

PTA Meeting Minutes - November 12th, 2018

- I. Call meeting to order/Welcome - Elizabeth Mulheisen
 - a. Meeting called to order at 7:01pm
 - b. Thank you to all that voted in the elections!
 - i. Michigan PTA supported Proposals 2 and 3, both passed
 - c. Oak Ridge hosted council and state PTA meeting
 - i. High School track is done, tennis courts to be completed in the spring
 - ii. Financial research collaboration was this week and researched into how to fund schools moving into the future
 - iii. We do not have a reflections chair, but need one
 1. National info needed
 - iv. ROAM home event for next October was discussed more in-depth
 1. Collaboration between schools and city was brought up
 2. Suggested that schools try to gear October events toward the overall ROAM home event
 - a. Nicole Sauerwald suggested possibly doing a second blood drive in the fall (current Blood Drive chair for event in March)
 - v. Royal Oak Schools superintendent Mary Beth Fitzpatrick applied for state safety grant and received \$527,000
 - vi. Secretary board position will be filled by Johanna Kononen
- II. Meeting Minutes Approval - Nicole Sauerwald
 - a. Move to dispense with reading of minutes aloud and approve October meeting minutes as written
 - b. Seconded and approved by majority
- III. Treasurer's Report: Angela Maeso
 - a. Income:
 - i. \$3.09 in interest
 - ii. \$505 for membership dues
 - iii. \$33.52 store rewards
 - iv. \$12.71 paper for copies for store rewards
 - b. Expenses:
 - i. \$227.19 breakfast with guest
 - ii. \$158.95 for Noonwalkers (easy scan device)
 - iii. \$233.70 Holiday Shop
 - iv. \$100 from Labels for Education used for coffee for staff lounge
 - v. \$514.27 Trunk or Treat
 - vi. \$200 Fun Run DJ
 - vii. \$17.55 for checks for PTA (treasurer)
 - viii. \$182.84 garden team for Halloween decor

- ix. \$750 for magic show during Halloween assembly
- x. \$390 field trip for Cranbrook for two third grade classes
- xi. \$375.95 kindergarten Fun Run shirts
- xii. \$110 staff fund (two teachers used their \$55 credit)
- xiii. \$59.99 game card previously approved for Mr. L
- xiv. \$84.93 for staff coffee for October and November
- xv. \$30 babysitting at October PTA meeting

IV. Principal's Report: Jason Parrott

- i. Report cards went live Friday on Parent Portal
 - 1. Between Friday and today there were no major questions or concerns
 - 2. Sue had some questions but they were easily resolved
- ii. Second week of Family Circles last week
 - 1. Very well received by students and teachers
 - 2. He really likes it since it lets students explore other relationships within the school with other students and teachers they wouldn't normally interact with
 - 3. Credits the principals from Addams and Upton for the idea
- iii. Parent/Teacher conferences start tomorrow

V. Teacher Representatives: Lois Mann and Rachel Forsyth

a. Upper grades (Rachel):

- i. Piloting different science curriculums
 - 1. Aligned more with STEM, more inquiry and working through scientific method
 - 2. Mass, solutions, volume, etc
 - 3. Will get a new program called STEM Scopes in the spring
 - 4. Meeting with district teachers to score difference curriculums they've tested

b. Lower grades (Lois):

- i. Family circles is a huge success
 - 1. Kids love it and love interacting with each other
 - 2. Did it on Halloween and this past Wednesday and kids are looking forward to them
 - 3. First lessons were getting to know your Family Circle
- ii. Teachers really appreciate having dinner during the conferences; Thank you PTA!
- iii. PBIS held at Oak Ridge was highly popular and was nice to work with other teachers from the district and see new furniture options being considered with bond money

VI. School Board Liaison: Allison Sykes

- a. Developmental kindergarten program (young 5) was passed, to be rolled out in December, topic of discussion in last board meeting
- b. RO Youth Assistance Bowl-a-thon 3/3/19, at Astro Lanes, raises money for a good cause
- c. Mary Beth and HS principal toured tech school campus with programs high school students can take and received certifications for
 - i. Many programs are offered including auto tech, computer technology, networking, culinary arts, health science, visual imaging, web development, plus many more

d. All three school board members up for reelection were elected again

VII. Committee Reports/Announcements

a. Fun Run - Jeanne Winterburn

- i. Total raised was \$22,000+, received check
- ii. Get Moving Crew asking for what we made before we used them; likely for marketing reasons
 1. We don't have that information since we've used them for several years now
- iii. Chair position will be open next year
- iv. Allison, the fitness instructor that helped with warm ups offered free classes to parents of students
 1. Fuse 45, circuit training. Offers both adult classes, kid and adult, kids with special needs
 2. Info will be posted on Facebook/MemberHub
- v. Movie night is still planned for the spring

b. Membership - Tiffany Vosburg/Kathleen London

- i. 160 paid PTA members, 16 more added last month
- ii. Heading into the middle of the year lull for new members
- iii. Offering a spring PTA membership pizza lunch for highest class to try and drum up more members

c. Staff Appreciation - Jennifer Tietz

- i. We are providing dinner for the conference nights
 1. Baked potato bar
 2. Carry out/catered
 3. Soup and salad bar

d. Trunk or Treat - Nicole Sauerwald/Bethanie Kelley

- i. Event was incredibly successful, but we ran out of candy within 30 minutes
 1. Many families brought extended family, kids were coming over from the neighborhood and other schools
 2. Considering options for controlling the crowd size/having a better gauge on attendance
- ii. Next year we plan to use budget only for candy and have trinkets donated via a sign up genius
- iii. Bethanie and Nicole will chair again next year
- iv. Nicole bought more candy during the event and would like reimbursed the \$91.00 despite that putting the event over budget
 1. Motion made to reimburse for the extra candy
 - a. Seconded and approved by majority

e. Book Fair - Sarah Austin

- i. Considering adding on 3rd book fair, during picnic, that would offer buy one get one free, higher incentives
 1. \$5 certificates for teachers for the book fair

- ii. Allyson asked - do teachers post wish lists for parents to buy from?
 - 1. Will ask Scholastic rep for ideas about this
- f. Holiday Shop - Nicole Sauerwald
 - i. The event is on Friday, December 7th from 3:45-7pm
 - ii. The raffle now has over \$2,500 in prizes donated by local businesses
 - 1. Tickets will be \$2 each or 3 for \$5
 - iii. Sign ups for volunteers and bake sale are filling up nicely
 - iv. Tables are going fast; expect to sell out of tables even with expanding to 33 openings for crafters
- g. Math and Science Night - Julie Aichler/Christopher Bibbs
 - i. February 7th is the event date
 - ii. Needs lots of volunteers for the event
 - iii. Still working on different activities for the night and exploring new options

VIII. Announcements

- a. 12/5 is first skate night
- b. Second 3/6, during unplugged week, siblings welcome
- c. Assembly next Wednesday Mobile Ed: Secret World of Robots

IX. Old Business

- a. Teacher Requests - Elizabeth Mulheisen
 - i. Osmo sets for Ms. Fischer
 - 1. Wanted 3 genius kits (\$80 each) for sharing with second grade, plus 4 add on bundles (\$30-40 each)
 - 2. Total would be \$300-400 for everything
 - 3. Rachel said purchase could fall under the STEM budget to explore science/STEM based, possibly mini-grant for more sets later
 - 4. Purchase will come from funds regulated to STEM technology
- b. Bylaws Updates/Approval - Elizabeth Mulheisen
 - i. Bylaws were updated and gone through at the presidents meeting
 - ii. Will need to be posted for 30 days again before voting to approve

X. New Business

- a. Becky made \$185.97 from Granite City, one of the largest profits they've ever had!
- b. Panera restaurant night on Wednesday this week
- c. Jen asked - Possibly doing something for Kara Vos?
 - i. Spoke with her family and we're waiting to figure out what they need most so funds can be directed where they would be most appreciated

XI. Communication

- a. Check out our PTA website at www.ptaoakridge.com
- b. Oak Ridge Facebook page: Oak Ridge PTA Closed Group
- c. PTA newsletter online via email or link on Facebook page

XII. Meeting Adjourned: Next meeting is Monday, December 10th, 2018 in the Media Center. Free childcare!