



**Poe Elementary
PTO Meeting Minutes
Feb. 2, 2010**

Minutes: January 2010 minutes approved.

President's Remarks: Science Fair is March 24/25 and volunteers are needed. Volunteers are also needed for SPARK Park Art and mosaic.

Treasurer's Report: P&L and Balance Sheets distributed. The Book Fair budget came in roughly \$500 under budget. Auction money is coming in.

Principal's Remarks: The topic for today's presentation is ASPIRE. A third grade team from Poe won first place against 600 other HISD students in the Rainbow Challenge.

ASPIRE Presentation: A handout entitled "How to Access 2009 Value-Added Progress Reports" was given to all in attendance. For more information on ASPIRE visit www.houstonisd.org/ASPIRE.

Auction: The Poe Auction will open at 6:30 p.m. Get your table ASAP. An auction update will be delivered in the Monday Folders. We currently have secured \$19,250 in underwriting. T-shirts will be delivered on Thursday and students may wear them every Friday in February. We will be selling T-shirts the next two weeks until they are gone. Contact the Houston Wine Merchant to purchase wine to donate to the Wine Raffle. We still need Silent Auction items. The next two auction meetings are March 4 and 22. We took pictures of 700 children and will display them for sale in the halls for \$20 each. E-mail Sheri Brudner to add names to the alumni/friend mailing list. Some of the large items featured this year include a Tour of Texas trip, a trip to Napa, and a Texas A&M Weekend. We have great art work coming in. Goode Co. BBQ will cater the event and there will be a full bar and dancing with a live band. We need about 85 volunteers including creative writers for the catalog. E-mail auction@poeptto.org for more information.

Black History Month: Black History Month will be Feb. 19 and will feature a Texas cowboy theme. Mr. Locke is in charge of facts/information for the morning announcements.

Yearbook: Ads are due this month. You can create your ad online or get forms in the school office.

IB: Poe is moving toward IB. A couple of teachers have volunteered to be on the Poe IB Committee. We are waiting on budget meetings in March and for the yearly calendar to come out. Currently 14 Houston schools are involved to support the movement toward IB.