

Pebble Creek PTO Meeting Minutes
March 7, 2019

Attendees: Kelly Chambers, Lara Clark, Shawn Henderson, Megan Jonasson, Kari Krueger, Amy Krupa, Jennifer Letz, Ali Massey, Rachel Mayne, Charlsie McDaniel, Teresa Mecham, Tammy Mogford, Jill Moore, Morgan Moore, Sarah Riggs, Cheryl Robison, Hearin Schmitt, Ashlee Schoenvogel, Sarah Schuessler, and Adrienne Shields

Pebble Creek Elementary Representatives: Blair Grande and Becky Rowlett

Guests: Kelly Book, Tammy Green, and Sarah Seidel

- I. Call to Order
 - a. Adrienne Shields called the meeting to order at 12:01 PM.
- II. Welcome Guests
 - a. Adrienne Shields welcomed guests to the meeting.
- III. Approval of Minutes from February 2019 Meeting
 - a. Lara Clark moved to approve the February 2019 Pebble Creek Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes. Hearin Schmitt seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- IV. Treasurer's Report - Jill Moore
 - a. Jill reminded everyone to turn in receipts for reimbursements. She also reminded everyone that as a tax exempt organization, we cannot reimburse for sales tax.
 - b. Transactions:
 - i. Inflow: \$4,498.54
 - ii. Outflow: (\$9,034.92)
 - iii. Balance as of 2/28/2019: \$45,075.33
- V. Principal's Report - Blaire Grande
 - a. Carnival was incredible! Thank you! The teachers are enjoying their auction activities.
 - b. Southern Point subdivision construction is moving along more rapidly than expected. This could impact our enrolment for next year. We are also expecting approximately 50 fewer students than originally anticipated from College Hills. More details will follow.
 - c. 4th graders are leading Assembly and are loving it!
 - d. Future Family Welcome Night is March 28th from 6:00-7:30 PM.
 - e. Kinder Rodeo was so much fun!
 - f. There have been some inquiries regarding the Watch Dogs program. Lara Clark added that they had the program at her former school and it was very successful. There is potentially a substantial start-up cost but the kids loved having the dads in the school. Mrs. Watson is looking into a similar program that would allow for half day rather than full day commitments. Mrs. Grande asked for feedback if anyone has anything further regarding a program geared for fathers of Pebble Creek Elementary students.
- VI. New Business - Adrienne Shields

- a. 2019 - 2020 PTO Board positions still available: Kinder Coordinators (2), Fun Run/Food Drives (2), Carnival Silent Auction (1-2), Carnival Decorations/Promotions (1), Variety Show (2), and VIPS (2).
- b. Oakwood PTO Board for 2019-2020 - contact Jennifer White if you are interested in serving at Oakwood. Her email address is: chrisandjennifer@att.net.
- c. PTO Scholarship - Deadline for seniors to apply was 03/01. Please let Adrienne know if you are interested in serving on the selection committee.
- d. Yearbook photo of 2018-2019 Pebble Creek PTO Board was taken.

VII. Committee Reports and Updates

- a. Yearbook - Andria Kastner, Teresa Mecham, Ali Massey and Julie Jennings
 - i. Deadline for photo submissions is March 8th.
 - ii. Ali Massey has a waiting list of students needing a yearbook.
 - iii. Yearbooks will be distributed in May.
- b. Fun Run/Food Drive - Kristen Capener and Lauren Pope
 - i. City wide food drive will be held April 29th through May 3rd. This is a competition between schools.
- c. Wee Deliver - Kate Morawietz and Sarah Riggs
 - i. Wee Deliver will close for the year at the end of April.
- d. Book Fair - Charlsie McDaniel, Misti Hill Carter and Kelly Chambers
 - i. Book fair dates for the spring are: May 15th with set up starting around 1:00 PM. May 16th: Book Fair shopping from 7:45 AM - 5:30 PM, May 17th: Book Fair shopping from 7:45 AM - 3:30 PM. The theme for the book fair will be Arctic Adventure Book Fair: Snow Much to Read!
 - ii. April 12th and May 3rd at 8:00 AM are the only remaining volunteer spots we have left to fill in the library. We are thankful for all who have volunteered this year!
- e. Carnival - Sarah Schuessler and Megan Jonasson
 - i. Carnival was great!
 - ii. Megan and Sarah are currently coordinating thank you notes. They are all written by 4th grade students.
 - iii. Party sponsors were reminded to turn in their sponsorship money.
 - iv. Auction Feedback: Online bidding seemed to work very well. Suggestions for auction include:
 - 1. Value of items on the written description
 - 2. Divide items into categories on the website
 - 3. Enhance descriptions of each item
 - 4. Have more signage explaining the process
 - 5. Potentially have more volunteers to assist bidders at the event
 - v. Thanks to everyone for making Carnival a success!
 - vi. We're waiting on ticket sales info and a breakdown of silent auction/special/teacher auction money.

- vii. Silent Auction/auctions/parties brought in \$19,089.73 so far. This is less than last year, but a much higher percentage of our overall value and items offered than last year too. More teacher auctions and the online bidding seemed to help.
- viii. Sponsorship money was over \$20K so we already have a good base for t-shirts for the 2020 Carnival. Party money will still be coming in until early June, so we won't have a complete wrap up of the Carnival finances until after the pool party.
- f. Field Day - Whitney Kriel
 - i. Field Day will be in May. Volunteers will be needed at the various stations.
- g. Promotions - Amy Krupa and Lara Clark
 - i. Box tops raised approximately \$300. We are looking for other incentive ideas.
 - ii. Altitude raised approximately \$200. We will look at another event on a school holiday next year as it was well received.
 - iii. We will have a profit share at Mad Taco in April.
- h. Staff Relations - Hearin Schmitt, Rachel Mayne, Jennifer Greeley and Brittany Taunton
 - i. March 19 will be a yogurt bar for the teachers. A signup genius will be sent out.
- i. VIPS - Morgan Moore and Jennifer Letz
 - i. We had over 200 volunteers during Carnival.
 - ii. Let the committee know if you have any further volunteer needs.
- j. T-Shirts - Brittany Bruggman and Staci Cocanougher
 - i. We have a few Carnival t-shirts available for sale for \$11 each.
 - ii. If you haven't paid for your committee shirt, please pay Adrienne/Jill at the PTO meeting today. Also, there is one shirt with Mrs. Wade behind the front desk. Committee shirts are \$12 and you can pay by cash or check.
- k. Sponsorships - Adrienne Shields on behalf of Maegan Jackson and Katherine Kleemann
 - i. Both sponsorship committee members did a great job this year and will be returning next year.
- l. Garden - Candice Hermansen and Tyan Magruder
 - i. On March 30th, Big Event volunteers will be helping us weed, trim, and plant the beds and pots at the front of PCE. We will also add shrubs to the front bed using the funds allocated for this purpose. We had planned to plant the pots at the front of the school before Carnival but decided against it after seeing the weather report (freezing temps) predicted for this week.
 - ii. We are watching for the tulips the fourth grade planted to emerge in the front bed as well. They will be tracking their growth through the Journey North project. The second graders are also waiting for their butterfly garden to begin to bloom this spring. They will be monitoring the butterfly garden raised beds for

monarch migration and also reporting their findings on Journey North.

- m. Variety Show - Sherry Caverlee and Mandi Welborn
 - i. The flyer for Variety Show will go home in Monday folders after Spring Break.
 - ii. Permission forms from parents are due April 1. Submissions for the artwork contest are due April 8. Screenings of acts will be April 29-May 3 during lunches (for appropriate content, correct length of act, make sure students have props/music for acts, etc.). Dress rehearsal will be May 20 during school. Variety show performance will be May 21. Acts should be limited to 2 minutes.
 - n. Kinder Coordinators - Monica Palma and Ashlee Schoenvogel
 - i. Kinder Rodeo was today from 9:00 -10:00 AM and it was great!
 - ii. During morning assembly, the Lil' Wranglers performed. We also contacted the TAMU roping team and they came out to teach the kids some rodeo techniques.
 - o. Communications - Cheryl Robison and Kelly Chambers
 - i. The final 2018-2019 Newsletter goes home April 8 and the deadline for submissions is March 29th.
 - p. Upcoming Dates:
 - i. Monday, March 11 - Friday, March 15 - Spring Break
 - ii. Wednesday, March 20th - Student Council Meeting
 - iii. Thursday, March 21st 6:00 PM - 2nd Grade Musical
 - iv. Friday, March 22nd - 1st Grade Birthday Celebration
 - v. Wednesday, March 27th - Author Visit for K-2nd Grades and Custodian's Day
 - vi. Thursday, March 28th - Future Family Welcome Night
 - vii. Friday, March 29th - Flip Flops and Sunglasses Dollar Day
 - viii. Tuesday, April 2nd - Kindness Club Meeting
 - ix. Thursday, April 4th - PC Art Show and PTO Meeting
- VIII. Meeting Adjourned by Adrienne Shields at 12:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Kari Krueger, Secretary