

Poplar Tree Elementary

PTA Meeting February 11, 2015

Called to order: 10:04 am

In attendance: Wanda Radler, Sharon S. Williams, Holly Walker, Jennifer Davis, Jennifer Szachara, Susan Lowry, Carolyn York, Lisa Melchiori, Jennifer Alvarez, Heather Phillips, Carolyn Caywood, Christie Fecko, Heather Ellison

Review meeting minutes from November 12, 2014 and January 2015 online vote

*Minutes were approved as written

Principal's Spotlight: Mrs. Williams and Ms. Walker

- SIP – School's Improvement Plan – located on the Poplar Tree Website we got an A+
 - o We are working on raising the bar – for all students
 - o Also working to close the gap with largest gaps in achievement in students with disabilities, limited English proficiency and economically disadvantaged.
 - We will continue with Responsive Instruction and provide targeted support and implementation
- AAP – almost 100% sure we will be an AAP center next year
 - o School board deciding which grades will be impacted. Mrs. Williams will find out Feb 12 which grades will be impacted.
 - o More to follow – Wanda Radler will disseminate the grade level decision
- 2nd Quarter progress reports come home Friday. Reach out to your teacher if you have any questions
- Code.org is still available beyond the “hour of code”.
- Special needs students receive community based instruction. January they went to the fire department. February they go to IHOP!
- SOL dates are in the Paw Print. Testing will be in May. NNAT is March 11, 2015

President's report: Wanda Radler

- Bylaws were approved and posted on website – valid for five years
- Tax exempt certification letter has been received and is good for a year
- March 20th – Movie Family Night – Food available for purchase – Box Trolls and Big Hero 6 – Parents stay with kids – not a fundraiser
- STEM is now STEAM - A is for Art
- STEAM fund – teachers want enrichment activities about \$3000 has been identified so far. PTA will proceed to procure items
- March 11th meeting – internet safety briefing – targeted towards parents of younger grades

Reflections – Jennifer Szachara

- Results coming in next week. 6 entries from our school. March 17th we pick them up. Need to decide how to report results.
- Wanda will work with Jennifer to figure out how to recognize the participants. They will most likely use the Panther News show

Membership: Jennifer Davis

- 350 individual memberships as of today. 60 Staff memberships received
- Directories left over – contact Jen Davis

Treasurer's Report: Carolyn Caywood

- Starting November \$48,728.64 ending \$47,122.78
- Starting December \$47,122.78 ending \$42,867.14
- Starting January \$42,867.14 ending \$40,738.59

Announcements:

Our next PTA meeting will be March 11, 2015 at 7pm

Big congratulations and thanks Susan Pacifico, Carrie Erickson and Amy Small who organized the talent show – it was a great success!

Meeting Adjourned: 10:55

Minutes submitted by Heather Ellison