

PTA Meeting Minutes: Jan. 9, 2017

- I. Welcome and President's Report: Liz Czarnik
 - a. Welcome
 - i. December meeting was canceled due to snow day.
 - b. President's Report
 - i. ROYA hosting a bowl-a-thon (Mar. 5 from 12 – 3 p.m.) in Hazel Park.
 1. Youth Assistance's major fundraiser.
 2. Would like our PTA to have a team; email Liz if you're interested.
 3. OR teachers have a team.
 - ii. PTA Council Scholarship
 1. Open to high school seniors.
 2. There are 8 \$500 scholarships available. Usually there aren't a lot of applicants, so chances are good.
 3. Application available online.
 - iii. Founder's Day dinner (Feb. 6 at Red Run Golf Course)
 1. Takes place of the February PTA meeting.
 2. Celebration of the PTA, includes awards being presented.
 3. PTA covers the board members. If anyone is interested, please let Liz know.
- II. Treasurer's Report: Leslie Eyster
 - a. November
 - i. Income: \$221 from Blaze Pizza, \$80 from Chili's and \$124 from Shoparoo.
 - ii. Expense: \$4900 for the two new drinking fountains.
 - b. December
 - i. Income: \$20,726.99 from Fun Run and \$95 from Kroger Rewards.
 - ii. Expenses: \$867 for Cranbrook field trip
- III. Principal's Report: Jason Parrott
 - a. January is Board Member Appreciation. Jeff Brinker (our school board liaison) presented with a copy of "The Day the Crayons Quit" for our media center.
 - b. Request for funds
 - i. Thank you: Green screen and iPads for "What's Up, Oak Ridge?" They will be purchased.
 - ii. New chairs in the Media Center. We need 40 at \$100 each. Would have by the end of the year. Will PTA help fund?
 1. Earliest board would help is effective 2018/2019 and dependent on bond. (See School board liaison below.)
 - iii. We need 30 new Chromebooks and a cart for NWEA testing. Cost is \$6,000. Will PTA help fund?
 - iv. A teacher formerly at Northwood asked if OR will pay for the teachers to attend Founder's Day. Will PTA help?
 1. Some RO PTAs split the cost with the teachers 50/50.
 2. Cost is \$250/table. There is \$300 in the budget already.
 3. Stephanie Murphy raised a motion to cover the teachers at 100%, increasing the budget by \$200. Angela Maeso seconded. Motion passed.

- v. One parent wondered about spending suggestions for the Fun Run. Email any suggestions on how to spend the money to Liz by March 1.
 - vi. PTA treasurer commented on watching the spending.
- IV. Teacher Representatives: Lois Mann and Gail Granett
 - a. Kindergarten roundup: Jan. 10. Incoming kindergarteners encouraged to come.
 - b. Battle of the Books is March 29.
 - i. Fourth and fifth graders involved.
 - ii. Looking for coaches. First coaches' meeting is Jan. 24.
 - c. Meeting next week to discuss theme for March is Reading Month.
- V. School Board Liaison: Jeff Brinker
 - a. Ongoing discussion for a potential new bond for the November ballot, effective 2018/2019 school year.
 - i. \$2.7 million of that earmarked for OR improvements.
 - 1. New sign
 - 2. Reworking the back parking situation.
 - 3. Restructure the computer lab and OT/PT areas.
 - ii. High school improvement: Expanding cafeteria to better accommodate 2 lunches.
 - b. First budget amendment of the year. Close to aligning spending vs. revenue. State law specifies we can't spend a dime more than the budget. \$1.2 million of fund equity.
 - c. MLK Service Day. Includes a presentation, breakfast and a day of service.
 - d. Feb.3: Celebrate Royal Oak fundraiser at Holiday Market.
 - e. Encourages everyone to join the bowl-a-thon team.
- VI. Committee Reports
 - a. Polar Bear Dance
 - i. Jan. 27. Only open to current OR students.
 - ii. Sign Up Genius going out soon.
 - iii. Have same DJ as years past.
 - b. Math and Science Night (Julie Aichler)
 - i. Glad to have Rachel Forsyth for support/information. Thanks to Cultural Arts for planning assemblies.
 - ii. Math and Science Week begins Feb. 6.
 - iii. Assembly on Feb. 7 will run throughout the day.
 - 1. Takes place of the in-school experiment.
 - 2. Volunteers needed.
 - iv. Math and Science Night is Feb. 9 (5:30 to 7:30 p.m.)
 - v. There will be lots of experiments.
 - vi. Sign Up Genius going out soon. Liz reminded to include slots for middle schoolers to help.
 - c. Newsletter
 - i. Distribution moving to every other week.
 - ii. If you have information to include, email it to Trish Donaldson by Thursday at Noon.
- VII. Old Business
 - a. None

- VIII. New Business
 - a. Stephanie Murphy moving
 - i. In need of a new mother/son bowling chairperson to pair up the kids and collect money.
 - ii. Historian function: Continue to post photos online and Steph will get them.
 - 1. She needs photos from 4th/5th grade field trips as the teachers haven't been responsive.
 - 2. Dr. Parrott will follow up w/ staff.
 - b. Nominating Committee
 - i. Must be formed by March.
 - ii. Should be 3 to 5 people (cannot be Liz or anyone wanting to run for a position)
 - iii. If interested, email Liz.
- IX. Questions/Concerns
 - a. Ongoing parking problems in circle drive.
 - i. Cannot get a crossing guard to patrol as those are through ROPD.
- X. 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 Closed Group
 - c. Read weekly eFolder and other announcements:
<http://www.royaloakschools.org/elementary/oakridge/announcements/>
- XI. Meeting Adjourned: Next meeting is Monday, Mar. 13 at 7 p.m. in the Media Center. Free childcare is provided!