

# June 6th, 2016 PTO Minutes

Poplar Creek PTO

Meeting Date: 6/06/2016

Meeting Location: Poplar Creek Library, 6:30pm

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Minutes: Review of minutes & Treasurer's report from 5/2/2016 meeting:  
*Motion: Dave*  
*Seconded: Kaiti*
- 3) Reports
  - a) Principal's Report  
*Not present*
  - b) President's Report (Lori Doyle)  
*Checks that need to be co-signed cannot be done by Allison and Joe together, must be Joe and another board member. Mrs. Olinger and Mrs. Demsy are retiring. Mrs. Berg is moving to another school. Mrs. Rodgers is moving to Ohio. The benches are done and are being installed.*
  - c) Treasurer's report (Joe Dietrich)  
*PTO board expenses went over (i.e. cinch sacs for Kindergarten night, we will order more in the fall for cheaper.) The all-school field trip is still not paid out.*
- 4) Fundraising Committee Reports
  - a) Kids Kreations (Sally Firth) – Fall  
*Money is ear-marked for art dept., new art teacher will talk to PTO in the Fall. Moved from Spring to Fall.*  
Box Tops (Kate Blank) – Year-round  
*Sent in today, total 460-470. Isabella Gebhart won the contest.*
  - b) Campbell's Soup Labels (Jen Wesolowski) – Year-round  
*This program has been discontinued.*
  - c) Coke Rewards (Jen Wesolowski) – Year-round  
*N/A*
  - d) Spirit Wear (Melissa Caravella) – Year-round  
*Next order will be in the Fall, more advertising of online links*
  - e) Restaurant Fundraiser (Joe Dietrich) – Year-round  
*Last Friday was Cousin's, still waiting on results from Jose's*
  - f) Yearbook (Tammie Ciszewski) – Year-round  
*Will be using a new vendor next year*
- 5) Activities Committee Reports
  - a) 6th Grade Committee (Need Chair) – Year-round

- b) Skate Night (Jen Wesolowski) – Fall / Spring

*Next school year there will be one roller skating event and one ice skating event.*

- c) Assemblies (Kaiti Ressman) – Fall / Spring

*Already scheduled for next school year: Laser Show and Taiko Drums. If paid before July, can save money. Motion for \$1,000 for assemblies for next year*

*Motion: Kaiti*

*Seconded: Mandy*

*Motion carries*

- d) Scholastic Book Fair (Mary Nolan) – Fall/Spring

*Mary will try to come to PTO meetings prior to the Book Fairs. Sign Up Genius will be suggested.*

- e) Spring Play (Amber Ortinger) - Spring

*Amber has volunteered to continue next year. The hanging microphones do not work on the stage. Mandy McCumber is looking into coast to fix/replace, suggested this could be an idea for a 6th grade gift. Amber will be bringing back drama club. Idea to start a costume drive to have a box of costumes for the plays.*

- f) Spaghetti Dinner/Nacho Night (Socorro Marrero) - Spring N/A

- g) Dr. Suess Night (Lee Bernfeld) - Spring

*N/A*

- h) Basket Raffle (Jenny Mallinger/Sadie Beauchamp) - Spring

*N/A*

- i) Book Drive

*Teachers requested that books be “leveled” prior to being available to take. They would like the GRL letter levels. Website suggested: Scholastic Book Wizard.*

- j) Open House (Angel Elam) - Fall

*August 30th, 5:30-7:00. Teachers would prefer dinner before. Contact food trucks earlier rather than later, new one in New Berlin, Smokey O’s. Angel suggested moving bounce houses off of pavement for safety purposes. Basketball for older kids? What about activities for the older girls? Suggested handing out bags with pencils, erasers, and coupons from sponsors.*

- k) Creek Crawl (Lori Doyle)

*October 14<sup>th</sup>, thinking about moving the time earlier to avoid walking in the dark. Mason Engel won the t-shirt design contest*

- l) End of Year Carnival (Mandy McCumber/Tracy Maxey) - Spring

*Surveys are out. It went well. Need more cups and ice next year. Currently, Cousins donates ice. Discussed using an ice delivery (Mike’s Ice.) Approach newer local restaurants for donations. There were some injuries during tug-of-war so need to look for a longer rope.*

- m) Teacher Appreciation (need chair) - Spring

*Went really well, received nice Thank You notes. Teachers reported that they felt very appreciated. Each teacher and support staff received a McDonalds gift card for \$5.*

### Unfinished (old) Business

*Getting good feedback on the cushions purchased for classrooms for alternative seating. Possible funding at the district level next year.*

### New Business

*Behavior Team: Est. cost for next year \$5,000. (\$4,000 all-school field trip, \$1,000 printing PAWs)  
Possible for PTO to cover half of the expenses if we can up the fundraising (Pie the Principal, Duct Tape the Principal, Duct Tape the Daddy, Penny Wars)*

#### *Fundraising and Expenses:*

*We are going to be "in the hole" and will need to dip into savings (\$25,000) We need to make more money during the school year. Discussed that some of the PTO money that was used this year, the district should've paid for, such as the paper cutter and the large paper rolls. Fixing the hanging microphones was also brought up again and the name Andy Stefanson was given to contact. Our biggest fundraiser in the Creek Crawl, and now families will be able to donate online. Do we need more incentives to donate? Suggestion made to contact bus company for donating bus time. We need to raise more money, have less expenses, and we need more volunteers.*

*Meetings for next year: Monday nights? 6:30 makes is hard for teachers to attend, 6:00 makes it hard for parents to attend.*

### 6) Open Discussion

#### Friday Folders – PTO NEWS

*Place our info higher up before all of the pictures so everyone reads it. Suggestion to send out PTO info on Sunday night.*

#### Friday Folders – Volunteer Opportunities

*N/A*

*Discussed Jamba Juice Fundraiser for Open House or Creek Crawl.*

### 7) Adjournment

*Motion: Dave*

*Seconded: Kaiti*