

PTA Meeting Minutes: Jan. 8, 2018

- I. Welcome: Dr. Parrot
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- II. Treasurer's Report: Leslie Eyster
 - a. Income
 - i. Restaurant Nights: \$163.91 from Blaze Pizza and Olga's
 - ii. Store Rewards: \$399.57 from Kroger and Toyology
- III. Principal's Report: Jason Parrott
 - a. MLK Day of Service
 - i. Monday, Jan. 15, 2018 @ Berkley High School (8 – 11:30 a.m.)
 - ii. Oak Ridge is collecting nightlights, lotion and washcloths
 - iii. <https://www.romi.gov/998/MLK-Service-Day>
 - b. Phase 1 of millage
 - i. Dr. Parrott is looking for a few parents to participate on a design team and provide input.
 - ii. 1 or 2 hours per month to start
 - iii. Areas of focus: media center and OT/PT
 - c. Kindergarten welcome night
 - i. Wed., Jan. 10.
 - ii. Oak Ridge is the only school to invite incoming kindergarteners
 - d. Second grade teacher posting
 - i. Jenny Patton is retiring at the end of the marking period. Last day is Friday, Jan. 26.
 - ii. Already 120 applicants.
 - iii. Dr. Parrott hopes to have a new teacher hired and ready to start on Monday, Jan. 29.
- IV. Teacher Representatives: Lois Mann and Gail Granett
 - a. Mrs. Mann reaffirmed request for incoming kindergarteners to attend Welcome Night
 - b. Student Senate helping on MLK Day
 - i. At least 10 student senators are teaming up with Addams Elementary student senators from 10 – 11:30 a.m.
 - ii. Addams does its own community service projects on MLK Day.
 - iii. OR students going to help and see if this is something they want to bring to OR in 2019.
- V. Rachel Forsyth – Update on STEM Resources
 - a. Purchased 3 or 4 things to pilot, then will get more of what works.
 - b. Keva planks
 - i. 500 pc. box and challenge cards (lower el and upper el)
 - ii. Fifth grade did a engineering projects with them: made tallest towers, then towers that would support the most weight.
 - c. Ozobots
 - i. 16 units purchased along with charging stations
 - ii. Allows for 2 students per unit
 - iii. Use markers to draw a path for ozobot to follow. Use color codes to give instructions to the robot.
 - iv. Also able to use block code on iPads.
 - d. Dash & Dot Robots
 - i. Dot stands still. Dash moves around.
 - ii. Programmable via iPad.
 - iii. Also able to program in 2 coding languages for older kids.
 - iv. These have challenge cards as well.
 - e. Everything on display at Math & Science Night.

- VI. President's Report: Liz Czarnik
 - a. Royal Oak Youth Assistance Bowl-a-Thon: Mar. 4, 2018.
 - i. Let Liz Czarnik know if you're interested in an Oak Ridge team.
 - b. PTA Council scholarship
 - i. Encourage seniors to apply for scholarship
 - c. Founder's Day dinner (Feb. 5, 2018)
 - i. Celebration of PTA within RO.
 - ii. OR PTA buys two tables: 1 for members (executive board) and 1 for teachers/staff
 - iii. No February PTA meeting.

- VII. School Board Liaison: Jeff Brinker
 - a. Bonds are being sold this month to institutions in St. Louis, MO.
 - b. Pool @ ROHS
 - i. Projected to be closed until start of 2018–2019 school year.
 - ii. Unexpected repairs to roofing and substructure.
 - 1. Using funds from rainy day fund. Didn't know extent of damage or cost to repair at beginning.
 - iii. Metal in that area has rusted a piece fell through ceiling.
 - iv. Doing asbestos remediation.
 - c. Board meeting: Jan. 11 @ 7 p.m.
 - i. Many policies being updated to comply with ever-changing laws.
 - ii. Also presenting update on student population projection
 - 1. Roughly 30 students over 5 years
 - 2. Due to smaller family sizes and people moving into RO aren't school age families.
 - iii. @ 6 p.m before meeting: Discussion on improving transitions from elementary to middle and middle to high schools.

- VIII. Committee Reports/Announcements
 - a. Polar Bear Dance (Heather Ruffles)
 - i. First event for the new chairperson
 - ii. Bringing back same DJ, but rate was raised to \$499 for 2 hours.
 - 1. Will increase budget next year to accommodate that.
 - iii. Sign Up Genius almost full.
 - iv. Donations will go to Forgotten Harvest.

 - b. Skate World (Liz Czarnik for Angela Maeso)
 - i. Rescheduled twice (all-city 5th grade concert, weather/snow day)
 - ii. We can't reschedule again, so event will happen regardless of weather.
 - iii. January 31: 6:15 – 8:15 p.m.

 - c. Math and Science Week (Julie Aichler)
 - i. First week of February.
 - ii. Math & Science Night: Feb. 8
 - iii. Committee meeting this week
 - iv. Volunteers needed. Sign Up Genius going out next week.
 - 1. 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. and 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. slots.
 - 2. Middle and high school students welcome to help.
 - v. Optional items will be coming home
 - 1. St. Jude Math-a-Thon book.
 - 2. Take-home experiment.
 - 3. Activity tickets

- a. Class with highest number of tickets will get a special experiment.
 - vi. Assemblies
 - 1. Animals in the Environment
 - 2. Forces in Motion
 - d. Unplugged Week (Liz Czarnik for Paula Heckman)
 - i. First full week in March.
 - ii. Skate World will be held on Wednesday.
 - iii. Kids in the Kitchen (Thursday) but kids will make the food themselves this time per OR request.
 - iv. Possibility of swim night @ ROMS, but might be challenging due to schedule and ROHS pool being out of commission.
 - e. Holiday Shop (Nicole Sauerwald)
 - i. Camp Casey receiving \$100 from the holiday shop.
 - ii. Student Senate made \$163.
 - iii. Book fair was more successful this year.
 - 1. Taking the full total amount in Scholastic dollars for media center (about \$1600)
- IX. Old Business
- a. None
- X. New Business
- a. Nominating committee
 - i. Looking for 3 to 5 people.
 - ii. Can't be on the board for next year and serve on the committee.
 - iii. Many slots will be open including president, treasurer, secretary
 - iv. Would love support from lower el families.
 - b. Fun Run (Jeanne Winterburn)
 - i. Would like an official committee to help organize event
 - ii. Looking for creative ideas
- XI. 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.royalookschools.org/elementary/oakridge/announcements/>
- XII. Meeting Adjourned: Next meeting is Monday, March 12 at 7 p.m. in the Media Center. Free childcare is provided!