

PTA Meeting Minutes: Dec. 14, 2015

- I. Welcome and President's Report: Kara Vos
 - a. Tax ID letter sent to PTA board members. If you need a copy, please ask a board member.
 - b. \$250 check delivered to Boys & Club for family sponsorship
 - c. Book fair had \$2,200 in sales
 - d. PTA Council summary
 - i. Oakland Elementary offers PTA Promoters where kids shadow PTA members at events, as well as Watchdogs which is a program to get dads involved at the school.
 - ii. PTA Workshop series @ ROMS. Upcoming topic is "Riding the Pre-Teen Rollercoaster (without getting sick) on Jan. 14.
- II. Treasurer's Report: Leslie Eyster
 - a. Fundraising efforts: \$163.18 from Shoparoo, \$126.77 from Granite City restaurant night, \$233.98 from Blaze Pizza restaurant night
 - b. There is ~\$2000 outstanding from Box Tops. Haven't yet received for 2015.
- III. Principal's Report: Jason Parrott
 - a. Connection email offers an open-forum, non-topic specific curriculum recap. Anyone can post a question to Dr. Parrott who will answer in partnership with appropriate grade level teacher(s).
 - i. Submit questions at <http://goo.gl/forms/toJIVPxQBb>
 - b. Students continuing to do very well.
- IV. Teacher Representatives: Lois Mann and Gail Granett
 - a. Basketball Jim Jones assembly: fun and kids enjoyed it
 - b. Thanks to PTA for providing dinner during conferences
- V. School Board Liaison: Gary Briggs
 - a. Next board meeting: 1/14/16
 - b. Facilities studies to be conducted in 2016
 - i. District has stable enrollment for first time in two decades.
 - ii. Will take a look at things like school roofs, parking, maintenance, etc.
 - iii. Dr. Parrott on the committee
 - c. ROHS a cappella choir performed at Beaumont Royal Oak as entertainment
- VI. Committee Reports/Announcements
 - a. Math & Science Week: Rachel Forsyth
 - i. First week of February this year.
 - ii. Math & Science Night is Feb. 4, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
 - iii. Assemblies
 1. Dan Briere from The Little Creatures Co. on Tuesday morning
 2. Michigan Science Center's Science Spectacular on Thursday morning
 3. Elephant toothpaste experiments (Tuesday afternoon and all day Wednesday)
 - b. Polar Bear Dance: Joanna Chapman
 - i. 1/22
 - c. Restaurant Nights: Jennifer Kaplan
 - i. December 15: Olga's Market Fresh Grille
 - ii. January 12: Zeke's R&R BBQ

- d. Fun Run: Tiffany Vosburg
 - i. Oak Ridge made \$18,000 all said and done.
 - ii. Teachers earned \$1,100 for those classes that met their goal, including Mrs. Gaskill, Mrs. Bodle, Mrs. L., Mrs. Patton, Mrs. Mann, Mr. Stafford
- e. Ski Club: Kristen Blankenship, Jason Snook
 - i. Will meet on Tuesdays at Pine Knob
 - ii. \$25 covers two free lessons and discount lift tickets. Buy tickets at the Oak Ridge table onsite at Pine Knob.
 - iii. Carpooling is available.
 - iv. 12 – 15 families signed up as of tonight.
 - v. Notifications to registered families will be sent via the Remind app.
- f. Yoga: Dennis Kraniak
 - i. Next session: 1/12 open to the first 20 students
 - ii. K – 3 grade will meet Tuesdays. 3 – 5 grade will meet Thursday.
- g. Skate World Roller Skate Nights: Dennis Kraniak
 - i. 1/6 is the first date
 - ii. \$5 plus skate rental
 - iii. \$300 to rent the rink. Everything above and beyond will go to OR's playground fund.
- h. Playground Fund: Dennis Kraniak
 - i. Raising funds for the "big" playground
 - ii. Katie Fairless's group donated \$205 from a Pixie Shop table

VII. New Items

- a. Motions for budget items (Fun Run money and "sign" money)
 - i. Gift cards
 - 1. 10 OR families will receive \$50 gift cards for the holidays
 - ii. Upper-grade field trips
 - 1. Will cover the next four years
 - 2. \$1,000 for third grade (Detroit-focused)
 - 3. \$2,000 for fourth grade (Lansing trip with chartered busses)
 - 4. \$1,000 for fifth grade
 - iii. T-shirts
 - 1. Student Congress (~\$350)
 - a. 50 shirt for the students
 - b. Will be participating in the Great Kindness Challenge (1/25 – 1/29) and will be challenging other RO schools
 - 2. Junior Olympics (\$300 max.)
 - a. OR is the only school to give their shirts back. Students would like to keep them.
 - b. Along with the shirts, a new banner is needed for OR's Junior Olympics.
 - 3. A new permanent budget line was passed: School spirit t-shirts
 - iv. Bare books (\$300)
 - 1. Part of upper el's teacher wish list.
 - 2. Blank books with a hard cover for kids to write in.
 - v. Library books (\$1000)
 - 1. Mrs. Hansen would like some new hardcovers as paperbacks only last two years.
 - 2. Scholastic dollars also spent on some hardcovers.
 - vi. iPad holders (\$250)

1. Lower el teacher wish list. Upper el teachers have them.
 2. Not a necessity, but a nice-to-have so Board will not purchase them.
 - a. Board covers iPads, Chromebooks, etc. (The actual tech device, but never cases or other accessories.)
- vii. Small-item playground equipment
1. Includes concrete paint (9 square and other lines need to be repainted), balls, chalk, nets, etc.
 2. Discussion tabled until Spring 2016.
- VIII. Communication
- a. Check out our PTA website at www.ptaoakridge.com
 - i. Dr. Parrott includes link in weekly Connection email
 - b. Oak Ridge Facebook page: Oak Ridge PTA
- IX. Meeting Adjourned: Next meeting is Monday, Jan. 11, 2016 at 7 p.m. in the Media Center. Free childcare in Great Room!