

Pebble Creek PTOMeeting Agenda October 14, 2022

Attendees: Rachel Mayne, Megan Jonasson, Katherine Thompson, Cheryl Robinson, Jenna Spry, Melinda Poling, Katherine Thompson, Sarah Seidel, Ann Hix, Angela Wilke, Alissa Melton, Jennifer Nations, Staci Cocanougher, Andria Kastner, Karli Brumbaugh, Becky Booker, Angela Wilke, Sarah Seidel, Elizabeth Eaton, Morgan Moore, Courtney Cannon, Jennifer Nations, Rachel Collier

Guests:

PCE Representative: Sarah Dixon

- I. Call to Order:
 - a. Megan Jonasson called the meeting to order at 8:35am

I. Special Presentation - VATRE presentation – Mike Martindale

1. Voter Approved Tax ratification election (Prop A):
 1. School funding is set at 2.5% of appraised value...everything beyond 2.5% growth compresses tax rate down. Due to our growth, we can reduce tax rate 6.7 cents; however, instead of reducing the tax rate 6.7 cents, with voter approval, we could reduce it 3.7 cents, and leave remaining 3 cents on the tax rate, collect revenue, and apply it increasing teacher pay? CS is lagging behind other districts, this is a financially responsible way to increase pay.
 2. VATRE is last thing on the November ballot, scroll all the way down!
 3. Utilizes additional money on the tax rate to generate additional revenue
 4. Would equate to additional \$5 million in tax revenue
 5. 6% raise for teachers, 4% raise for administrators
 6. Early voting begins Monday, October 24
 7. Election Day, Tuesday November 8

II. Treasurers Report – Ann Hix

1. Beginning Balance: \$71,813.68
2. *September Activity: (16,801.11)*
3. Ending Balance: \$55,012.57

III. Principal's Report – Blaire Grande

1. Renovations coming this summer – floors, paint, gym, countertops in classrooms, furniture
2. Education Foundation grants – a lot of teachers applied for grants
 1. Sarah Dixon – outdoor classroom, reading hammocks, gardens, portable dry erase board...basically take your classroom outside
3. Carnival, staff appreciation– thank you! We appreciate your hard work!

IV. Teacher's Report - Sarah Dixon

1. First Grade – thank you Education Foundation for Opas field trip (going on Nov 1)
2. Second Grade – going to Opas in November
3. Third Grade – A&M, Bluebell
4. Fourth Grade – student council field trip, leadership conference yesterday

V. Old Business

1. [Texas Roadhouse profit share raised \\$133.99.](#)
2. Jersey Mike's Profit share on Tuesday, October 11th. Not sure of total yet.
3. Panthers Helping Panthers Lollipop Sales - raised over \$1300.00
 1. This fund helps support book fair – kids will be able to shop at Book Fair (gift card); also helps nurse if she has any last-minute needs; PHP Angel Tree (if any needs are left over, this will go towards those funds)
 2. About 200 kids on Free Lunch, so as numbers are creeping up; will need to use our money wisely to ensure that we can help as many kids as possible
4. Soda Pop Collection - collected last week; Pepsi is donating 10 cases, so no more sodas needed.

VI. New Business

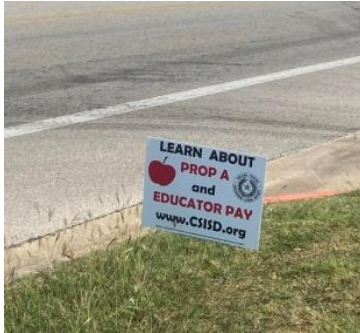
- a. **Approval of Minutes from September 2022 meeting**
 1. **Cheryl Robison made a motion to approve; Melissa Poling seconded the motion. The motion passes, minutes are approved.**
- b. **Citywide PTO Update**
 1. **Education foundation grant submission is closed. They will award grants on Nov. 16th.**
 2. **The education foundation is funding the buses for all 1st and 2nd graders in the district to attend OPAS Jr. at TAMU. It is \$14,000 for all the buses.**
 3. **14,500 students in CSISD. Up 300 students from last year.**
 4. **8 National Merit Semi National Finalist**
 5. **Food Drive February 13-17, 2023 Theme: "Caring for each other"**
 6. **Teacher Appreciation week will be April 3-6, 2023 (observed by parents and PTOs); schools will still observe the one in May**
 7. **Proposition A that will be on the ballot in November under the school district section (not to be confused with other propositions that are also going to be on the ballot from the city, etc). If not, you can find it here: https://www.csisd.org/board/2022_voter-approved_tax_ratification_election**

****It's really important that people learn what this Proposition is about so that they don't vote without understanding the issues. There has been a lot of talk over the last few years about teacher pay, we know that our district is behind others in this area, and now it's time for us to help do something about it. I am doing what I**

can to help get the word out, and one thing that's happening is a sign campaign. If you would like one of these signs, you can fill out this form to get one:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdw9onU7ZogLJeYAjsZ4671g_8jwT9e4a4-fGnBoksNVH_qng/viewform?fbclid=IwAR1a_EnalXrlJV0bCuoT9n3qp_LL-PhVTmZrMb6YIE8neFyqmdkAWxEgxsk

**Feel free to share that link if you know others who would like a sign. These are information only signs (see attached), so you can have one in your yard even if someone in your house works for the district. They are going out at schools today too, so hopefully we'll soon start to see them everywhere to raise awareness.



- c. **No BONES about it... KINDNESS matters!** - Mrs. Gallagher
two LIVE performances of "X-Ray" with Dennis Lee and Nana Puddin' on Monday, February 6, 2023 at 8:15 & 9:15 am in the Cafeteria for K - 4th grades - \$1500.00 Vote to spend \$1500.00 from educational programs.
Please check out the video -
<https://www.facebook.com/northtexas/videos/399873584155448/>
**Jennifer Nations made a motion to approve; Rachel Collier seconded.
Motion passes.
- d. **Mad Hatter Science Road Show** - <http://arealmadhatter.net/educational-info/>
\$750 for first show, \$500 for the 2nd show. The entire school would be able to participate for \$1250.
1. **Check this out, send to teachers, see if we want to bring this in – we will talk about it next month.**
- e. Scholastic Update - 2 grades are using Scholastic. 1 grade is online and 1 grade is printed material. The total is \$1,084.14. We need to vote to reclass \$1,084.14 from the school upgrades line to the scholastic news line.
1. Cheryl Robison made a motion to approve; Sarah Seidel seconded.
The motion passes.
- f. **Carnival Update**
Communications: ****All program changes are due to Cheryl by next Tuesday morning, **Oct 11**. She sent out an updated map today; please check it over and send her a message letting her know of any changes or if your section looks okay.

Decorations: Most of the hallway decorations are completed. Every child decorated a leaf to be hung up.

Food: Still working on gift cards from grocery stores (to purchase water & drinks) and a possible donation from Pepsi (drinks to sell & 2 L bottles for soda toss game). Decided to

skip pizza this year. We will not require use of the refrigerator and lunch line area this year. We can use ice from the ice maker at school for coolers. Committee members will bring large coolers for 2 drink selling stands. Have Food Trucks coming to carnival. Profit share

Games: Games are being finalized. There are close to 45 games. Verify with Ms Zapalac & Ms Williams that we can use their rooms for games. We will not have a cast room or dunk booth this year.

Kids Raffle: Baskets need to be assembled & ready a week from tomorrow to display the week prior to carnival. Kids raffle will be set up on the stage in the cafeteria the week of October 17th - 21st. Kids are able to bring money to purchase tickets. They are .25 cents each. Every kid in the entire school will be given one ticket. Teachers will be able to use tickets as rewards for good behavior. Specifics are being worked out. Raffle drawing will happen after carnival closes. All winners will be contacted the week after carnival!

Silent Auction: sign up on GIVI app. Create your account and get ready to bid on some awesome items. Over 250 items to bid on. Auction goes live on October 15th and closes at 11:59pm on October 22nd.

Sponsorships: Money is still coming in. Raised ~ \$15,000-\$20,000. Banners are in process. A HUGE THANK YOU to all of those that have sponsored our school and our carnival!!

Ticket Sales: A Volunteer sign up to sell tickets before & during carnival went out to PTO board members (1 board member is required to be at any booth where cash is exchanged). There are a few spots that need to be filled. Carnival funds will be used to purchase 2 tablets to be used for square purchases. Tickets can be purchased online and picked up at Will Call the day of carnival. Mrs. Watson has volunteered to work the will call table for all of carnival!

Sign Up for Ticket Sales:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e4ba9aa2ba1fc1-carnival8>

VIPS: We still need more volunteers! Teachers will not be volunteering this year. Please spread the word to anyone middle school aged and up who might be able to help. We can verify volunteer hours if needed. Committee to purchase drinks/candy for volunteers the day of carnival (will be reimbursed).

Volunteer Sign Up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e4ba9aa2ba1fc1-pebble2> **Need volunteers specifically for the 3:00 – 5:00 pm shift.

We will meet after school the Friday before carnival to start setting up and 7am the morning of carnival to finish setting up. Anyone who can stay after to help put away tables/games/etc are appreciated. Anyone who has extra pop-up tents we can use for outside booths, please email Katie/Megan. Our final scheduled carnival meeting is **Oct 14th** from **9-10am** in the cafeteria!

NEED 16 TENTS (Eric (2), Angela, Alyssa, Nichole)

- g. **PTO Board Roster - Vote to approve updated roster**
 - 1. **Cheryl Robinson made a motion to approve; Ann Hix seconded. The motion to approve the updated roster passes.**

VIII. Committee Reports -

- 1. Communications & Website – Cheryl Robinson
 - 1. Moving more digital
 - 2. If you do need to send it out in a flyer, please make it a half or quarter-sheet.
 - 1. Still needs to be approved by either Megan, Cheryl, or Mrs. Grande
- 2. Facebook – Leslie Stewart
- 3. Sponsorships – Amy Schielack and Karli Bumbaugh
- 4. Art Gallery Curator – Jenna Campbell
- 5. 5K & 1M Fun Run - Courtney Collins & Kellie Davis
 - 1. Will be on a Saturday in March
- 6. Book-A-Thon - Goly Apgar & Norma Schoellman
- 7. Book Fair – Nichole Rodriguez and Monica Palma
 - 1. Will be in December this year! Christmas shopping!
 - 2. Family night that week – focused on multicultural Christmas celebrations
- 8. 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, and Karli Bumbaugh
 - 1. Red Ribbon Week is also the week of carnival.
 - 1. Focus: Healthy Choices
- 9. Dad Patrol – Eric Walters
- 10. Field Day – Eric Walters & Wednesday Walters
- 11. Food Drive – Becky Brooker and Kelly Book
- 12. Free Little Library – Heather Jankowski, Tiffany Douget, Kacie Bruns, Erin Beifuss, Megan Jonasson
- 13. Garden – Jennifer Nations and Stephanie Giblin
- 14. Kinder Coordinators – Katherine Kleeman & Kellie Davis
- 15. 1st Grade Coordinators – Katie Stogner & Ashlee Schoenvogel
- 16. 2nd Grade Coordinators – Christine Weigle & Candace Light
- 17. 3rd Grade Coordinator – Meagan Jackson
- 18. 4th Grade Coordinator – Julie Tiller
- 19. Panthers Helping Panthers – Andria Kastner & Staci Cocanougher
- 20. Profit Shares/Spirit Nights – _____ & _____
 - 1. Grand Station, Saturday (January 14th)
 - 2. Nothing planned for November
 - 3. Skating rink for December, with Santa
- 21. Scholarships/Grants Coordinator – Stephanie Mitchell
- 22. School Supplies – Staci Cocanougher
- 23. Staff Relations – Rachel Mayne, Leah Lintz, Staci Cocanougher, Kristen Shepperd, Stacy Yoakum, Angela Wilke, Catherine Chessher
 - 1. Next staff meeting – November 3rd, Pumpkin-spice themed
 - 2. Pie Day – November 18th, for Thanksgiving

3. Snack Carts – a grandmother reached out and wanted to provide lots of snacks and drinks to the teacher; staff relations put it on a cart and pushed it around for teachers; she will continue to donate.
24. T-Shirts – Ashlee Schoenvogel& Monica Palma
25. Variety Show – Sarah Seidel
26. VIPS – Tracy Sawyer &Melissa Martin
27. Yearbook –Elizabeth Eaton, Alissa Melton, Megan Jonasson, Aren Jonasson

IX. Upcoming Dates

1. October 22, 2022 – Carnival - Welcome to the Jungle 1-5pm
2. November 11, 2022 - Next PTO Meeting 8:30am
3. November 16, 2022 – Education Foundation Grants awarded
4. November 18, 2022 - Pie Day Dessert Drive for Faculty Thanksgiving Treats
5. December 5 - 8, 2022 – Book Fair
6. December 8, 2022 – Book Fair and Family Night

X.Meeting Adjourned

1. Megan adjourned the meeting at 9:35am.