



**Poe Elementary
PTO Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2010**

Minutes: March 2010 minutes approved.

President's Remarks: PTO meeting rescheduled due to Central Region's School Volunteer of the Year meeting. April 23 is the Volunteer Breakfast. May 3-7 is Teacher Appreciation Week. Benches are closer to being finished. SPARK Park rededication ceremony is May 21. Some Poe Children will be performing. We are landscaping the garden area in the back with low maintenance plants. We're looking for a contractor to do the work. Kindergarten Round-up is April 22. Poe in the Know is going "green." It will be sent out electronically and hard copies will be available on the PTO Bulletin Board. Thanks to Dee Dee Guzman for chairing the Science Fair. In case you didn't know, your PTO funds paid for the Math/Science/Technology Night at school. A budget Finance Report will be sent out via e-mail. We'll be voting on budget in the May PTO Meeting. Left over money from the '09/'10 school year will be earmarked for teacher training, grass in the front yard and technology.

Principal: Ms. Gonzales discussed HISD's Breakfast in the Classroom. Poe is to go to free Breakfast in the Classroom starting May 18. Concerns about nutritional value of breakfast have been raised. Guidelines for breakfast may be found on the website. Currently Poe Serves 130-140 free breakfasts. That number is expected to go up to 200. A five minute video on the new breakfast program was shown. Visit www.houstonisd.org/firstclassbreakfast for more information. The budget is finished and will be presented at the next SDMC meeting. Transition is going very slowly, all we have are calendar dates at this time. All teachers will be certified to teach any subject. We are not going self contained next year. We will simply moving forward in our IB training. We are receiving a new reader for next year. This is the perfect time for all teachers to be trained in this area. We want all of the teachers to be comfortable with the training. For IB Certification, our library needs to be worked on to include books for all ages and interests. We need to wait to see what IB requirements are before we make any large library expenditures.

VIPS: If you plan on chaperoning any end of the year field trips, please make sure you are approved to do so. We're talking to Frank about purchasing teacher gift cards through the PTO website.

Auction: The Poe Auction brought in over \$100,000 for the PTO! Socials are posted on the bulletin board. We still have a number of slots available for "Somethin' Special" in which the funds raised to directly to landscaping, technology and teacher training. If you make a \$100 donation, you can put a message on the marquee (certain restrictions apply).

Art Car: We don't know when All Art Day shirts will be ready. We are not able to offer sweets this year due to HISD guidelines. Cars are needed for the Poe Art Car.

Merchant Rebate: Chuck E. Cheese's Poe Day is May 29. The school gets 15% of sales and teachers eat free.

Library: There was a discussion on the state of our library. A handout was given to support the discussion.