

PTA Meeting Minutes: Jan. 11, 2016

- I. Welcome and President's Report: Kara Vos
 - a. PTA Council summary
 - i. Oak Ridge hosted January meeting
 - ii. Superintendent asked PTA members to leave positive comments about their local school at greatschools.org. Visit [here](#) to rate Oak Ridge in Royal Oak, Mich.
 - iii. Addams and Keller use Schoola to raise funds. It's a postage-paid clothes recycling program.
 - iv. Keller also hosts PTA-run activities on late starts (Young Rembrandts, Crouching Tiger)
 - v. Founders Day is Feb. 1 @ Red Run
 1. PTA will send 10 people at \$25/each.
 2. Awards will be given out. Kara looking for nominations for the new "Above and Beyond Call of Duty" award.
 - vi. 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: \$158.07 from Olga's Market Fresh Grille restaurant night. \$92 from Kroger rewards.
 - b. The Holiday Shop bake sale brought in \$205 to the playground fund.
 - c. Need reimbursement? The Reimbursement Request Form is online at www.ptaoakridge.com > Forms and also in the volunteer room.
 - d. There's a tally sheet available for incoming money. Available online and the volunteer room.
 - e. Leslie is only here on Wednesday to collect forms. Text her if something is urgent.
- III. Principal's Report: Jason Parrott
 - a. M-STEP results were sent home. Take the information for what it's worth.
 - b. Oak Ridge Live: Dr. Parrott features the high and low points each week. Last week his "Hero for the Week" was the PTA for all we do.
 - c. Royal Oak PTAs are recognizing their board liaisons. Dr. Parrott and the PTA presented Gary Briggs with a gift certificate to Holiday Market and three books for the library (The League of Unexceptional Children, Crime Bites: My Dog is Better than Your Dog; and The Adventures of Biscuit).
- IV. Teacher Representatives: Lois Mann and Gail Granett
 - a. Kindergarten Roundup is Thursday, Jan. 14. Unlike the other elementaries, Oak Ridge encourages incoming families to bring their kindergartener.
 - b. Thank you for the iPad stands in the lower grades. They are really being used.
- V. School Board Liaison: Gary Briggs
 - a. Thank you for gift.
 - b. All Royal Oak schools are green certified. We're the only district at 100% in the county.
 - c. Facilities study will be collecting input from parents.
 - i. Facilities meeting on the 1st Thursday of each month at 6 p.m.
 - ii. Will be looking at a 10 year window
 - iii. At Oak Ridge, parking and egress will be studied.
 - d. M-STEP results
 - i. In the 28 districts in Oakland County, Royal Oak came in #4, behind (in no order here) South Lyon, Troy and Novi.

- ii. Among free and reduced lunch students, Royal Oak was #1 in performance. This is a good thing as it provides a more equal comparison.

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
 - ii. A Sign-Up Genius will be sent to committee members
 - iii. Funds will be donated between the Boys & Girls Club and Forgotten Harvest
- c. Restaurant Nights: Jennifer Kaplan
 - i. January 12: Zeke's R&R BBQ
- d. Ski Club Update
 - i. Notifications to registered families will be sent via the Remind app.
 - ii. Opened up to all RO elementaries after other schools showed interest in joining.
- e. Yoga: Dennis Kraniak
 - i. Next session: 1/12 through end of March
 - ii. Tuesday session needs volunteers (3:45 – 4:30 p.m.)
- f. Skate World Roller Skate Nights: Dennis Kraniak
 - i. 1/6 brought in \$755 to the playground fund (this is after the \$300 rental fee)
 - ii. Upcoming dates: 2/11 and 3/2
- g. Mother/Son Bowling: Stephanie Murphy
 - i. 3/20 at Bowl One
 - ii. Looking for donations, so if you know of a company willing to donate something, please let Steph know.
- h. Cultural Arts: Angela Maeso
 - i. Busses are all set for the 3/10 field trip to the DSO. The \$1900 will be covered by Cultural Arts.
 - ii. Tickets for the DSO field trip will be \$5 (Originally \$6, but PTA will cover \$1/kid).
 - iii. Tickets totaled \$2,700.
 - iv. Parent chaperones will pay \$6/ticket and drive separately. It will be up to the teachers to decide how to get their chaperones.

VII. New Items

- a. Royal Oak Youth Assistance (Kate Guest)
 - i. Promoting the 34th Annual Bowl-a-Thon, which is their one fundraiser a year.
 - 1. Sunday, 3/6 at Hazel Park Bowl.
 - ii. Looking for sponsorships, donations and teams.
 - iii. There is a non-bowling option available.
 - iv. Money raised will go towards families in need as well as the Oakland county judicial side.
- b. Newsletter update
 - i. Submit items by Thursday
 - ii. Website items can be submitted on Friday

- c. Outdoor sign
 - i. Seal is broken so water is coming in and freezing the letters in place. Kristen Blankenship had to chisel the letters out.
 - ii. Dr. Parrott will handle it. It's a building maintenance issue.
- d. Congratulations to Rachel Forsyth who is the new long-term sub while Mrs. L is out on maternity leave.

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, March 14, 2016 at 7 p.m. in the Media Center. Free childcare in Great Room!