

Oak Ridge Elementary



Virtual Membership Meeting

January 10, 2022 @ 7:00pm

Via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

- I. Call to Order/Welcome/President's Report -- Tiffany Vosburg
 - a) PTA Council report—
 - Open council positions. Contact Tiffany or Maryann.
 - Founders day – postponed to next year
 - Bowl-a-thon for RO Youth Foundation also cancelled but PTA council will make a donation
 - ROSD Facilities manager is retiring
 - PTA Council scholarship available for ROHS seniors going to college or trade schools
 - No large group gatherings
 - Thank you to Marianne VanHaitsma and the other School Board members. It is School Board Appreciation Month and we certainly do appreciate all they do.
- II. Approve November Meeting Minutes --Julie Aichler
 - Julie motioned to approve the minutes. Dr. Parrott seconded. The minutes were approved.
 - Minutes are all on Facebook/Website and Member hub
- III. Treasurer's Report--Elizabeth Parr
 - Current balance ~\$37,500
 - Reminder to Teachers to submit receipts for their annual reimbursement for class enrichment
- IV. Principal's Report--Jason Parrott
 - Good first week back
 - Seeing spike in COVID numbers but still doing well compared to others (luck).
 - Sarah and Paula are working hard in the office keeping up with the needs related to Covid requirements. Thank you to them for all the extra work they are doing.
 - Thank you to the school board. Maryanne is a great board liaison for us.
 - NWEA winter testing just started. The message to kids is - Do the best you can, but don't worry too much about it.
 - Going event by event. Dances cancelled. Waiting to see what we can hold in the spring.
 - Temperature limit for outdoor recess? —12-15 degrees with wind chill. But it depends on the day and how it feels outside. Want to get them outside as often as can.
 - There will be a lock down drill on Tuesday Jan. 11. It will take place with normal activities underway to be realistic.

- V. Teacher Representative Report--Lois Mann/Rachel Forsyth
- Thank you again for all the treats in the teachers lounge
 - The year is going well. The kids are very positive despite the many normal things that still can't do. Quarantines are challenging and a lot to keep track of. Seeing the challenges on the kids too (as a parent as well). Reiterated the extra time that Sarah and Paula are putting in with tracking phone calls and record keeping, logistics, around the covid cases.
 - Mrs. Forsyth, asked if the district has looked into hiring someone to handle the Covid related work. Dr. Parrott responded that something that aware of and want to alleviate but a position hasn't been posted yet. Mrs. VanHaitsma indicated Superintendent knows it is an issue and has been talking with school board to figure out what is needed and how to address it.
 - MLK day – Oak Ridge DEI Committee – Focusing on the children's crusade. Reading a book about it (and the youngest protestor). 5th graders contributing videos about it for other classes to watch. The school will walk/march around the building (socially distanced) on Thursday. And they have planned individual service projects in class rooms on Friday.
 - IXL (math program) follow-up – Dr. Parrott and several teachers wrote a letter to the district and presented to the learning council the request to fund this program. They turned it down, citing lack of funds. They don't have ESR funds earmarked for this. They are piloting a new program for math that would start next year and they don't want to use IXL if the other program will be used. As long as the middle school keeps IXL for the rest of this year, Oak Ridge classes currently using it will still have it for this year (5th grade, Mrs. McBath, and 2nd grade).
- VI. School Board Liaison Report--Maryanne VanHaitsma
- MLK day celebration – student driven planning. Moved to virtual program to air at 9:30 am on MLK Day and available for reply. They are still planning a Freedom walk around ROMS and donations to charities to be collected at the ROMS site. City website needs to be updated to show what donations are being collected.
 - COVID challenges - 50-70% of substitute teacher vacancies are filled. They do appreciate all the extra work being done at every building. This is so that we can keep the kids in person, which is important. Feel that school is safe place for kids to be because of all the precautions in place.
 - Jan 26 at 7pm Kindergarten welcome night – Dr. Parrott noted that it will be virtual, similar to last year. They plan to have the kids into the building to see the classroom and building in August.
 - Jan 27 – kindergarten registration opens – let friends and neighbors know to register early if they have incoming students
 - Feb 28-Mar 25 – school of choice registrations
 - CCEC – Jan 18 6:30-8:00 in person in school board building
 - School board meeting this Thursday Jan 13.
 - London family memorial – Thank you to those who donated.

- The board appreciates the families and school staff in RO.
- VII. Committee Reports
- a) DEI Committee—Kiddie D’Agostino
 - Meetings Wed for Oak Ridge building and district level
 - b) Volunteers & chairs to organize virtual dance party, virtual bingo night & maybe a road rally in spring. Please let Tiffany and/or Katie Volk know if you can volunteer or chair one of these.
- VIII. Announcements
- a) Marco’s Pizza – Jan 11th & Feb 8th
 - b) PAC Meeting – Jan 19th @ 6:30pm (RO Schools Board office or virtual) Parent Advisory Committee
 - c) Zeoli’s – Jan 25th – all day – carryout or dine in only (10% of sales back to PTA). Italian food.
 - d) Polar Bear Dance cancelled
 - e) Spring Fling Dance cancelled
 - f) Math/Science Week – first full week of Feb – it will be similar to last year with remote activities
 - g) Sherlie’s Delights – Feb 12th all day
- IX. Old Business
- a) None
- X. New Business
- a) PTA Board positions open for next school year – president, secretary, historian, member at large, VP membership. Contact Tiffany or person in that current position if interested to learn more and volunteer. Nominating committee will be formed in March. We present the nominee slate in April and Vote in May.
 - b) Question for Dr. Parrott - If kids are fully vaccinated and a close contact of a positive case, is it still valid that they do not have to quarantine or has this new variant adjusted that? As of today they do not need to quarantine, but that could change if the Oakland Co Health Department changes the recommendations.

Adjourn – 7:57 pm

Next PTA Meeting: February 14, 2021 @ 7pm Via Zoom

2021 – 2022 Oak Ridge Elementary PTA Calendar (updated 1/10/2022)

****Note – this is only a tentative calendar of events & is subject to change**

****All PTA General Membership Meetings will be held via Zoom at 7pm**

**** PAC Meetings (Parent Advisory Committee) will take place both virtually & at the Board Office at 6:30pm**

<p>September</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9 – Back to School PTA Social 13 – PTA Meeting 14 – Marco’s Pizza Fundraiser 30 – Panda Express Fundraiser 	<p>January</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 – PTA Meeting 11 – Marco’s Pizza Fundraiser 19 – PAC Meeting 21 – Polar Bear Dance (Upper Elementary – grades 3-5) 25 – Zeoli’s Restaurant Fundraiser
<p>October</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 – Walk to School Day 11 – PTA Meeting 12 – Fun Run 12 – Marco’s Pizza Fundraiser 20 – PAC Meeting 22 – Trunk or Treat 	<p>February</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7-11 – Math & Science Week (virtual) 12 – Sherlie’s Delights Fundraiser 14 – PTA Meeting 15 – Marco’s Pizza Fundraiser 16 – PAC Meeting
<p>November</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 – PTA Meeting 9 – Marco’s Pizza Fundraiser 13 – Sherlie’s Delights Fundraiser 17 – PAC Meeting 	<p>March</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feb 28 – Mar 4 – Unplugged Week 14 – PTA Meeting 15 – Marco’s Pizza Fundraiser 16 – PAC Meeting 18-25 Scholastic Book Fair
<p>December</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 – Pumachug Fundraiser 2-9 Scholastic Book Fair 13 – PTA Meeting 14 – Marco’s Pizza Fundraiser 15 – PAC Meeting 	<p>April</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11 – PTA Meeting 12 – Marco’s Pizza Fundraiser 20 – PAC Meeting 29 – Spring Fling Dance (Lower Elem. – grades DK-2)
	<p>May</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9 – PTA Meeting 10 – Marco’s Pizza Fundraiser 18 – PAC Meeting
	<p>June</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 – PAC Meeting 9 – End of Year All School Picnic 13 – PTA Meeting 14 – Marco’s Pizza Fundraiser