Fair was a huge success. Thank you to all who participated.
 - ii. BOGO Spring Book Fair is May 11-12. We don't receive funds from this event but it's a great way to get books into the kids hands.
- d. Carnival – Jessica Koeneman, Tammy Mogford and Stephanie Stapp:**
 - i. Tammy gave an overview of carnival for the guests and explained that it primarily funds our budget.
 - ii. This year the focus will be on technology and furniture.
 - iii. The Carnival Committee will begin meeting twice a month on Fridays beginning tomorrow. Everyone is encouraged to participate.
 - iv. Board members are encouraged to donate an item (or more) for the auction. A room will be set aside for us to store items.
- e. VIPS – Lisa Maddock**
 - i. At this point, half of the volunteers from last year have committed to participating.
 - ii. The volunteer menu will be sent home in students' folders soon.

- iii. If you know of other organizations interested in volunteering, please let the VIPS committee know.
 - f. **Communications – Kelly Chambers and Cheryl Robison:**
 - i. Carnival menu will go out on Monday.
 - ii. Tomorrow is the deadline for the newsletter.
 - g. **Candy Cane Fun Run**
 - i. **Collection Totals**
 - 1. **952 pounds of food**
 - 2. **\$405 Cash**
 - 3. **\$250 Checks**
 - h. **Panthers Helping Panthers – Shawn Henderson**
 - i. Christmas giving tree went well. Mrs. Watson said she had tears of joy and lots of thanks from the families. Mrs. Watson said the PCE community is one of the most generous she has found.
 - ii. Susan Mabry gave an overview of Panthers Helping Panthers for the guests.
 - iii. Annette also gave kudos to the Blessings in a Bag Coordinators and thanked the PTO for the generosity we shared.
 - iv. We are all encouraged to donate cinch style backpacks or other backpacks to the school so they can be used for children to help carry home food from school.
 - i. **Promotions – Goly Apgar and Stephanie Stapp:**
 - i. January 11 – Profit Share at Little Caesars in Towerpoint from 4-8 pm. No flyer needed. Just let staff know you are with PCE.
 - ii. All Spirit Nights can be found on the website.
 - j. **Staff Relations – Rebecca Melder, Hanna Page, Adrienne Shields and Deborah Veley**
 - i. Thank you to everyone who contributed desserts to the staff holiday luncheon.
 - ii. The next meeting is on January 17th. Items will be requested for that meeting soon.
 - k. **Yearbook – Sandy Beavers, Stefanie Davidson, Tammie Dawson and Andria Kastner**
 - i. **Pictures are needed and you can upload via Balfour app or email.**
 - ii. **If you still need to order one, please do so immediately. There is a link on the website.**
 - iii. **Class pictures will be taken in the spring.**
 - l. **Pebble Creek T-Shirts – Lisa Hunziker**
 - i. We have additional t-shirts available for new PCE Panther families if anyone is interested.
- IX. Upcoming Dates**
- a. January 6th – Carnival Committee Meeting
 - b. January 6th - Awards
 - i. 3rd Grade – 8:00 am
 - ii. 2nd Grade – 9:15 am
 - iii. 4th Grade – 1:45 pm
 - c. January 16th – Student Holiday
 - d. January 20th – United Way PJ Day
 - e. January 27th – Family Movie Night at 6:30 pm
 - f. January 31st - Dollar Dress Up Day – Team Jersey
 - g. February 2nd – February PTO Meeting
- X. Adjourn: Kim Russell adjourned the meeting at 1:02 pm.**

Addendum:

On January 17, an email vote was conducted regarding adding a new member to the PCE PTO Board. Kari Krueger moved to approve the addition of Kristen Treider to the Board as a member of the Variety Show committee. Stefanie Davidson seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Kari Krueger

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Secretary