

## PTA Meeting Minutes: Nov. 13, 2017

- I. Welcome and President's Report: Liz Czarnik
  - a. Welcome
  - b. PTA Council
    - i. November meeting was cancelled.
    - ii. Bond issue passed. Thank you!
- II. Treasurer's Report: Leslie Eyster
  - a. Income
    - i. Kroger store rewards: \$166.53
    - ii. Kona Ice (school picnic): \$189.40
    - iii. Spirit wear \$111.00
- III. Principal's Report: Jason Parrott
  - a. Pretty successful first quarter.
  - b. Fun Run assembly
    - i. Successfully slimed.
  - c. Technology idea for fun run money (presented by Rachel Forsyth)
    - i. Attended a tech rally where she saw a maker space.
    - ii. Definite interest within the school. Coding Club had to turn kids away.
    - iii. Would like to install a Maker Space Library for students
      1. Science curriculum is changing.
      2. Oakland Schools has maker space items schools can borrow.
      3. Idea behind the maker space library is to give kids a challenge and materials.
      4. Would like [Ozobot Bit](#) a mid-range level robot
        - a. Class set (18 units) is requested for \$1200.
        - b. Rachel is willing to learn how to use them then will teach other teachers.
      5. Would like [Keva planks](#) (400 pc.) and brain builders to go with them
        - a. \$165 total
      6. Would like to build a resource library for teachers
        - a. Books including Rosie Revere
        - b. Idea is to add more over time.
        - c. Requesting \$300.
      7. Angela Maeso made a motion for \$5000 line item for STEM enrichment. Motion seconded and passed.
- IV. Teacher Representatives: Lois Mann & Gail Granett
  - a. Halloween recap
    - i. Snowed for the Halloween parade
    - ii. Flying Aces assembly was great!

- b. 5<sup>th</sup> grade doing something new: “Thinkering”
  - i. Independent study project
    - 1. Twice a week, about 45 minutes per session
  - ii. Students choose a topic.
    - 1. End result is proving the student learned something.
    - 2. Will complete a journal reflection.
    - 3. Will use other students and teachers throughout the school for knowledge.
  - iii. One-semester trial

V. School Board Liaison: Jeff Brinker

- a. Bond issue wrap-up
  - i. Thank you for supporting it.
  - ii. Bond meetings will be open to the public if you’d like to hear or provide input on the spending.
  - iii. Preliminary, behind-the-scenes work is already in discussion
- b. Attendance
  - i. 5,111 students enrolled this year
    - 1. 24 more than planned
    - 2. First time in a long time the number went up.
- c. Events at ROMS and ROHS
  - i. Almost every week there’s a musical event at one of the two.
  - ii. Great way to get elementary kids introduced to opportunities available in higher grades.
- d. Next board meeting is Dec. 14.

VI. Committee Reports/Announcements

- a. Fun Run (Jeanne Winterburn)
  - i. Successful sliming of Dr. Parrott.
  - ii. Once fees are paid, we made a profit of roughly \$20,000.
  - iii. Get Movin’ Crew doesn’t offer running of the actual event anymore.
    - 1. Would’ve been a good idea to hire them this year.
  - iv. Event planning takes a lot of time at the beginning of the year.
    - 1. Asking to create a Fun Run committee to help a more fun activity for 2018.
- b. Membership (Amy Till/Kathleen London)
  - i. Information being input by Amy.
  - ii. Kathleen working on directory and hopes to have it distributed by Christmas.
  - iii. Mr. Leman’s class won the participation contest with 54% of families joining.
  - iv. Membership numbers have dropped for the third year in a row.
    - 1. Trying to figure out why.
- c. Staff Appreciation (Jen Tietz/Laura Kruse)
  - i. Providing dinner on conference nights (11/21 will be catered).

- d. Holiday Shop (Nicole Sauerwald)
  - i. After school on Dec. 8.
  - ii. Book fair will be Dec. 7 and 8 in the hallway.
  - iii. Flyers and envelopes coming home 12/1.
  - iv. Vendors will be offered the chance to purchase pizza and water from Student Senate.
  - v. 20 volunteer slots open. 12 slots open for student helpers.
  - vi. Lots of bake sale slots open.
- e. Book Fair (Liz Czarnik for Sarah Austin)
  - i. Dec. 7 and 8 from 3 to 7 p.m.
  - ii. Moving back to the hallway this year.
  - iii. Looking for volunteers
- f. Math & Science Night (Julie Aichler)
  - i. Looking for new ideas

VII. Old Business

- a. None

VIII. New Business

- a. Roller skating night moved to Dec. 13 due to all-city choir concert.

IX. Communication

- a. Check out our PTA website at [www.ptaoakridge.com](http://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, Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. in the Media Center. Free childcare is provided!