**PTA Meeting Minutes: April 8, 2019**

1. Welcome and President’s Report: Elizabeth Mulheisen
   1. Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m.
   2. Dr. Parrott let everyone know that he was asked by Mrs. Mann and Mrs. Forsyth to assist with tonight’s snacks and he refused, he said “no way,” as he is not helpful at all. Help was not needed though, as snacks were fantastic without his contribution;
   3. No PTA council meeting for this month; however, if anyone is interested in being on the PTA council president next year, please step up (Angela Maeso????? Aren’t you into this?);
   4. DIA field trips were a hit with one and all.
2. Meeting Minutes Approval: Johanna Kononen
   1. Discussion of March meeting minutes, including correct spelling of names (my apologies to RachAel and JenN);
   2. Motion to FOREVER dispense with reading aloud all future and past meeting minutes and accept the March minutes with the offered changes (name spelling corrections);
      * 1. Seconded by Dr. Parrott
        2. Approved by consent
3. Treasurer’s Report: Angela Maeso
   1. Income
      * 1. $1,626.07 Book Fair BEST EVER book fair at Oak Ridge
        2. $949.10 Box Tops
        3. Please see Treasurer’s Report for the remainder of itemized income for March.
   2. Expenses
      * 1. $Math and Science reimbursement, GET ON IT JULIE, don’t you want your money?
        2. Please see Treasurer’s Report for the remainder of itemized expenses for March.
4. Principal’s Report: Dr. Jason Parrott
   1. Dr. Parrott took the opportunity to stand during his report, he is very official;
   2. M-STEP testing is coming up, please have children get lots of rest and good food; do your best, but don’t stress. Dates and times for tests for each grade are listed in Dr. Parrott’s latest update/email;
   3. If only we could do less testing, life would so much better, but that is just one humble man’s opinion;
   4. DIA field trips were great, DIA had good feedback regarding our excellent students as well;
   5. Construction on new lot upcoming, hopefully not to interfere with ROFC spring schedule;
   6. Electric sign is in the works but likely a later phase (discussion of how dumb those signs are, led by Johanna Kononen, others disagree and think that it’ll be super neat).
5. Teacher Representatives: Lois Mann and Rachel Forsyth
   1. Lower Elementary – reading month just ended, along with delightful nightly bedtime stories from teachers; all specials teachers were very appreciative of getting books from the book fair, thank you. Safety patrol going on 4/18 to Tigers game, students have started to practice for Red, White and Blue Day. DIA field trip was wonderful, most students hadn’t been there before and really enjoyed it.
   2. Upper – testing begins tomorrow. 5 M-STEPs and 2 NWEAs upcoming. Students have been working on strategies for eliminating wrong answers, and writing using tools. 5th grade concert soon. Battle of the Books (4th and 5th grades) was a success; 5th Grade will go on a field trip to Charles A. Wright Museum of African American History which fits in perfectly with social studies curriculum.
6. School Board Liaison: Allison Sykes
   1. Budget party.
   2. All schools are getting new signs, EVEN SIGNS THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN UPDATED AND WERE PAID FOR BY PTAs etc; all schools will have matching signs, very pricey;
   3. Transportation Discussion/Buses to be discussed at the Board meeting this Thursday at 6:00, if you want to talk about it PLEASE COME, it’s an open meeting so anyone can come and give public comment;
   4. Royal Oak Schools pays for upkeep of lots of buses parked behind Keller;
   5. District getting ready for summer repairs.
7. Committee Reports/Announcements
   1. Oak Ridge Runners: Hope and Eric Ellerholz. Late start to the club this year, will likely do the Police Run (Fun Run is .5 miles; full race is a 5k) on June 1, 2019 as the culmination of the season. Señor Hall will be the teacher leader for this group, Mrs. Fletcher and Mrs. Forsyth will act as sweepers and assist with the back of the group. Tiffany Vosburg is contacting the run to see if we can get a group rate. Be Fit is another group through the Boys and Girls Club and also does this run. A permission slip will be going home shortly. It has been discussed to add 1st and 2nd graders to the club, but they would need a parent or guardian to participate with them, they cannot be left alone to run after school. Club will meet on Wednesdays from 3:45-4:30; shirts will be from GT Jersey; high school runners will come over for pep talks and running help after May. Fingers crossed that school related construction will not impact this club at all.
   2. Staff Appreciation: Jen Tietz. 1st full week of May, a planning meeting to take place next week (Wednesday 4/17). If teachers have any requests for a bigger project, get the ideas to Jen asap (the teachers’ lounge was redone last year, refurbished chairs etc). Cricut might be a great gift for the teachers. Angela Maeso prefers die-cut, FYI. Dr. Parrott suggested that she is the only person alive under 50 years old that has such strong opinions regarding die cutting. Discussion regarding whether teachers of today have scissor skills that are up to standard.
   3. Allergy Awareness week is coming up 5/13-5/17
   4. Sweetheart Dance is Friday, 4/12 7-9 p.m. and volunteers are NEEDED, check the sign-up genius, PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE volunteer if you can. Dr. Parrott shed a tear about this being his last Sweetheart dance to attend in a parental capacity, a very touching moment, indeed;
   5. Mother-Son event; May the Fourth Be With you $7/person, adventure golf and 2 pieces of Tania’s pizza. 10:00 a.m., flyer/RSVP should come home this week, the event has been added to the Facebook Calendar;
   6. Fun Run – sometime in May there will be an outdoor movie night at Oak Ridge as a congratulations for the great success of the Fun Run in the fall.
   7. Muffins with Moms will be May 10, 2019 – Chris Aichler is the chair, volunteers will be needed.
   8. Student-Staff Basketball Game will be May 10, 2019 4-6 p.m.
   9. Roller Skating night will be Wednesday, May 8, 2019.
8. Old Business
   1. Discussion devolved into Middle School track meets for a while;
   2. Open PTA Positions: Elizabeth Mulheisen. There are many PTA positions that will be open for next year. VP Membership, Secretary, Member at Large; Blood Drive; Bulletin Boards; Cultural Arts/Assemblies; Grounds Beautification; Holiday Shop; Kindergarten Connect; Math & Science Week Co-Chair (to serve alongside Julie Aichler); Mother/Son Event; Staff Appreciation; Store Rewards; Sweetheart Dance; Unplugged Week Co-Chair (with Paula Heckman);
   3. Will need to set up a nominating committee for the executive board, because positions must be posted for 30 days prior to voting (which will take place at the next meeting, May 13th); Kathleen London nominated for Member at Large; Johanna Kononen nominated for Secretary 1-year term (IF ANYONE ELSE IS INTERESTED IN BEING SECRETARY PLEASE LET US KNOW ASAP);
   4. Everyone (clearly, an exaggeration, but it was a LOT of people) cried about how hard it is to switch up the front sign, balancing the glass door on your head, getting your hands chopped off, lots of tears all around;
   5. Vos Family donation – following up on Shipt account w/ family, etc…once family confirms what item would be most helpful to them, the gift card or account will be purchased.
9. New Business
   1. Plant Sale – May 10th
   2. Field Day - May 29th
   3. Mod Pizza fundraiser April 16th 3:30-9:30, flyer coming home this week.
   4. Green Initiatives – piloting composting program at HS and at an elementary school, also compostable trays are here THANKS JOHANNA for your years of toiling on the Green Team, you’re amazing.
10. 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 at 8:08 p.m.: Next Meeting set for May 13, 2019