**PTA Meeting Minutes: March 11, 2019**

1. Welcome and President’s Report: Elizabeth Mulheisen
   1. Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m.
   2. President’s Report: Recap of Founders’ Night – Mrs. Kaczkowski honored for lifelong work, Paula Heckman got ABCD award because she’s great;
   3. Advocacy Day - Thursday, March 21, 2019, 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.; Gov. Gretchen Whitmer will be speaking, $20 for PTA members, includes lunch and shmoozing with legislators, it would be a great event to attend;
   4. Polar Bear Dance was fun;
   5. Math and Science Week/Night – hooray math, woo hoo science;
   6. Restaurant night – mmmm food;
   7. Thanks, volunteers for making events happen;
   8. Increase in dues has been proposed at National Convention, extra $1.50 per member; more information to come, the National PTA does stuff – please see flyer;
   9. National Conference and State PTA Conference upcoming – State in Farmington Hills in August, 2019 (please think about attending!); National is in Columbus, OH, we have funds to help people who would like to attend (priority to members who will be in leadership positions next year).
2. Meeting Minutes Approval: Johanna Kononen
   1. Motion to dispense with reading aloud January meeting minutes and approve as presented – Moved by Johanna.

Discussion: Dr. Parott wants it known that he is a superstar who, in fact, “rains down joy upon children” on a regular basis. He asked that the interim secretary strike the notation in the January minutes that he made children sad, Madame Interim Secretary (yours truly) stated that a compromise in the minutes was already made indicating that children’s sadness was a rumor, not fact, and that Dr. Parrott disputed that characterization, thus declined to strike that information from the record. Now who’s sad?

* + - 1. Seconded by Elizabeth Mulheisen
      2. Approved by consent

1. Treasurer’s Report: Angela Maeso
   1. Income January
      * 1. $2,256.87 Book Fair
        2. $ 949.10 Box Tops
        3. $25 costume sale
        4. $269.60
        5. $143.37 Panera
        6. $1234 Spirit wear fall
        7. $139 on hand Spirit wear
   2. Expenses January
      * 1. $ Book Fair
        2. $275 Founders Day
        3. $425 Picnic/Rock Wall
        4. $1,197 Spirit Wear
        5. $305 PTA Insurance
        6. $600 Cultural Arts Math/Science Assembly
        7. $53 Mr. L class $
        8. $22.68 hot chocolate for safeties
        9. $30 Jan meeting babysitting
        10. $72.61 coffee
   3. Income February
      * 1. $44 dues
        2. $108.92 Shoperoo
   4. Expenses February
      * 1. 49.82 Center pieces Founders Day
        2. $ 682.29 Polar Bear Dance supplies and DJ (499.99
        3. $995 Meet Author Assembly, really great
        4. $41.47 Math and Science Supplies
        5. $41.67 Hot chocolate
        6. $104.75 Staff coffee
2. Principal’s Report: Dr. Jason Parrott
   1. Author’s Assembly today with Toma the Mime, he acted out stories that the kids wrote; kids were very attentive, and had lots of fun, he was really cool;
   2. Math and Science Assembly was great;
   3. Testing coming up and school trying to make it more fun for students, giving more breaks in between testing, need candy/mints as incentives from PTA (Math and Science Night leftover life savers will be donated); research shows mints improve test scores; want kids to do well but not freak out; Move to give $50 to school for testing candy, 2nd by Becky Bibbs, approved;
   4. Renovations upcoming, last day for media center is May 17th; lots of changes in store; no more checking out books or using media center ☹; building starts construction and is CLOSED completely as of last day of school, all closets need to be packed up as they’ll be redone; Dr. Parrott said that the reno people are fibbers regarding telling us at the January meeting that teachers had to move everything out of their classrooms; help your teachers, they’ll need volunteers;
   5. Many complaints from the principal himself regarding extraneous commentary (interestingly enough, primarily from the teachers present) during the Principal’s comments, this is HIS TIME people;
   6. New Playground equipment (approx. $90,000 to spend, which really doesn’t go far), it would be a good opportunity to use the PTA playground money previously raised to add to the new equipment and help out; Mrs. Mann says there MUST BE MONKEYBARS in the new playground on the kindergarten side of the building;
   7. Thank you for the activities during unplugged week, hooray school.
3. Teacher Representatives: Lois Mann and Rachael Forsyth
   1. Mrs. Mann – assembly was great; it is Reading Month, the theme is fairy tales and the kids have been having fun with that theme; teachers are reading a bedtime story to the kids on Facebook each night, it’s really cute; safeties April 18, 2019 Tiger Game, $600 for buses, they’d like the PTA to pay for that; Red White and Blue Day, last year the middle school band came in a bus to lead the parade and would like that again this year and they will request that $ from the PTA (it was suggested that the Sal donate their bus for that one time event);
   2. Mrs. Forsyth – upper elementary, Battle of the Books is coming up on Monday, March 25th, it is very fun; 5th grade transition stuff to Middle School, they went on a tour recently, upcoming instrument petting zoo for kids to try out instruments and see what they might be interested in; Math and Science night was great and high school volunteers were a big help.
4. School Board Liaison: Allison Sykes
   1. Royal Oak Youth Assistance Bowl-A-Thon, made $21,000, it was a great success, included bowling and a paper bag auction;
   2. School Board - in February meeting each school has a different approach and had kids present, Oak Ridge has Family Circles; new Royal Oak Community Coalitions rep, Melissa Morris, trying to partner with schools for health community outcomes, no drugs, etc…they may have a fundraiser; Mr. Chisnel’s students from Model UN came to the meeting to tell the Board, they were very impressive and asking for approval to Eastern Europe in summer 2020;
   3. Cultural Competence engagement – planning for engaging and improving cultural acceptance and interaction;
   4. Finance and Facilities – may need another millage request or use sinking fund for future planning; voted to redo the high school locker rooms, all money is already in place; all new tile etc…
5. Committee Reports/Announcements
   1. End of Year Picnic - Nikki Bockel and Katie Volk: a few changes this year, trying to make as many things free as possible, lowering the cost of the food (family special only $5) but keeping same quality; 2 big bounce houses; airbrush tattoos will be free; balloons will be limited so there won’t be so many option and lines will be faster and NO GUNS allowed; student senate usually does dunk tank or photo booth – contact Mrs. Flether, Kosnik, Najor or Bodle for assistance; good suggestion for alternate photo booth that doesn’t include printing rather pictures will be emailed or texted;
   2. Staff Appreciation – Jenn Tietz; Teacher Appreciation Week May 6-10th emails will go out shortly re: planning;
   3. Skate World Bonus Night Wednesday May 15th 6:15-8:15 (potential conflict with Junior Olympics, so Skate World may be moved to May 8th, announcement forthcoming).
6. Old Business
   1. Vos Fund - Elizabeth Mulheisen: PTA had previously agreed to give $ to the Vos Fund in honor of past PTA president and long-time Oak Ridge parent, Kara Vos, who passed away in October, 2018; potential Shipt membership ($99) plus additional gift card and movie gift cards; Angela Maseo suggests that the philanthropy or unforeseen expenses line items can be used for this purpose now and in future, if necessary; Conversation regarding amounts to be spent, agree that $200 could be budgeted; Motion for $200 from Unforeseen Expenses or Philanthropy to be spent on items for Vos family; 2nd by Johanna Kononen; motion passed.
7. New Business
   1. PTA conferences (as discussed in President’s Report);
   2. Field Trip Bus $: Recently the 1st grade teachers asked the PTA for more $ (their field trip funds from the PTA were already spent on a prior field trip) for Macomb field trip busing (estimate from school board was $230); it was unanimously approved by the board, but opened up discussion regarding the amount of $ allocated for each grade for field trip transportation. The board then discussed allocating the same amount to each of the remaining grades so that the amount available for field trips is equal throughout the grades. After much discussion, this is something that will be determined on a case-by-case basis as grades need more funds, but it will not be added as a new line-item for each grade. Dr. Parrott says classes should do their best not to take buses on short trips, rather should take them on longer trips where there’s more liability; each additional request will be dealt with as requested;
   3. Mrs. Mann requests $600 for 2 buses for safeties Tiger Trip; this could be a new line item for future budges; Elizabeth Mulheisen made a motion to add a line item of $750 to the budget for 2nd by Jenn Tietz, motion passes.
   4. Son/Special Person Event: This event was previously on hold because no one had stepped forward to chair it, or the Father/Daughter dance. Now that the Father/Daughter Dance is scheduled, we need to plan a Son Themed event. Amy Till agreed to do the Daddy/Daughter Dance; Elizabeth is doing the Mother/Son/Special Guest event, May the 4th Be With You, on May 4, 2019, Adventure Golf $7/person including pizza and drinks; if there is inclement weather we can change the date.
   5. Dr. Parrott excused himself early because of a dancing obligation, it was unclear if a child was dancing, or if he was personally dancing up a storm, I would assume he is learning to rumba;
   6. Mrs. Kazdan asked for $750 donation for flag maintenance in Lansing at Michigan Historical; much discussion about the amount, also the reason we do this is that the donation ensures that the 4th graders into the flag room to see the battle flag from the Civil War adopted by Oak Ridge during their Lansing field trip; Elizabeth Mulheisen moved that $750 given for 3 years of flag maintenance, 2nd by Becky Bibbs; in 3 years this will be revisited by the PTA.
8. Communication
   1. Check out our PTA website at [www.ptaoakridge.com](http://www.ptaoakridge.com)
   2. Oak Ridge Facebook page: Oak Ridge PTA Closed Group
   3. PTA newsletter online via email or link on Facebook page

Meeting Adjourned: LATE! At 8:34 Next Meeting set for April 8, 2019 7:00 p.m.