

APPROVED AS WRITTEN

Poplar Tree Elementary

PTA Meeting Minutes September 14, 2017

CALLED TO ORDER: 9:00 am

In Attendance: Adrienne Nicholson, Jen McNERney, Rebecca McGonigle, Cindi Uncles, Sue Andujar, Holly Walker, Susan Lowry, Heather Phillips, Heather Ellison, Dennis Smythe, Cory Thacker, Rebekah McDonald, Nicole Burns, Carrie Halpern, Jen Davis, Melanie Read, Allison Denenberg, Mark Felder, Kara Balzano, Kimberly Powers, Nischala Aamidala

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 2017 minutes approved as written.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- School year started off well. Good back to school night.
- 751 students
- Kids are engaged and excited.
- FCPS ON has gone very well and we are using technology in innovative ways. Leslie Leisey is our new SBTS (School-Based Technology Specialist). We are using technology in a purposeful and meaningful way for instruction.
- We have cognitive abilities test in October for second grade and those new to county without abilities score.
- Universal Screener is a formative assessment that will be given three times per year. This is new for entire county. We want to be sure to use it in a meaningful way. Nothing to prepare children for. Nothing that will result in report card. This is just for teachers to know how they can tailor instruction to children's needs. It's adaptive in that it matches child's performance. Teachers will have information to share with parents at conferences in November. *(Some discussion followed.)*
- Holly Walker: September is the month of the drills. One drill a week for first 20 days of school, then monthly. Total of 4 lockdown drills required per year, two in September, one in January, one another time of the year. Next Monday is second lockdown drill.
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Budget –
 - Not changing anything significantly this year.
 - New Technology Grant in budget this year. We will receive proposal from administration on how money will be spent.
 - Discussion about 6th grade celebration. Amount will stay the same.
 - 6th Grade show will be capped at \$1500.
 - Author Visits and Cultural Arts each has \$2500
 - First Lego League and Odyssey of the Mind will each be allocated \$250 for marketing materials for the school (t-shirts). *(Discussion about other clubs receiving PTA money.)*

Budget Changes

- Approved motion to allocate \$200 of PTA money for other competition clubs run by parents or teachers: 1. Battle of the Books & 2. Girls on the Run (for total of \$400).
- Approved motion to decrease First Lego League and Odyssey of the Mind to \$200 (to match other club PTA contributions).
- Amended budget approved.

Treasurers Report

Bank statement reconciled. Balance \$32,946.92

Committee Reports

Audit Report, Allison Denenberg

Started \$18,387, ended with \$24,271.

Membership Report, Allison Denenberg

Last year was first year using A-Z. Big effort to join the PTA through A-Z.

Online Auction Report, Allison Denenberg

Chris Ferragamo and Allison Denenberg are soliciting donations for auction. Good response so far (Disney, Mount Vernon, etc). Trying to grow auction. Best way to grow is community support. If you have kids who can donate (guitar lessons, etc), they can auction something and also count as volunteer hours.

Fall Festival, Susan Lowry

Saturday October 28th. 4-7 pm

Looking for volunteers.

Staff Appreciation, Heather Phillips

October is Bus Driver Appreciation Week. School will give \$5 Starbucks gift cards to bus drivers.

Volunteers needed to pass out gift cards.

Halloween Coffee for Staff in October.

Upcoming Events:

- Family Movie Night – September 29 – 6:30 pm
- Online Auction - October 21-29
- Spirit Night – SweetFrog – Friday, October 20

Meeting Adjourned: 10:19 am