

PTO Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2010

Approval of 10/15/10 Meeting Minutes:

October minutes approved.

Principal's Remarks:

- SDMC presenting 9 criteria that they would like to see included in Teacher Appraisal process.
- Community Connections Meeting tonight regarding budget. Ms. Gonzales to attend.

Volunteer Recognition: Fine Arts Career Week

- Carnival Chairs – Melisa Regan and Anjannette Blewer did an outstanding job with Carnival! Thanks to Sahar Seyedi and Ms. Baylon for coordinating volunteers. Bob Sutton, thanks for help as Food Chair. Thanks to Frank Fosella for being available to run errands the day before and for ticket sales/tying of ticket cards. Thanks to Michele Navratil and Mai Engel for counting money! We are forecasted to have raised almost \$27,000!!!
- Science Courtyard – thanks to all who helped spruce up our Science Courtyard – it looks fantastic! Thanks to Margaret Rozendal, Sahar Seyedi, Ron Kahanek, Burke Purdie for coordinating.
- Thanks to Amy Aulbach for helping with Honor Roll/Attendance celebration.
- Magnet Tours – Thanks for all magnet tour volunteers for presenting our school to prospective students. Great job.
- Classroom Tutors – Thanks to all who are volunteering in classrooms .
- Picture Day – Thanks to all who helped make sure our kiddos looked lovely for school pics.
- Cookie Dough Delivery – thanks to Roxanne Beltran and Ms. B and all other volunteers who helped sort and deliver cookie dough.
- Coffee for Prospective Students – Thanks to Kathy Kahanuk for hosting and to Jill Gilbert and others who helped organize and pull off this great event to pull more neighborhood kids to attend Poe.

President Remarks

- Thanks to all volunteers – see above.
- Chrysi Polydoros gave an update on Recess/Physical Activity requirements and how we are doing at implementing changes to the Educational Policy regarding Physical Education. PE Wellness Model being developed to implement a State-required PE model, ensuring a dedicated amount of physical activity and exercise for our children. Chrysi will be on the committee to develop this model.

Upcoming Poe Events: - We Need You!

- Book Fair – Nov. 15 – Nov. 19 (7:30-4)– Alicia Bye/Julie Axelrad – Theme: Heroes. Will have grandparents breakfast on Friday the 19th –tax-free shopping. Need volunteer to help with Thursday night dinner activities; bookmark design contest forms coming home soon in Monday folders. Will also need help with setup/teardown. Remember Family Night is 11/18 from 5-8pm. – many performers and fun activities planned for the night, including author readings, fire truck tours, etc., so please plan on coming! Great response already to pre-purchase orders (over \$2k!). Bookmark Contest winners will be announced this week. Need desserts for Family Night, so please donate.
- Auction – Fri., Feb. 25 – Mary Catherine Lewis gave an update on the Houston Wine Merchant Kick-Off party last week. Wine discounts still available there until the week of auction on wine purchased for the wine raffle. Need volunteers to help Valerie Moore, Silent Auction Chair, to start gathering items. Donor forms will be available at the front office. Also need volunteers to help with grade-level self-portrait calendars which will be for sale at the auction and will replace the class auction art projects. Need someone to chair this project. Wednesday, Nov. 17 is the next Auction Planning Meeting at Canopy Restaurant at 7pm – open to everyone who is interested, so please come!
- Restaurant Fundraisers: Check links to Amazon.com (through Poe website) and OneCause.com – these are great on-line shopping websites that will donate 1-5% of purchases back to Poe. Great for the holidays! Trying to do a different restaurant each month for rebates so watch for new additions. Look for coupons in Monday folders for the restaurants where the rebates are being offered each week. Make sure to take these with you when you eat at these restaurants. Breaking News! Fifth Avenue Cleaners (corner of Bissonnet/Greenbriar) now printing Poe Elementary Laundry Bags – if you take your laundry/dry-cleaning in these bags, they will donate 10% of total sale back to Poe.
- Yearbook – Cathy Moore gave update. We've negotiated a price of \$20/book for sales now through the end of the year. Starting in January, the price will go up to \$25/book. Ads and Pride Lines on sale now. Cathy will be taking orders at the front of the school periodically at pickup in the afternoons. Please be taking pictures and submitting them!

Balance Sheet – Mai Engel

- All on target! Great profits from Carnival and Uniform Sales.

VIPS – Amy Aulbach/Hillary Hobbs

- VIPS Approval Process – Everyone needs to take their driver's license to the office and have it scanned for "VIPS Approval/Background Check" – even if they've been approved in previous years. All volunteers must be approved to work with the children or attend field trips.
- New VIPS Bulletin Board in cafeteria for teachers to post volunteer needs.
- Kindergarten playdate coming up.

Next PTO Meeting: Dec. 2, 6:30 – 8:00 (Holiday Party!) Watch for PTO eBlast.