

# Join the PTA!



PTA meeting – September 12, 2022

Oak Ridge Elementary

All - Member Meeting

## I. Call to Order/Welcome/President's Report - Joshua Shina

- Josh motioned to approve minutes. Dr. Parrott & Elizabeth seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

## II. Treasurer's Report - Approve 2022-2023 Budget - Elizabeth Parr

- Funds available at beginning of financial year (07/01/2022) \$18,353.73.
- Elizabeth provided summary of 2022-23 school year budget.
  - Budgeted income of \$31,775.00.
  - Budgeted expenses of -\$49,805.00.
  - Budgeted net of \$323.73.
- Elizabeth motioned to approve the budget. Dr. Parrott seconded the motion. The budget was approved.

## III. Principal's Report – Jason Parrott

- Dr. Parrott provided a welcome speech and encouraged families to continue attending PTA meetings.

## IV. Teacher Representative Report Lois Mann/Rachel Forsyth

- Mrs. Mann and Mrs. Forsyth welcomed the families to the meeting and also encouraged families to continue attending PTA meetings.

## V. School Board Liaison Report Maryanne VanHaitsma

- Provided her background. It's her second year as the Oak Ridge liaison & is also involved in the state PTA. She is very accessible and responds quickly.
- Phone number: 586-419-0033
- Email: maryanne.vanhaitsma@royaloakschools.org
- September is **Suicide Prevention Month**  
[https://www.nami.org/Get-Involved/Awareness-Events/Suicide-Prevention-Awareness-Month-\(SPAM\)](https://www.nami.org/Get-Involved/Awareness-Events/Suicide-Prevention-Awareness-Month-(SPAM))
- -September 15 - October 15 is **National Hispanic Heritage Month**  
<https://www.census.gov/newsroom/stories/hispanic-heritage-month.html>
- **-State of the Schools** was August 17 - YouTube
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JM4dFei2xJc>
- **-Gun Safety** - Reminders regarding BeSmart & Board Resolution
  - Presentation: December 9, 2021 BeSMART Gun Safety Program, Presenter: Lindsey Warren
  - Board of Education Secure Storage resolution January 13, 2022, supports the distribution of information to parents regarding firearms safety, and the overall safety of students.
  - BeSmart information can be found on our website, under Community Resources
  - Gun locks are available at the Royal Oak Police Department
- **Long Range Planning**

-Long Range Planning is an important step for any organization. Royal Oak Schools will engage in this process. Thought Exchange online engagement platform will go out this week; any community member, parent and staff will be provided an opportunity to formally serve on the committee; all will be given ample opportunities to provide feedback and direction to the board. Kick-off meeting for those interested in serving will be October 11, 6:30.

  - Families participate in the long range planning to have input into the future of the district.
- **State of the Schools** was August 17 - available on the YouTube
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JM4dFei2xJc>
- Bond Site Sinking fund will be on the ballot this November, informational card will be on website soon and mailing forthcoming

- New website will be live soon, transition of the website is a great deal of work, so Maryanne is still working on getting this ready.
- Welcomed new staff members and new administrators: ROHS principal-Sharida Lewis; ROMS principal - Kristin Meldrum; ROMS Asst Principal - Jason Henshaw

## VI. Committee Reports Joshua

a) Volunteers – thank you! Need chairs for Cultural Arts/Assemblies, Math & Science Week co-chair, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Chair, Garden & Grounds Chairs, Restaurant Nights Chair

b) Membership update – Stephanie

- Please sign up to be a member, currently only 86 members, which includes parents and staff. When you sign up, you'll be able to access

c) Kindergarten Connect update – Kindergarten welcome bags have gone out & their blue Fun Run shirts were in them.

d) Restaurant Nights – Marco's Pizza on Sept 13 from 10am -11pm

e) Fun Run Erin

- Tuesday 10/11 with a rain date of Thursday 10/13
- We use a fundraising portal, this is our big fundraiser for the year. Get your spirit wear order in by Thursday, September 14, 2022 to order your grade color shirt. All ordering is done online. Email will go out tomorrow to remind. Please sign up to volunteer!

## VII. Announcements - Joshua

- Facebook page changes – Facebook group will be open to all for the first quarter of the school year so parents can learn about PTA and what we do.
- Marco's Pizza Fundraiser – second Tuesday of each month
- Peanut Free School/Nut Free Classrooms – Reminder to new parents.

## VIII. Old Business – No old business.

## IX. New Business

- PTA Events for 2022-2023
- Anything else? Joshua Shina
  - Katy Engle wants to take care of Lake Oak Ridge – Dr. Parrott will follow up on it. He thinks the district has to take care of it.
  - Paula Woodruff wants to make sure Battle of the Books happened & wants more information. Dr. Parrott reports that it has been cancelled the past couple of years due to Covid and states that they will discuss with teachers and students.

#### X. Adjourn

Joshua motioned to adjourn the meeting. Elizabeth seconded the motion.

Next PTA Meeting – Monday, October 10th at 7:00pm

- Dr. Parrott will provide update on Battle of the Books.