

Poplar Tree Elementary School PTA

Meeting Minutes

September 24, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:03 by Elizabeth Zielinski

Attendees: Sandy Jones, Wanda Radler, Tasha Virostek, Heather Ellison, Erin Chernisky, Nichole Henderson, Arian Hadley, Kara Balzano, Matt Balzano, Bonita Rogers, Stacy McMahan, Carolyn York, Amanda J Moore, Hallie Dillon, Betsy Pettis, Jennifer Alvarez, Susan Friedman George Hohmann, Elizabeth Zielinski

The August 13, 2014 minutes were approved as submitted.

Principal's Report (given by Mrs. Dillon as Mrs. Williams was not present)

- Very high usage of bikes and scooters this year, and very high percentage of students not wearing helmets; scooter riders are HIGHLY encouraged to wear helmets, and bike riders MUST wear helmets.
- All bikes and scooters must be walked on school property. This is also true for younger siblings on school grounds.
- All bikes must be locked up. Poplar Tree school and FCPS are not responsible for any bike or scooter.
- Students who bike to school must have a signed bike contract in the office.

President's Report

- Membership survey was discussed. About 25% of community responded.
- Teacher Reimbursements for part-time teachers was discussed. Motion carried to extend teacher reimbursements to all teachers providing the items there are being reimbursed for will be used only at Poplar Tree.
- Budget presented. Motion carried and was passed. It is a conservative budget due to dwindling reserve funds.
 - Spirit Wear will have less expenses this year since only online ordering. We won't be carrying an inventory.
 - ThinkStretch is included again this year.
 - Membership dues increased from \$10/person to \$20/household.
 - Math Resource Teacher removed from PTA budget as Virginia PTA does not approve salary funding. Doing so could put our 501(c)3 status in jeopardy.
 - Directory will be online this year saving approximately \$700.
 - Spring Fundraiser will be a Fun Run in lieu of Carnival.

1st Vice Presidents Report

- All members present voted on the 2013-14 PTA legislative agenda via paper ballots.

Committee Reports

- Membership: We currently have 230 households as PTA members.
- Fall Fundraiser: We have currently raised \$7,750. 30% of families have contributed. The committee has several individual and school wide incentives to encourage participation.
- Fun Run: The first ever Fun Run will be held at Poplar Tree in the spring. The dates are March 17th – 26th. Information about this event can be found at
 - <http://vimeo.com/67969689>
 - <http://vimeo.com/46523531>

Announcements

- National Bus Safety week is Oct 21-25. PTA will be giving gift cards and notes to bus drivers. Feel free to recognize your bus drivers this week.
- Yearbook committee still looking for help.
- Mrs. Williams will be presenting her proposal to make Poplar Tree an AAP Level 4 school.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Carolyn Caywood

Secretary

(notes taken by Sandy Jones)