

APPROVED AS WRITTEN

Poplar Tree Elementary

PTA Meeting Minutes October 12, 2017

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:58 pm

In Attendance: Sue Andujar, Holly Walker, Nicole Burns, Rebekah McDonald, Heather Ellison, Maju Prasad, Melanie Read, Jonas Denenberg, Allison Denenberg, Kimberly Powers, Kara Balzano, Sarah Storch, Susan Lowry, Christopher Ferragamo, Sherry Olson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 2017 minutes approved as written.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT, Sue Andujar & Holly Walker

- Hearing lots of concerns about TJ High School now a pickup and drop off stop at Poplar Tree. This is causing traffic congestion in morning. Meeting with Safety & Security on Tuesday to share concerns and see if we can do something as a school to make it safer for all.
- Concern about parents picking up on Melville in unsafe ways for after school pickup. We will work with Safety & Security on this issue as well.
- Watch Dogs is starting again in second quarter. People can start signing up.
- Thanksgiving Lunch is November 16. We need volunteers to help in cafeteria and the gym to supervise.

Technology Update, Leslie Leisey (School Based Technology Specialist)

- We currently have 37 total iPads. These allow students to create, show their understanding, and engage students in learning.
- Would like to use the PTA technology grant to purchase more apps for iPads. The paid apps are approved by Fairfax County – Dragon Box, Letter School, Do Ink Animation & Green Screen.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- We had some issues with the vendor for supply packs this year. We are looking at new vendors.
- Family Movie Night had good attendance (about 150-200). 20 kids participated in costume contest. Dominos was 30 minutes late so we will be looking into other pizza options for next movie night. Looking for one or more parents to assist us with the next movie night.
- Math Counts – Opportunity to do this math program for 6th graders. Interest letter will be sent to all 6th graders.
- Lisa Payne is looking for help with the website. IF anyone knows anything about Word Press, please consider helping.
- There is a change in the school communications. The Poplar Tree newsletter will no longer be monthly; it will be quarterly. PTA will need to be diligent about ensuring pertinent information is in Friday folders. Encourage people to look at Facebook page. *Lengthy communications discussion followed.*

Treasurers Report, Allison Denenberg (for Nischala Aamidala)

Bank statement reconciled. Balance as of 9/30/2017: \$36,846.53

Committee Reports

Audit Report, Allison Denenberg

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- Audit presented at last meeting. But we did not adopt the audit into the minutes from last meeting.
- Audit was approved.

Membership Report, Allison Denenberg

- Thank you to school for being quick to deliver data. Data sent to AtoZ for directory. Those who opted out through the school are not included in the data. If people still want to opt out, then can do into the directly to opt out. Currently 239 PTA family memberships.

Fall Festival, Chris Ferragamo

- Will be held October 28th 4-7pm
- Due to smaller budget this year, we are working on getting sponsors.
- Food: Rita's, Chick-Fil-A, Pizza
- DJ, Games in cafeteria, moon bounce & obstacle course in gym, pumpkin carving contests

Silent Auction Report, Chris Ferragamo

- We have many great items, including passes to Disney, wine tours, brewery tours, Fairfax County helipad tour
- Auction is open to those outside of our school so share the link.

No Fuss Fundraiser

- Currently raised total of \$8,100. Goal was \$12,250. Seeking ideas to spur families to contribute if they have not yet done so.

New Business

- Bus Driver Appreciation October 18th.
- Reflections entries due October 27.
- Box Tops put out first contest. Due October 20. Class winner receives a pajama party.

Mini Grants,

- Applications are due to Ms. Andujar Friday October 13th.
- Responses will be given by November 8th.
- Mini Grants Committee: Katie Booker, Louise McMahon, Jennifer McNerney, Lisa Melchiori, Melissa Pippine, Manju Prasad, Cyndi Uncles, Holly Walker

Upcoming Events:

- Spirit Night – SweetFrog – Friday, October 20, 4-9 pm
- Online Auction & Fall Festival - October 21-29

Meeting Adjourned: 8:01 pm