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**Poplar Tree Elementary**

**PTA Meeting Minutes February 15, 2018**

**CALLED TO ORDER:** 7:00 pm

In Attendance: Rebekah McDonald, Nicole Burns, Greg McDonald, Heather Ellison, Sue Andujar, Holly Walker, Heather Phillips, Kimberly Powers, Ninsa Perez, Karen Prem, Kara Balzano

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

January 2018 minutes approved as written.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT, Sue Andujar & Holly Walker**

- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade starting to think about Global Awareness Technology Project.
- Main door is usually unlocked around 4:15. However, there are still children in the building at this point with SAAC and after school clubs. Decision has been made to keep doors locked while there are children in the building. If you notice the door open, please help us by closing it.
- Question and discussion about Watch Dogs – Had about 15 dads/granddads this year.
- Ed Lang, Realtor, office in Greenbrier Shopping Center. He said his office would be willing to supply something for Fall Festival.

**President's Report, by VP Rebekah McDonald**

- Teachers fund still has money in it. Encourage teachers to apply for up to \$100.
- Discussion about Recess. Concern from parents about children not going outside even with warmer temps and also kids allowed to play on computers during indoor recess.
- House Bill 1419 (Recess bill) just made it out of the House, crossing over to the Senate, which has opportunity to vote. Allows for more unstructured playtime to be counted as structured time.

**Treasurers Report, Nischala Aamidala**

Bank statement reconciled. Balance as of 2/15/18 \$43,582.62

**Committee Reports**

**PTA Sponsored Lunch Fund**

In process of funding the account. Will have trial period.

**Nominating Committee, Karen Prem**

President and Vice President are currently open positions. If anyone has interest in those positions or ideas for those people, let Karen know. Kimberly Powers said she attended Rocky Run PTA meeting this morning. They are also looking for slate for PTA board for next year. They are looking for 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents who can step in to take a two-year job. So if you are interested or know of someone interested, let Rocky Run PTA know.

**Staff Appreciation, Heather Phillips**

- Successful Valentine's Day for teachers.
- Custodial Appreciation coming up. Planning to do gas card and dinner for Mr. King and staff. Will also include cafeteria staff.

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- May 7-11 – Teacher Appreciation Week. 80s week theme. Looking for volunteers to help decorate teachers lounge.
- March 15<sup>th</sup> – Teacher Luncheon. Theme “We’re Lucky to Have You” – 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade parents bring lunch. Considering asking room parents to reach out to their parents to get volunteers to bring potluck lunch for teacher luncheon.

### **New Business**

- Received \$1,000 from patient first last year which was used for cabinets for health room. They contacted us and would like to give us another \$1,000 this year. Principal Andujar discussed adapting the water fountain for purified water, so staff and kids can fill their water bottles with purified water.
- Parent brought up concern about cafeteria behavior, specifically children standing up, running around, throwing things, crawling on floor. Lengthy discussion followed about how parents can help support school in encouraging positive lunchroom behavior. Ms. Andujar said that she has asked staff to volunteer time in the cafeteria during lunch. Funds for the county are for one hostess. Tried to do a parent sign up a couple years ago but the response was underwhelming. It’s a constant struggle. If people have ideas, let Ms. Walker or Ms. Andujar know.

### **Upcoming Events**

- Box Tops contest ends February 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6 pm – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration Planning Meeting
- May 11 at 6:30 pm – Fire & Ice at Chantilly High School

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:06 pm