

PTA Meeting Minutes: March 12, 2018

- I. Welcome and President's Report: Liz Czarnik
 - a. Welcome to Mary Beth Fitzpatrick
 - b. 100th anniversary of PTA
 - i. Centennial celebration on April 21.
 - ii. PTA Council has a table if you're interested in attending.
- II. Treasurer's Report: Leslie Eyster
 - a. Income
 - i. Restaurant Nights: Detroit Taco Company
 - ii. Store Rewards: Amazon
 - b. Reimbursement form
 - i. Hard copies in PTA volunteer room. Electronic copies on PTA website.
 - ii. Please be sure to complete.
 - c. Event tally sheet
 - i. Please complete if you're running an event.
 - ii. Available online.
 - d. Teacher funds
 - i. Teachers each have \$50 in funds available to use.
- III. Principal's Report: Jason Parrott
 - a. Unplugged Week
 - i. Thank you to PTA for a great week.
 - b. Oak Ridge secure mode
 - i. Happened today and email sent out shortly after
 - ii. Medical emergency. Person is fine.
 - iii. This is not lockdown mode. Learning continues.
 - iv. "Secure mode" means building is closed to visitors. Kids stay in their rooms.
- IV. Teacher Representatives: Lois Mann and Gail Granett
 - a. Mary Kosnik named Royal Oak Schools' Elementary Teacher of the Year
 - b. March is Reading Month
 - i. Read, White and Blue
 - ii. Ties in with the 50th Red, White and Blue Day
 - c. Red, White and Blue Day
 - i. 2018 marks the 50th year.
 - ii. Hoping to publicize to bring back alumni, both former teachers and students
 - iii. Reception planned for after the ceremony
 - iv. Don Danaher is requesting a flyover.
 - d. Open house on March 28.
 - e. Student senate
 - i. Kindness week wrapped up.
 - ii. Student/teacher basketball game: April 27
 - iii. Talent show: Coming in May
- V. School Board Liaison: Jeff Brinker
 - a. Contracts being released for summer work.
 - i. Major roof work @ OR. It's the biggest roofing project in the district.
 - ii. Concrete will be replaced. Different access plan is in the works for 2019.
 - iii. Improved site lighting.
 - b. Advisory group is working on plan for media center
 - c. Affirmation that learning continues in secure mode
 - d. Comment from Elizabeth Mulheisen:

- i. Ice along south side of Great Room is horrible. Can this be addressed in summer work?
 - ii. There's no gutter along there and sidewalk pitch is bad.
 - iii. Jeff said he'll have the contractor look into it.
- e. Question from Julie Aichler:
 - i. What is the status of the 2018–2019 calendar? What is the planned start date?
 - ii. Jeff explained calendar isn't out yet as contract is up for negotiation. RO will start Tuesday after Labor Day.
 - iii. Mary Beth explained an exemption is required to start before then and you have to qualify for that exemption. For example, a district with year-round school would count.
- f. Question from Angela Maeso:
 - i. Regarding School of Choice (SOC), is it based on number of spots open or is it "unlimited" as stated on the district website?
 - ii. Jeff explained it's unlimited on a space-available basis. They don't want to specify a certain number of spots per grade level.
 - iii. Some concerns about still having that desired student/teacher ratio under that SOC plan.
 - 1. District addressed by reducing the application window by 3 weeks. They feel that there's a big difference in that 3 weeks based on previous enrollment date.
 - 2. School board has tried different tactics; some of them worked but not others. Adjusting as necessary.
 - a. Example: Used to protect two to four slots/grade, but that failed. School board adjusted that as a result.
- g. Board meeting: April 12 @ 7 p.m.

VI. Committee Reports/Announcements

- a. Communications
 - i. Please have all news or requests to Trisha by Wednesday to publish on Friday.
 - ii. Earlier the better!
- b. Unplugged Week
 - i. Paula's first year chairing that committee.
 - ii. Thank you to all those who helped.
 - iii. Swim night @ ROMS was added. It was a big success and everyone was safe.
- c. Restaurant Night
 - i. McDonald's on March 28 (same night as Open House). No flyer needed.
 - ii. PTA hopes to do the rest of the Restaurant Nights electronically. If a flyer is needed, each family will be responsible for printing it.
- d. Family Ice Skating Night
 - i. Saturday, March 24. 6:30 – 7:50 p.m. at John Lindell Ice Arena.
 - ii. New activity for Oak Ridge.
- d. Scholastic Book Fair
 - i. March 27 – 29 in the hallway between office and media center.
 - ii. Open during Open House.
 - iii. Looking for volunteers to help.
- e. Sweetheart Dance and Mother/Son Event
 - i. Sweetheart dance: Friday, April 20
 - ii. May the 4th Be With You: Friday, May 4
 - iii. Chairs of mom/son event requested budget increase.
 - 1. Asking for \$2500 as current budget is \$100. Sweetheart dance budget is \$500.
 - 2. Expecting \$1600 in food costs.

3. Old bowling event charged \$11/person but chairs want the mom/son event to be \$5/person just like the daddy/daughter Sweetheart Dance.
4. Flyers were more expensive than expected.
 - a. 2-sided color.
 - b. Went home with everyone.
5. Liz suggested increasing budget of both dance and mom/son event to \$750.
 - a. Johanna Kononen made motion.
 - b. Kathleen London seconded.
 - c. Motion carried.

- f. Blood drive (Nicole Sauerwald)
 - i. Tuesday, March 27.
 - ii. Volunteers needed.

VII. Old Business

- a. Nominating committee
 - i. Johanna Kononen and Julie Aichler
 - ii. Still need 1 more person to help. Email lizczarnik@gmail.com if you're interested.
 - iii. There's a huge board turnover this year, including president, secretary, treasurer, and more.

VIII. New Business

- a. Angela Maeso speaking for the 4th grade teachers
 - i. The 4th grades previously donated \$1000/year to help preserve historical flags in Lansing.
 1. Money came from the bagel sales, but they no longer handle those.
 2. Flags are kept in a special room. Most 4th grades don't get to go in, but OR kids do due to their donations.
 3. Teachers are requesting \$500 from PTA. They also hope to ask Student Senate for \$500. That would allow the 4th grade to continue adopting a flag.
 - ii. We have the \$500 in philanthropy budget.
 1. Angela Maeso made motion to give the \$500 from Philanthropy line item to the 4th grade.
 2. Elizabeth Mulheisen seconded.
 3. Motion carried.
- b. Chairperson vacancies
 - i. Lots of openings. Big ones are grounds/beautification, volunteer coordinator and school picnic.
- c. Angela Maeso heard that Oakland Elementary is using its dads group to help police the school's parking situation.
 - i. Asked Dr. Parrott to see how its going.
 - ii. She's interested in implementing volunteer policing @ OR.

IX. 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/>

- X. Meeting Adjourned: Next meeting is Monday, April 9 at 7 p.m. in the Media Center. Free childcare is provided!