

## **September PTO Meeting Minutes**

### **Monday, September 8th, 2014**

Meeting called to order at 6:03 PM by Tammie Ciszewski. Motion made to accept treasurer's report by Lori Doyle and second by Paula Kneprath.

#### **Principal's Message:**

- Thank you to parents for attending the PTO meeting.
- Our staff at PC is amazing and it has been a great start to the year.
- We have one new teacher on staff.
- There were 40 students that left the PC district this year.
- We have 40-45 new students besides Kindergarteners and we are excited to get to know the new students
- There is no major curriculum change this year. There have been some minor tweaks to the spelling program but math, reading, and writing will be the same as the previous year.
- There is more recognition for positive behavior this year.
- We are working on getting the parents engaged at home. There will be more information coming out about the common core standards and there will be a math night where parents can learn what the students are learning and also a reading night.
- MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) testing has started. This will take place 3 times a year.
- Thank you to Sam Kneprath for his Eagle Scout Project. He organized a group of scouts and families to refurbish the mural on the east playground of school.
- Looking forward to a great year and any questions feel free to contact me.

#### **President's Message:**

- There will now be a raffle for attendees of the PTO meetings. Each parent or teacher will receive one ticket for each PTO meeting they attend. In December and May there will be a drawing for parents and teachers for a \$25 gift card.

#### **Committee Reports:**

- **Market Day**
  - Jenny Mallinger will be at the pick up on Thursday September 11<sup>th</sup> and may become chair for next year
  - The deadline for ordering has changed – it is now the Saturday before pick-up instead of the Monday before pick-up.
- **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Committee**
  - The first meeting of the year is September 9<sup>th</sup>. Becky Perreault and Kelly Timmers are chairing this committee.
- **Creek Crawl**
  - Teachers have their shirts and a kick off has held on September 5<sup>th</sup> with Brady Reinke and Cody the Coyote on PC TV.
  - We have received \$1280 in sponsorships for the t-shirts.
  - Aldi in Waukesha is donating all of the food for the Creek Crawl. This includes hot dogs, hot dog buns, water, and fruit.
  - Buses and DJ are confirmed

- There are two trees in the walk way that buildings and grounds will be looking at and removing.
- Mike Ewens will be walking the path prior to Creek Crawl and putting out cones for hazards.
- The start times for the walk will be staggered this year. K, 1, and 2 will go first and after they are done then the 3-6 graders will then be walking.
- Event will be ending at 8:00
- There is a pizza party for the class that collects the most money and an ice cream social for the grade level that collects the most money.
- Any family that raises \$100 will be allowed to request a song at the dance
- Volunteers are asked to sign up through the sign up genius. This link is available on the PTO Facebook page, the Creek Crawl Event page, and from the Friday folder.
- **Skate Night**
  - There will be a skate night in October/November and another one in spring.
- **Box Tops**
  - There will be a classroom competition in mid-October. This lasts 4 weeks and the class that collects the most will receive a prize.
  - Last year we received over \$3500 from collecting box tops.
  - We are looking for a chair or co-chair for this committee.
- **Campbell's Soup Labels**
  - Please save these labels and send them into school. There are no set dates for these labels to be collected – they can be collected all year long.
  - We purchased pedometers and playground balls from this fund raiser for this school year.
- **Tyson Project A+**
  - Continue to collect and send in these labels. They are on Tyson frozen chicken products and are worth \$0.24 for each label.
- **Coke Rewards**
  - These are codes that are on Coke products – bottle caps and on packs of soda
  - These can either be entered directly into a Coke rewards account and then donated to the school or they can be sent to the school and we will enter them in.
  - Also, if you have a Target debit or credit card, you can enter the schools code 109140 into the credit card website and a percentage of sales will be donated to Poplar Creek. From the start of this program, Poplar Creek has gotten over \$11,000 donated.
- **Kindergarten Orientation (no report)**
- **Dr. Seuss Night (no report)**
- **Basket Raffle (no report)**
- **Spaghetti Dinner (no report)**
- **Assemblies**
  - Waiting to schedule assemblies this year to see if the rates on the assemblies go down during the school year.
  - Looking to have at least one that is curriculum based.
  - Possibly going to have a Novel Ideas assembly. This is a group that does improve on stories that the students have write.
- **Carnival (NR)**

- **Spring Play**
  - There will be drama club again this year and will discuss spring play later on in the year.
- **Spirit Wear (no report)**
- **Memory Book**
  - We will be going with VIP again for the Memory Book.
  - VIP will be coming out to Poplar Creek at 5 different times to take pictures for the book. They will be at PC at the afternoon of the Creek Crawl and will be taking an all school picture. They will also be at PC that night for pictures.
  - They are also coming for Dr. Seuss Night, Spaghetti Dinner/Basket Raffle, and will be at school to take group photos.
- **Teacher Appreciation**
  - Looking for a chair for this committee.
- **Entertainment Books**
  - We are not selling Entertainment Books this year instead we will be selling Save Around Books.
  - These books will be \$20 and have local and national coupons. Poplar Creek will receive \$10 from each book that is sold.
  - We are planning on having a table at Parent Teacher Conferences (Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>, Oct 28<sup>th</sup>, and Nov 6<sup>th</sup>) to sell the books. They are good for the 2015 calendar year.
  - Forms will also be coming home for anyone who wants to purchase a book.
- **Restaurant Fundraisers (formally Cousin Sub Fundraiser)**
  - Joe Dietrick will be chairing this committee.
  - We are looking at having a restaurant fundraiser once a month
  - The first fund raiser is at Qdoba on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Forms were on the Friday folder last week. Each form has a spot for the students name. These will be collected and a raffle for a Cherry Berry gift card will be done.
  - 17 restaurants in New Berlin have been contacted to participate in this fundraiser.
- **Book Fair**
  - No dates have been set yet.
  - The profits from the Fall book fair go directly back to the school. Last year PC received over \$3300 back in books for the library and classrooms.
  - Looking for a co-chair for this committee for this year.

### **Old Business**

- **Chinooks Game**
  - Not well attended but could have been due to not finding a date that worked well for most people.
  - Did have 13 people attend and Poplar Creek received \$65
  - Will look at doing again next year – try and pick a date sooner and possibly try to organize a larger group outing
- **PTO Social**
  - Not as well attended as hoped for.
  - Will discuss if we will be doing again – possibly changing the date to a Fall/Winter date

- May also change to a family picnic instead
- Ice Cream Social
  - Not doing this year

### **New Business**

- **Kindergarten request**
  - The play areas need updating in the kindergarten rooms. The kindergarten teachers are requesting \$1300 for costumes, pretend play items, train tables, etc. These are items that encourage socializing, sharing, and appropriate play.
  - Lori Doyle will call Buy Seasons to see if they are willing to donate any costumes.
  - \$1300 was asked for approval. Motion made by Ellisa Lettner and second by Anna Egofske. Vote was unanimous.

### **Open Discussion:**

- **Funds Request**
  - \$411.54 was asked for approval for the Eagle Scout project by Sam Kneprath. Motion made by Ellisa Lettner and second by Lori Doyle. Vote was unanimous.
- **Dry Cleaning Cody the Coyote**
  - Looking into how to dry clean Cody the Coyote mascot.

### **Motion to Adjourn:**

- Lori Doyle made a motion to adjourn meeting at 7:04 seconded by Mandy McCumber.

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