

**PTO MEETING**  
**November 21, 2011**

1. Welcome and co-presidents' remarks (Karen Hartley, Susan Goetcheus)
  - a. PTO has allocated \$1,475 for Science Camp scholarships used this year.
  - b. Recent successful events have included book fair, landscaping cleanup, the Unfun Run and Walkathon, bottle rockets, pumpkin decorating, Bingo Night, and Family Dance.
  - c. Peirce Pride Savings Bank has opened.
  - d. Chess club has met twice and has 27 kids and a waiting list. Many parents are volunteering.
  - e. There is classroom space if another parent would like to run a club.
  - f. Turkeys for Thanksgiving donation - collected 28 turkeys and lots of fixings and gift cards for Arlington Family and Children's Services.
  - g. The Technology Committee would like to come to a PTO meeting in December.
  
2. Principal's report on School Council and other activities (Karen Hartley)
  - a. Poster contest is going well.
  - b. School Council will be completing their goal setting at next meeting.
  - c. Technology
    - i. District may buy each classroom teacher an IPEVO camera that can be used with LCD projector and a computer. Within a year or two may have one in every classroom. Can be used for students to show off work, etc. District will support these.
    - ii. Greg Tang, author of *Grapes of Math*, will be coming to show Principal Hartley some web-based software for math challenge and enrichment, which she may purchase.
  - d. Events – Reminder that Mr. Frank needs advance notice through a permit and possibly an email for assemblies during school, especially any with specific needs. Note will go out to all the PTO committee heads.
  - e. Redistricting is going on in Arlington, and there is Peirce representation by two members of the Advisory Council who will alternate attending meetings, giving Peirce a voice.
  
3. Community reports
  - a. Community Outreach - No report
  - b. Enrichment -No report
  - c. Fundraising
    - i. Walkathon raised almost \$2,800.
    - ii. Peirce T-shirts will soon be available.
    - iii. There may be another Family Dance in the spring.
    - iv. 50/50 raffle will start in January.
    - v. CRT recycling will be scheduled for spring.
    - vi. There will be a bake sale in March for either the primary or the Town election.

- vii. Dry erase board purchased by PTO for a teacher has arrived.
  - d. Hospitality - Stocking stuffing/cookie decorating will happen again in December.
  - e. Library Enrichment – No report
  - f. Science Garden and Landscaping – No report
4. Special presentation by Berit Pratt from NitWits lice removal service. Information is available in the office and on the Web at <http://www.liceinfo.net/>
  5. Other business and announcements – A retirement celebration for Margy Dunton may be planned for January 6.