

Pebble Creek PTO Meeting Minutes
November 1, 2018

Attendees: Kelly Chambers, Staci Cocanaugher, Shawn Henderson, Megan Jonasson, Kari Krueger, Ali Massey, Rachel Mayne, Charlise McDaniel, Jill Moore, Lauren Pope, Cheryl Robison, Sarah Schuessler, and Adrienne Shields.

Pebble Creek Elementary Team: Becky Rowlett

Guests: Erica Hightower, Evelyn Schmeichel

- I. Call to Order – Adrienne Shields called the meeting to order at 12:04 PM.
- II. Guest Speaker – Evelyn Schmeichel is a 4th grade student at Pebble Creek Elementary. She shared information with the PTO regarding a recycling program focused on Crayola products.
- III. Approval of Minutes from October 2018 Meeting – Adrienne Shields
 - A. Cheryl Robison moved to approve the minutes from the October 2018 Pebble Creek Elementary PTO Meeting. Sarah Schuessler seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- IV. Treasurer's Report – Jill Moore
 - A. Jill shared the current transaction report:
 - Balance as of 9/30/18: \$38,699.87
 - Total inflows: \$1,678.76
 - Total outflows: \$7,291.66
 - Balance as of 10/31/2018: \$33,086.97
- V. Principal's Report – Adrienne Shields on behalf of Blaire Grande
 - A. This school community is amazing. Your children are precious and truly loved.
 - B. Candy Cane Fun Run - if you have ideas for something crazy and fun that would really excite the kids, I will do it!!! I'm happy to do the scooter race, but if we have already done that here, let's think of something new and novel. Send me emails and pictures or videos of things you want us to consider for this "prize."
 - C. I am researching and learning about different ideas to bring to Pebble next year to excite the kids and promote a strong school community. If you look into the Ron Clark Academy in Georgia or search Pinterest for a school "house system" you can get an idea of something I'm considering. I need your input in this because we will need to tailor it for our school. We will really start planning and thinking through logistics of this next semester. If you want to participate, send me an email.
 - D. We are working to provide students more opportunities to lead and have ownership in the school. We want to have them help create large murals during art class or after school. Again, if you come across cool DIY mural ideas and examples send them my way and we can talk about that as a group as well.
 - E. Thank you for all you do. You are so appreciated and loved! Sorry to miss seeing all of your faces today!
 - F. Mrs. Rowlett reminded us about the Veteran's Day activities at school and thanked Mrs. Zapalac for the beautiful display in the front entrance.
- VI. New Business
 - A. Budget Vote - Blessings in Bags – Adrienne Shields
 1. We have \$300 budgeted for Panthers Helping Panthers. There are 17 families from Pebble Creek Elementary that will be receiving food from the program Blessings in Bags. At \$15/bag, the total cost of PCE bags will be \$255. Shawn Henderson moved to approve \$255 for Blessing in Bags. Megan Jonasson seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

2. The Pebble Creek Elementary Student Council raised an additional \$400 by selling smelly pencils.

VII. Committee Reports and Updates

A. Candy Cane Fun Run – Kristen Capener and Lauren Pope

1. Candy Cane Fun Run is scheduled for Saturday, December 1st from 9:00-10:30 AM.
2. Committee will work with VIPS to secure volunteers.
3. There will also be a craft station and HEBuddy will be there.
4. Cookies and hot chocolate will also be available.
5. If the students make their goal for food raised, the tentative plan is for Mrs. Grande and Mr. Whyleyman to be duct taped to the wall. A request has been made for duct tape donation.

B. VIPS – Jennifer Letz and Morgan Moore

1. VIPS is busy helping to secure volunteers for events.
2. VIPS has started recruiting volunteers for carnival and will continue reaching out to student groups within our community.

C. Panthers Helping Panthers – Shawn Henderson

1. 18 PCE students were able to purchase \$10 worth of books at the book fair thanks to Panthers Helping Panthers.
2. The angel tree will be up beginning November 14th. There are 41 students and the information list wants and needs. Everyone is encouraged to be a part of the tree.

D. Book Fair – Charlsie McDaniel, Misti Hill Carter, Kelly Chambers

1. We had a very successful book fair and family night this year! Total sales: \$15,786.35, which is just over \$600 more than last fall! Cash profit was \$3,226.29 and Scholastic Dollars profit came in at \$850.
2. All for Books Total was \$1,782.55 (\$1,307 was collected during drive, \$188.08 from Panthers Helping Panthers, and \$287.47 from the Amy Anderson Literacy Legacy/Ed. Foundation). With the \$1,307 collected, we were able to purchase 92 books for the PC Library. For the dinner, we sold 318 meals (56 more than last year) and PTO had a profit of \$623. The feedback was great regarding the activities in the grade level hallways!

E. Carnival – Megan Jonasson and Sarah Schuessler

1. We had our first carnival committee meeting on Friday, October 26th.
2. We still need committee chairs for Baskets and Parties. Silent Auction could also use some more volunteers. We are asking the PTO to start thinking about silent auction donations. Other committee needs include a basketball coordinator, someone for decorations (money wall and sponsorship wall), a food committee assistant/partner for Melanie Boening, and an entertainment committee coordinator – (someone to coordinate entertainment on stage in cafeteria).
3. We are still looking for the Carnival banner. Please let Kari Krueger know if you see it.

F. Promotions – Amy Krupa, Lara Clark

1. Spirit Nights:
 - A. In October, we made \$101.98 with Taco Casa.
 - B. The November Spirit Night is Tuesday, November 27th at Marco's Pizza (all day; we receive 20%).
 - C. In December, we are planning to be at Texas Roadhouse.
2. Box Tops: We submitted Box Tops today, and we made \$368.70 for our fall collection. We will do another collection in the spring with a March 1 deadline.

- G. Yearbook – Andria Kastner, Teresa Mecham, Ali Massey, Julie Jennings
1. Although the deadline to order yearbooks was October 31st, we've discussed extending the date to allow for some more sales. We have not yet hit our goal of 250 and would like to get some more orders in.
 2. We selected the front cover and the winner will be announced soon!
- H. Staff Relations – Hearin Schmitt, Rachel Mayne, Jennifer Greeley, Brittany Taunton
1. The next Staff meeting is Tuesday, Oct 13th with a “tailgate” theme – there will be a sign up genius sent out. The winter teacher luncheon will be Thursday December 13th from 10:45am – 1:15pm; most likely we will order food from Olive Garden, although we haven't confirmed.
- I. T-Shirts – Staci Cocanougher, Brittany Bruggman
1. We were able to raise \$266 for the PTO with additional T-shirt sales!
 2. We will start working on pricing and an online order form when the carnival shirts are designed and ready to be sold.
- J. Communications – Cheryl Robison, Kelly Chambers
1. The next newsletter deadline is November 9th. Newsletter will go home on the 19th.
- K. Upcoming Dates – Adrienne Shields
- Nov. 2nd – Red Ribbon Week – Wear your School Spirit Shirt
 - Nov. 6th – 4th Grade GT STEM Lab Renaissance Field Trip
 - Nov. 7th - The Grant Patrol through the CSISD Education Foundation will be going around schools (8am until 1pm)
 - Nov. 9th – PC Veterans Program
 - Nov. 14th – Picture Retakes
 - Nov. 16th – First Grade Birthday Celebration
 - Nov. 19th – Nov. 23rd – Thanksgiving Holiday Break
 - Dec. 1st – Candy Cane Fun Run
 - Dec. 17th – Spelling Bee Practice
 - Dec. 18th – Campus Spelling Bee (8:30am – 10am)
 - Dec. 21st – First Grade Birthday Celebrations and Winter Parties
- L. Meeting Adjourned – Adrienne Shields adjourned the meeting at 12:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kari Krueger, Secretary