

Pebble Creek PTO Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2023

Attendees: Megan Jonasson, Morgan Moore, Ann Hix, Ashley McKinley, Jen Williford, Rachel Collier, Katie Westerheim, Ashlie Mobley, Cheryl Robison, Leslie Stewart, Steph Giblin, Staci Cocanougher, Stephanie Mitchell, Amy Schielack, Becky Brooker, Rachel Mayne, Melissa Martin, Kyle George

Guests:

PCE Representative: Sarah Dixon

I. Call to Order: Megan called the meeting to order at 8:30am.

I. Treasurer's Report – Ann Hix

1. Beginning Balance 11/30/22: \$109,265.20
2. Activity: \$(618.12)
3. Ending Balance as of 12/31/22: \$108,647.08

II. Principal's Report – Blaire Grande

1. Moving forward, all health lessons will be coming through Mrs. Grande for approval prior to be presented to students.
2. Lots of renovations coming this summer; met with the architect to finalize them; colors will be very neutral to match tile put into the hallways; new flooring all through school, new countertops all through school
3. Food drive in February – basketball shootout being tied to the food drive in the spring; kids bring in loose change, which moves their teacher closer to the basketball goal, and the teacher who makes the most baskets wins a pizza party!
4. UIL competition coming Friday, 1/20.
5. Upcoming spring musicals- first grade, April 4th; second grade, March 2nd.

III. Teacher's Report - Sarah Dixon

1. Teachers are working on PTO Teacher Grants
2. Looking forward to valentines day!

IV. Old Business

V. New Business

- a. **Approval of Minutes from November 2022 meeting - to be done at the next meeting**
- b. **Spirit Day – Saturday, January 14th 10am-2pm at Grand Station - \$15 wristband includes unlimited bowling, laser tag, and mini golf. \$5 of every wristband purchased goes back to Pebble Creek. 1pm is the cut off for a wristband to be purchased.**
- c. **Pebble Creek PTO Teacher Grants – \$6000 is budgeted for these grants. Application submission is from Jan. 2 – 21. We have received two already; need volunteers for the selection committee to review those (at least 2 volunteers)**
- d. **Committee How-To's - due by April 1. – Please submit a document that summarizes your committees' duties. Please include any major contacts, login information, dates, and processes for your committees. If you submitted this last year and nothing has changed, please just email me and let me know.**
- e. **2022-2023 Board Forms coming in February**
- f. **Going Places at Pebble Creek Elementary – In Books and On Foot**
5k/1M Family Fun Run and Read-A-Thon event – The Read-A-Thon will run from February 22nd till March 10th. Our 5K and 1-mile fun run will take place on Saturday, March 4th at 8am. The run will start and finish at the school. The course will go through the neighborhood where the Pebble Creek community will be able to go outside their houses and cheer on the runners. It is \$25 per person to register or \$85 for a family of four. Every person that registers by February 6th will

receive a t-shirt. There are 3 sponsorships levels for this event. \$500 to be on the back of the t-shirt, \$250 to hang company banner outside the day of the event, and Spirit Signs to be placed along the race route - (waiting on a quote to determine the price). Race announcer for A&M track team; race photographer. Courtney will provide a free training plan. Student council will make spirit signs; building will be open for restrooms; packet pickup the day before and an hour before the morning of. We will receive 80% of the readathon.

March 2nd is Dr. Suess Birthday, and the week of March 6th is Read Across America. Our Going Places events will tie in nicely. The week of March 6th-10th will also be fun dress up days everyday that week. – We are converting the gathering room into 2 different theme reading rooms for teachers to sign up for their class to read in. (If you would like to help with room design and decorating, let me know). – *Landscape Ninjas is the title sponsor for Going Places!* .

We would love to have help with different aspects of both events. If you are interested in helping with either, please let Megan know! These events are going to be awesome!!! The children are going to love them!!!

***We need to decide what these funds raised will go toward... With the school being renovated this summer, the inside of the building is pretty much taken care of. Many teachers have mentioned the outdoor areas of the school need enhancing. PTO will look at potentially using the funds raised from this event to put toward enhancing the outdoor areas at our school. Areas such as the garden area to the left of the front school doors, the playground for 1st through 4th graders, and the running track. Could these funds go toward those needs this spring?*

- g. **VIPS UPDATE:** Volunteers are being recruited for spring semester Sonic drink delivery to teachers and to work in the library to help reshelve books on weeks Mrs. Jankowski is at her other campus. Melissa is working to ensure all volunteers have current background checks.
- h. **VIPS Request:** Would it be possible for other committees to only use the VIPS SignUpGenius account when creating sign-ups requesting in-person volunteers? We will receive the email notifications of your sign-ups and Melissa will ensure there is a current background check for each volunteer. If you are creating a sign-up for anything else (for example donations of items/food), please use the General PTO SignUpGenius account or create an account just for your committee. (They are free to create.) The reasoning is that the VIPS account is also a free account and we have been unable to share sign-ups at times because our account is over the limit for the month due to use by other committees. This will also ensure that if a volunteer has a question about their donation, their email will be immediately sent to you since your email will be associated with the account as opposed to ours. Melissa and I are still happy to help you put together sign-ups for whatever your committee might need, we would just like to reserve the VIPS account for in-person volunteering only. Thank you! :)
- i. **YEARBOOKS** are still on sale – we have sold 143 books. Our goal is to sell 280 books. They are \$25 each. Purchase online at Balfour.com – Last year the PTO was all in favor of the kids receiving their yearbook later and possibly even have a summer pick up to allow for more spring activities to be featured in the yearbook. As we get further along, we will update more information.
- j. **PTO Shed** – Kyle and Megan met and looked over the shed. It needs repairs along with an organizational system inside. Kyle is going to be pricing materials out along with pricing comparable buildings; also, as part of the renovations, PTO will have their own walk-in closet (with air conditioning) to store our things.
- k. **50 Men Who Can Cook** - This is from Kim Ege – Citywide PTO President and she is sharing this on behalf of the CSISD Education Foundation. It's almost time for 50 Men Who Can Cook, and tickets are on sale. This is one of the biggest fundraisers that supports Education Foundation, and it's a really fun event where men in the community who represent organizations (schools, businesses, news media, etc) bring out their best BBQ meat, sides and desserts and you get to eat it! If you haven't been before, I can tell you more. If you'd like to go, you need to find a chef or board member to buy tickets from because they don't sell them at the door, and I have plenty! It's February 3 from 6:30-9:30pm at the Brazos County Expo. Tickets are \$75. Reach out if you'd like to get tickets.

David Gardner's Jewelry is a very generous sponsor of this event and they are donating two \$5000 shopping sprees to be raffled at the event. You don't have to be present to win. We sell

250 tickets only for this raffle and they are \$100 each. Kim Ege can also help you purchase those if you like. Her email is mkege@yahoo.com

- I. Citywide Food Drive is February 13-17
 - 1. Megan to email Becky the committee how-to for this event.
- m. Scholarship Applications are open and are due March 10

VII. Committee Reports -

- 1. Communications & Website – Cheryl Robinson
- 2. Facebook – Leslie Stewart
- 3. Sponsorships – Amy Schielack & Karli Bumbaugh
- 4. Art Gallery Curator – Jenna Campbell
- 5. Read-A-Thon – Megan Jonasson, Goly Apgar
- 6. Book Fair – Nichole Rodriguez & Monica Palma
 - 1. Not a ton of school sales; but most came at family night, which was very successful!
 - 2. Next book fair is BOGO in the spring
 - 3. Thank you to all of the volunteers!
- 7. Carnival – Katie Westerheim, Jenna Spry, Cheryl Robinson, Leslie Stewart, Katherine Thompson, Ashley McKinley, Jen Williford, Rachel Collier, Melissa Poling, Courtney Cannon, Ashlie Mobley, Kyle George, Megan Jonasson, Amy Shielack, & Karli Bumbaugh
 - 1. All thank-you notes went out!
 - 2. Going to send out a survey to PTO board regarding timing of carnival – fall or spring?
 - 3. Can also send to the entire school
- 8. Dad Patrol – Eric Walters
- 9. Field Day – Eric & Wednesday Walters
- 10. Food Drive – Becky Brooker & Kelly Book
- 11. Free Little Library – Heather Jankowski, Tiffany Douget, Kacie Bruns, Erin Beifuss, Megan Jonasson
 - 1. Coming soon, as outside projects kick off
- 12. Garden – Jennifer Nations & Stephanie Giblin
- 13. Kinder Coordinators – Katherine Kleeman & Kellie Davis
- 14. 1st Grade Coordinators – Katie Stogner & Ashlee Schoenvogel
- 15. 2nd Grade Coordinators – Christine Weigle & Candace Light
- 16. 3rd Grade Coordinator – Meagan Jackson
- 17. 4th Grade Coordinator – Julie Tiller
- 18. Panthers Helping Panthers – Andria Kastner & Staci Cocanougher
- 19. Profit Shares/Spirit Nights – Megan Jonasson - Open for anyone interested
 - 1. Will not be doing one in February or March
 - 2. Tad's raised \$470 for spirit night
- 20. Scholarships/Grants Coordinator – Stephanie Mitchell
- 21. School Supplies – Staci Cocanougher
- 22. Staff Relations – Rachel Mayne, Leah Lintz, Staci Cocanougher, Angela Wilke
 - 1. Provided soda and fruit on the first day back to school after Christmas break
 - 2. Will continue providing treats for staff meetings
 - 3. Still working on Door Signs, consider waiting until next year due to upcoming renovations
- 23. T-Shirts – Ashlee Schoenvogel & Monica Palma
- 24. Variety Show – Sarah Seidel
- 25. VIPS – Tracy Sawyer & Melissa Martin
- 26. Yearbook –Elizabeth Eaton, Alissa Melton, Megan Jonasson, Aren Jonasson

VIII. Upcoming Dates

- 1/14 – Spirit Day at Grand Station from 10am- 2pm
- 1/24 – Citywide PTO meeting
- 2/3 – 50 Men Who Can Cook Education Foundation fundraising event – Tickets are \$75
- 2/10 – PTO meeting 8:30am
- 2/13 – 2/17 – Citywide Food Drive

2/22 – 3/10 Going Places Read-A-Thon

3/4 – Going Places 5k/1mile Family Fun Run – 8am Starting and finishing at Pebble Creek Elementary School

3/13-16 SPRING BREAK

IX. Meeting Adjourned AT 9:33AM.

See you at our next meeting February 10th!