

# **Poplar Tree Elementary**

## **PTA Meeting March 11, 2015**

**Called to order: 7:01pm**

**In attendance:** Sharon S. Williams, Wanda Radler, Christopher Ferragamo, Elizabeth Zielinski, Lisa Melchiori, Erin Chernisky, Susan Friedman, D. Sabzevari, Tasha Virostek, Susan Lowry, Heather Phillips, Carolyn Caywood, Jennifer Szachara, Heather Ellison

**Review meeting minutes from February 11, 2015**

\*Minutes were approved as written

**Principal's Spotlight - Mrs. Williams**

- AAP center – Cub Run, Brookfield and Poplar Tree Level IV students will come to PT.
- March 26<sup>th</sup> is the new date for the vote on the final decision
- Kathy Smith continues to be the direct contact if you have questions or concerns.
- Mrs. Williams will keep everyone updated as soon as she hears any news
- Congratulations to Marissa A. 6<sup>th</sup> grade winner for spelling bee
- The County Wide Spelling Bee will be March 22 at Lanier Middle School
- PT classroom Bee winners had a wonderful reception
- Reading challenge that was to begin at March 2<sup>nd</sup> is now in full swing. Keys are coming home. 2500 books is the challenge. 100, 1000, 2000 milestones will open the treasure chest. There will be an April 15<sup>th</sup> assembly if they meet the challenge.
- The book Eat, Sleep, Fly – by Maryjo Koch was shared by Mrs. Williams
- FCPS budget – Bottom Line is a great newsletter that the county puts out if you want to read more about the proposed budget for next year

**Science Expo update - Lisa Melchiori**

- Science EXPO is in the gym next Wednesday, March, 18,
- We have 60 projects and 90 children participating.
- Please come out and support our students.

**President's report - Wanda Radler**

- Family movie night this Friday at 6:30 (45 families are registered so far.)
- Sweet Frog did a FB school appreciation contest and PT tied and won
  - o March 16 3:30-8:30 Bring ID or report card for a free frozen yogurt

**Reflections – Jennifer Szachara**

- 6 entries – 4 went on for judging and 2 students placed in the reflections competition
- Names will be announced this week!!

**Autism Awareness Day at Poplar Tree – Elizabeth Zielinski**

- 13-17<sup>th</sup> April should be the dates
- Exercises to simulate symptoms of Autism. Held during PE
- School wide involvement throughout the week.
- Parent Volunteers will be requested in the coming weeks.

**Boosterthon – Tasha Virostek**

- Run will be April 29th
- April 20th activities will begin
- Our Goal is \$25,000 for Technology - for netbooks and smartboard arms for classrooms
- 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade will have additional incentive if they raise enough money they will have a color run!

**Nominating Committee -**

- April 22 general membership meeting we will vote for the executive board. Bios were released in this month's Panther Paws. The nominees are:
- President – Christopher Ferragamo, 1<sup>st</sup> VP – Carolyn Caywood, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP – Heather Ellison, Treasurer – Melissa Pippine, Secretary – Heather Phillips

**Odyssey of the Mind**

- Competition March 21<sup>st</sup> – t-shirts will be worn at school.

**Treasurer's Report: Carolyn Caywood**

- Starting February \$40,738.59
- \$2500 of the STEM fund was spent over the last month with teacher requests
- Movie rights paid for the Movie Night
- Ending balance \$39, 876.63

**New Business:**

- Heather Phillips addressed the PTA with regard to Poplar Tree becoming an AAP center
  - o She wanted to thank our staff for handling the feedback with a positive attitude and grace.
  - o She looks forward to embracing the change and would like to facilitate a discussion to further celebrate all of our children and who are in our community at Poplar Tree
  - o Please contact her at [phillipsfam3@verizon.net](mailto:phillipsfam3@verizon.net) if you would like to be part of the discussion.
- If you have any ideas for community outreach please share them with the PTA

**Announcements:**

- Administrative Appreciation May 4-8
- Staff Appreciation – Courtney and Katie – great new ideas that will be announced soon
- Our next PTA meeting will be April 22, 2015 at 7pm
- May 13<sup>th</sup> will be a meeting will be a morning meeting.

**Internet Safety Night presentation –**

- Information available at <http://www.ptotoday.com>

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:29**

Minutes submitted by Heather Ellison