

## Oak Ridge Elementary



### Virtual Membership Meeting

March 14, 2022 @ 7:00pm

Via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

- I. Call to Order/Welcome/President's Report -- Tiffany Vosburg
  - a) PTA Council report—
    - If interested to join PTA council they are looking for officers. Maryanne is current PTA council president. Royal Oak PTA Council open positions: President, VPs, Secretary, Treasurer. I will most likely stay on for support in a different role.
    - Interclub Council is looking for officers too. Organizations in Royal Oak come together in this group. Information on the Royal Oak City website. Openings: Secretary & Member at Large. <https://www.romi.gov/1335/Royal-Oak-Inter-Club-Council>
    - Marcy Dwyer from state PTA was guest speaker. Spoke about the "Let kids learn" petition – [letmikidslearn.com](http://letmikidslearn.com) – There are 2 petitions being circulated- one is described as scholarship fund for students and the other is for business tax credits for contributions. The tax credits and funding would come out of the school aid fund; takes money from public schools (this is spearheaded by Betsy DeVos). If asked to sign a petition, ask questions about what it is about.
      - More information at [ForMIKIDS.com](http://ForMIKIDS.com) & attend PTA Advocacy Event this Saturday, March 19 via zoom. Register in advance for this webinar: [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_MmbTQnvRQqKVqO\\_Gz7DWbg](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_MmbTQnvRQqKVqO_Gz7DWbg)
      - If see people collecting signatures for these petitions, please contact Marcy Dwyer to let her know where they are located. Her number is 248-506-4574.
    - Rotary Club Gala – April 9 at Club Venetian – Raising funds for scholarships for Royal Oak city students. Event includes a live auction and silent auction. Oak Ridge PTA donated a basket with spirit wear, etc. If interested in attending, tickets are \$75 includes dinner and 2 drinks. Tables of 8 can be reserved.
- 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
  - Line items later in the meeting to approve budget items.
  - Current balance ~\$37,500
  - Reminder to Teachers to submit receipts for their annual reimbursement for class enrichment. Place expense reports in the PTA mailbox in the copy room (not the blue mailbox). Those who have fun run money, please submit by April 15.
- IV. Principal's Report--Jason Parrott

- If you see people trying to get signatures for the “Let Kids Learn” petition, please let Dr. Parrott or Tiffany know where or contact Marcy Dwyer directly, 248-506-4574.
- They are getting used to mask mandate being lifted, whether wearing a mask or not.
- MSTEP coming up for grades 3, 4, 5. The message to the kids is to do your best and don’t worry about your score.
- 5<sup>th</sup> graders planning celebration with parents present inside or outside TBD. Coordinating with other buildings but not all doing the same thing.
- So far haven’t had any more cases without masks than we did with mask mandate. Covid tracking: <https://www.royaloakschools.org/district/covid-19-info/covid-19-notification-center/>

V. Teacher Representative Report--Lois Mann/Rachel Forsyth

- Reading month, kids have been bringing in tickets. Krysta did some amazing bulletin boards for the Olympic theme
- Red, White, and Blue day planning – it will be in front of school and parents can come. This is the plan but could change. Red, White, and Blue day does have PTA budget for flags and paper plates. They would like to do popsicles. Red, White, and Blue Day budget is \$75 currently
- Thank you to Katie and Nikki for subbing. The parent pool of subs is greatly appreciated.
- The kids have been very kind to each other regarding wearing a mask or not. Noted for both older and younger kids.
- Field trips – 1<sup>st</sup> grade is looking at getting Trunks from Troy Historical Museum. 5<sup>th</sup> grade looking into Charles Wright Museum. 4<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Lansing is being planned. These are pending approval.
- Field trip budget breakdown: 5th \$1000, 4th \$2000, 3rd \$1000, DK-2 \$1000 (\$100 per teacher)
- DEI – School committee met and doing a bulletin board. Where are teachers from. Highlight the groups being celebrated each month. Next meeting April 6.
- The ice machine is on the fritz and a replacement is requested.

VI. School Board Liaison Report--Maryanne VanHaitsma

- Board meeting last week. 1<sup>st</sup> time in a long time with students present. Honored High School boys swim and dive, boys basketball, and girls swim and dive teams, coaches, and students for their academic and sports accomplishments.
- Final bond projects, ROMS, Northwood, Churchill, maintenance building, and window project at ROHS to be completed.
- Encouraged by the overall drop in COVID numbers.
- IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) Funding. MaryBeth Fitzpatrick and Erika Watson went to Washington DC to advocate for Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and proper funding. The board approved a proclamation to ask Legislators for this appropriate funding.
- Please complete the ROSD Website survey.
- Entering negotiation season for all 4 contracts in the district.
- Looking forward to more activities and events.

VII. Committee Reports

- a) Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee—Kiddie D’Agostino

- Familiarizing everyone else with how to handle situations and inform others about DEI.
  - Next year more meetings with teachers and PTAs
  - Looking for 3 more members for Oak Ridge DEI committee.
  - Fund raising for DEI support for book fair is slow and may not be able to offer it this time. Considering using Scholastic dollars toward this.
- b) Book fair - Sarah Austin–
- Fall sales \$7,127.19 before tax. Largest fair we have ever done. \$3,500 in scholastic dollars raised.
  - Spring fair setup in the great room. Preview day 3/18. Shopping days 21-25.
  - Sarah talked with Scholastic about how to administer the DEI funds. Idea to use ESSR funds for this purpose. Typically we use our scholastic dollars for library books but we have about \$3,886 currently.
  - We need volunteers and there is a Signup Genius link on the PTA Facebook page.  
\*\*remind your kids to remember to account for taxes and pick books that cost about \$2 less than the money that they have to spend. Or put more in their eWallet and tell them that they have less.
- c) Unplugged week – Katy Engle/Stephanie Rowland –
- Thank you to the office for passing out prizes to the students.
  - Thank you for organizing it. The activities were great and it was flexible for families to do.

#### VIII. Announcements

- a) PAC – March meeting is Wed 3/16 6pm (ROSchools Board office or virtual)
- b) ROMPA – March 22 – Tiffany posted on FB page
- c) Panda Express Fundraiser – March 21st
- d) Scholastic Spring Book Fair – March 21-25
- e) Marco’s Pizza – April 12th
- f) Olga’s Kitchen Fundraiser – April 27th

#### IX. Old Business

- a) None

#### X. New Business

- a) PTA Board positions for next school year –president, secretary, historian, member at large, VP membership – Great way to get to know families, teachers, and staff in Oak Ridge. See what is going on in school and be a part of it. Candidates must be a current PTA member.
- b) Nominating Committee – will need 3-5 members volunteers, 1 person as committee chair. Teachers can be on the nominating committee. Elizabeth Parr (board member committee member), Lisa Karczewski volunteered. We need at least one more volunteer. Please contact Tiffany. Need to post slate in April and Vote at May meeting.
- c) Addition of budget line for Specials – music, art, PE, OR Live, media center, etc. (\$3,000)
  - PTA was approached to purchase Ukuleles for the OR music class. This was approved by the PTA Board.
  - We would like to have a budget line to help with these types of requests. E. Parr motioned to create a line item for \$3,000 to cover equipment for Specials. Dr. Parrott seconded. Unanimously Approved. This year it is \$3,000, but each year will be determined based on available budget.

- d) Addition of budget line for stocking staff lounge (\$2,000)
- Annual budget for snacks for the staff lounge. E. Parr motion for line item to stock the staff lounge for \$2,000 for the year. Seconded by Dr. Parrott. Unanimously approved.
  - The teachers really appreciate this and it is nice to have.
- e) Use of \$4,000 in scholastic dollars – split evenly between DEI & teachers
- Teachers have asked for new books for the school. There is a larger range of reading skills in each grade level now and wider range of classroom books are needed. Books they have are also outdated and they want to update their books.
  - Propose to split this funding between DEI and the teachers
  - \$700 used during the last bookfair for DEI books for the library.
  - Additional scholastic dollars will be raised through the spring bookfair to be used for the library.
  - Total teachers would like to get would be \$1500 per every 2 grades (\$750 per grade). Scholastic doesn't have sets of books that the teachers can use for guided reading with groups of students.
  - The request has been made of the curriculum department, but they indicated that PTA has funded books in the past. Particularly now it seems that the District should cover some of this with ESSR funds or curriculum budget.
  - Other schools are getting books from PTA. It is a need that could be met with funds that are not being spent on events.
  - The district has purchased some books for libraries to improve DEI.
  - Tabled discussion for further consideration by the PTA Board, with the understanding that the scholastic dollars will not cover the need.
  - Better understanding of cost estimates from teachers on what they need would also help with evaluation of the budget.

Adjourn – 8:35 pm

Next PTA Meeting: April 11, 2022 @ 7pm Via Zoom

## 2021 – 2022 Oak Ridge Elementary PTA Calendar (updated 3/14/2022)

**\*\*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><b>September</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9 – Back to School PTA Social</li> <li>13 – PTA Meeting</li> <li>14 – Marco’s Pizza Fundraiser</li> <li>30 – Panda Express Fundraiser</li> </ul>	<p><b>January</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10 – PTA Meeting</li> <li>11 – Marco’s Pizza Fundraiser</li> <li>19 – PAC Meeting</li> <li><del>21 – Polar Bear Dance (Upper Elementary – grades 3-5)</del></li> <li>25 – Zeoli’s Restaurant Fundraiser</li> </ul>
<p><b>October</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5 – Walk to School Day</li> <li>11 – PTA Meeting</li> <li>12 – Fun Run</li> <li>12 – Marco’s Pizza Fundraiser</li> <li>20 – PAC Meeting</li> <li>22 – Trunk or Treat</li> </ul>	<p><b>February</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7-11 – Math &amp; Science Week</li> <li>10 – Math &amp; Science Night</li> <li>12 – Sherlie’s Delights Fundraiser</li> <li>14 – PTA Meeting</li> <li>15 – Marco’s Pizza Fundraiser</li> <li>16 – PAC Meeting</li> </ul>
<p><b>November</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8 – PTA Meeting</li> <li>9 – Marco’s Pizza Fundraiser</li> <li>13 – Sherlie’s Delights Fundraiser</li> <li>17 – PAC Meeting</li> </ul>	<p><b>March</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Feb 28 – Mar 4 – Unplugged Week (virtual)</li> <li>8 – Marco’s Pizza Fundraiser</li> <li>14 – PTA Meeting</li> <li>16 – PAC Meeting</li> <li>18-25 Scholastic Book Fair</li> <li>21 – Panda Express Fundraiser</li> </ul>
<p><b>December</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 – Pumachug Fundraiser</li> <li>2-9 Scholastic Book Fair</li> <li>13 – PTA Meeting</li> <li>14 – Marco’s Pizza Fundraiser</li> <li>15 – PAC Meeting</li> </ul>	<p><b>April</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11 – PTA Meeting</li> <li>12 – Marco’s Pizza Fundraiser</li> <li>20 – PAC Meeting</li> <li>27 – Olga’s Kitchen Fundraiser</li> <li><del>29 – Spring Fling Dance (Lower Elem. – grades DK-2)</del></li> </ul>
	<p><b>May</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9 – PTA Meeting</li> <li>10 – Marco’s Pizza Fundraiser</li> <li>18 – PAC Meeting</li> </ul>
	<p><b>June</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8 – PAC Meeting</li> <li>9 – End of Year All School Picnic</li> <li>13 – PTA Meeting</li> <li>14 – Marco’s Pizza Fundraiser</li> </ul>

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For current information, please visit our Facebook group: Oak Ridge Elementary PTA

We also have a website: [www.ptaoakridge.com](http://www.ptaoakridge.com)

For school information, go to: [royaloakschool.org/elementary/oakridge/](http://royaloakschool.org/elementary/oakridge/)

For district information, go to: [royaloakschools.org](http://royaloakschools.org)

PTA Meetings will be held via Zoom on the second Monday of the month at 7pm. A link will be sent out for each meeting. Please attend so you can stay up to date on what the PTA is doing and has planned.

Meeting Dates for 2021-2022

~~September 13~~

~~October 11~~

~~November 8~~

~~December 13~~

~~January 10~~

~~February 14~~

March 14

April 11

May 9

June 13