

# Pebble Creek Elementary PTO November Meeting Minutes

November 8th, 2024

8:00am

Panther Cafeteria

*In Attendance: Katie Westerheim, Carin Douglass, Mary Mckee, Ann Hix, Leslie Stewart, Hanna Caroccio, Becky Brooker, Chery Robison, Stephani Mitchell, Lauren Horton, Sarah Seidel, Sarah Dixon, Melissa Allen, Laura Franks, Laura Winkler*

## 1. Call to Order

*a. Lauren calls to order at 8am*

## 2. Welcome

*a. All been here before*

## 3. PTO Roster for 2024-2025 school year

*a. Couple additions*

*i. Katie West to Carnival Chair*

*ii. Sara Seidel to Tickets*

*iii. Mallory Jacobi to Staff Relations*

*iv. Courtney Collins removed from Carnival*

*v. Cheryl Approves, Ann Seconds Motion Passes*

## 4. Meeting Minutes from October 2024

*a. Any Changes or Edits? No*

*Cheryl Motions to Approve Ann Seconds Motions Passes*

## 5. Teacher Report (Sarah Dixon)

*a. All Good, Thanksgiving Close*

## 6. Principal Report (Amanda Allen)

*a. 4<sup>th</sup> graders went to Aggie Basketball—Veterans Parade on Monday—No New updates w/o Board Meeting—Good Story book Parade, even with student expense—Apple bar for teachers—Getting ready with Thanksgiving—School expanded by 40-- 630 students total almost at capacity—Able to hire an ISS, Mr Ramos joined last Monday*

- b. Redrawing Lines based on capacity?
  - i. There are conversations but no concrete actions
  - ii. No empty classrooms here next year may need portable at PCE

## 7. Treasurer Report (Ann Hix)

- a. Balances budget vs actual where to go if in a committee to see what you have
- b. 2 new purchases this month
  - i. Repair sign
  - ii. Dry erase

## 8. General Updates

- a. The sonic drink sign up—open spots left in NOV and DEC—sending out to board and parents who approved contact
- b. Lunch Duty Sign up there are still spots open as well, that is still not filled up

## 9. Committee Updates

- a. Art Gallery Curator: None
- b. Book Fair: None, last month updated
- c. Dad patrol: None
- d. Communications and Website: Newsletter going out Monday, Send info to Cheryl
- e. Facebook: None
- f. Field Day Assistant: A way off
- g. Free Little Library: None
- h. Garden: None
- i. Panthers Helping Panthers: None
- j. School Supplies: Check gone through
- k. Scholarship Grant Coordinator: Kicks up Feb and March
- l. Sponsorships: None
- m. Spring Food Drive: got a While
- n. Staff Relations:
  - i. PI day will need 4<sup>th</sup> grade helpers, sign up genius for parents to see who is bringing what is an option, have cart at drop off so parents don't have to get out
  - ii. Christmas Luncheon: set up buffet in Staff Lounge—Ms. Allen to let know a good day, and hopefully Ms. Allen and Ms. Lauoff and can cover Lunch duty

- o. Variety Show: A way off
- p. Yearbook:
  - i. Looking at using a different company and price point is cheaper and there is room to potentially to make a profit if maneuvered correctly
  - ii. Ball is rolling
  - iii. Entire committee will start working together to get organized
  - iv. Have not made profit in past because freight is so expensive
    - 1. We need to add cost of shipping etc. so we don't go into negative over it
  - v. Perhaps just need to break even vs charging more to gain profit
  - vi. Contact Megan and find a way to donate to those who couldn't afford
- q. Grade Level Coordinators: grade level parties Moving to Thursday to coincide with half days
- r. Teacher Workroom: none
- s. Carnival: need to discuss and decide what to do
  - i. Sent email with open positions (doubled) to all people who made their emails available (700 some)
  - ii. Email was an actual portrayal of duties and time involved
  - iii. Making carnival realistic
  - iv. Expectations need to be relayed
    - 1. Time management to be worked out amongst individuals to work with their schedules
  - v. \$37,000 last year about half the year's budget (this no longer includes sponsorships)
  - vi. Games made \$12,000 last year but that's before expenses (bounce houses, prizes)
  - vii. Other schools—Bring in outside company and do boosters, read-a-thon, dance-a-thon etc
    - 1. Can be high cost to bring in outside company and they may take a cut
  - viii. Take a break and have new families come in with fresh ideas
    - 1. Re fresh the urge to help
  - ix. Volunteers from Hospitality School (they have a course)
  - x. Ask from Straight Donations (alternative to Carnival)
  - xi. Are we focusing Solely on finance or do we focus on the Culture of the School?
    - 1. Give back to school and families?
    - 2. We need volunteers
    - 3. What do we love about the Carnival
      - a. Prizes, family time, freedom in the school
  - xii. There are other schools having carnivals the day we chose so we will be competing for volunteers
  - xiii. Individual Committees send out communications to clarify duties

- xiv. *Lack of volunteers... no one wants to help*
- xv. *Disagreement what to vote on... cancel, research, not enough member to vote on carnival*
  - 1. *Items to Research*
    - a. *Dance-a-Thon*
    - b. *Read-a-Thon*
    - c. *Contact South Knoll*
    - d. *Boosters*
- xvi. *Lots of voices, lots of side discussions*

**10. December PTO Meeting**

- a. *TBD Early December*

**11. Adjourn**

- a. *Meeting Adjourned 8:57am by Lauren*

## **Pebble Creek Elementary What's Happening?**

### **November**

Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> – PTO Meeting (8:00)

Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> – Veterans Day Parade (8:30) – Wear Red, White and Blue

Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup> – College Spirit Day – Wear a College shirt

Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> – Photo Retakes

Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Break

### **December**

Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> – PTO Meeting (8:00)

Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> – Dress Like a Snowman (Holiday Dress Up)

Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup> – Reindeer Day (Holiday Dress Up)

Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> – Grinch Day (Holiday Dress Up)

Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> – PJ Day/Polar Express (Holiday Dress Up) and Grade Level Holiday Parties

Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> – Santa Hat Day (Holiday Dress Up) and Early Release Day