

PTA Meeting Minutes: Nov. 9, 2015

- I. Welcome and President's Report: Kara Vos
 - a. PTA Council summary
 - i. Superintendent's report: New principal @ ROHS. Working with the ROMS to improve transition from middle to high school.
 - ii. ROMS Media Center changing name to Learning Commons to reflect shift in media/learning trends. This might eventually take effect at elementaries, too.
 - iii. PTA Workshop series @ ROMS. Upcoming topics are "Avoid Helicopter parenting (but still be in the airport) on Nov. 19 and "Riding the Pre-Teen Rollercoaster (without getting sick) on Jan. 14.
 - iv. Elementary fun run totals
 1. Oakland: About \$5,000
 2. Keller: About \$12,000
 3. Northwood: About \$28,000
 - v. Elementary school holiday donations
 1. Some do holiday baskets for families in need
 2. Oak Ridge partners w/ Boys and Girls Club and the Salvation Army
 - a. Proposed idea: PJs and a book
 - b. Proposed idea: Sponsor a family through the Boys and Girls Club for \$250
 - i. Angela Almas raised a motion to sponsor the family (B&G Club does the shopping). Stephanie Murphy seconded. Motion passed
 - vi. Royal Oak Community Happenings
 1. Crazy for You at ROHS (weekend of Nov. 14)
 2. Boys and Girls Club's Be Fit Festival (Nov. 14)
 3. Oak Ridge Relay for Life Vendor Show (Nov. 14)
 4. ROHS PTSA Holiday Arts and Crafts Marketplace (Nov. 21)
 5. ROHS Jingle Bell Jazz (Dec. 17) to benefit Welcome Inn Day Center
- II. Treasurer's Report: Leslie Eyster
 - a. 29 new members processed
 - b. Deposited checks from the Fun Run
- III. Principal's Report: Jason Parrott
 - a. Fun Run assembly
 - b. First marking period ended. Dr. Parrott very impressed with students.
- IV. Teacher Representatives: Lois Mann and Gail Granett
 - a. Student Senate
 - i. 50 kids running
 - ii. As a result, this school year OR will have Student Congress, broken up as a house and senate
 - b. PTA providing dinner during conferences
 - c. Writer assembly follow-up (Emma Lesko). Very inspirational and kids responded very well to her.
 - d. Halloween Parade didn't get rained out for the 1st time in four years.
- V. School Board Liaison: Gary Briggs
 - a. There will be a facilities study in conjunction with the ongoing sinking fund
 - i. More publicly visible this time. It's a joint effort between the Board and a committee.

- ii. Focus on equity amongst the buildings
- iii. They don't want an increase in cost for residents.

VI. Committee Reports/Announcements

- a. Fundraising: Tiffany Vosburg
 - i. Fun Run on Oct. 15.
 - 1. Goal was \$14,000. Brought in \$21,000!
 - 2. Top fundraiser (\$1100 in donations) was in Mr. Stafford's room.
 - 3. Almost 60% of the students were registered online.
 - 4. 2016 Fun Run: Sept. 29
 - 5. Suggestion from Kindergarten parent:
 - a. Let first-year families know what's expected, how to better navigate the fun run Web site, and how to find child's ranking
- b. Holiday Shop: Angela Almas
 - i. Friday, Dec. 11 3:45 – 7 p.m.
 - ii. Hoping for 40 crafters.
 - iii. Will not be open to the public.
 - iv. Sign-up to help will be available through the PTA newsletter
 - v. Book Fair in Media Center, with a presale on Thursday from 3 – 5 p.m.
- c. Restaurant Nights: Jennifer Kaplan
 - i. Blaze Pizza brought in more than \$200.
 - ii. Granite City on Nov. 17 will donate 20% of sales
- d. Membership: Liz Czarnik and Marti Herman
 - i. Currently at 270
 - ii. Hope to have directories distributed around Thanksgiving
 - iii. Suggestion: Have membership forms available at conferences

VII. New Items

- a. Staff Appreciation: Elizabeth Mulheisen
 - i. Would like to buy staff a new refrigerator and microwave for Staff Appreciation in May 2016
 - ii. Will shop around at Sears Outlet, Whirlpool VIP, Lowe's, Home Depot and ask the businesses if they'll donate the items or split the cost with our PTA
 - iii. Asking PTA for a one-time increase of \$1,000 to the staff appreciation budget
 - 1. Remaining money will go back into the general fund
 - 2. Motion approved
- b. School Activities: Dennis Kraniak
 - i. Yoga for Youngsters (3 – 5 grades) begins Nov. 19 and will run on Thursdays. May add K – 2 grades after January if there's enough interest.
 - ii. Trying to set up roller skating parties to raise funds for another playscape (big playground this time). More info to come.
 - iii. Presented a donated plaque for the playscape installed on the lower el playground.

VIII. 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

IX. Meeting Adjourned: Next meeting is Monday, Dec. 14, 2015 in the Media Center. Free childcare in Great Room!