

Oak Ridge Elementary



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Virtual Membership Meeting

November 8, 2021@ 7pm

Via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

- I. Call to Order/Welcome/President's Report -- Tiffany Vosburg
 - PTA Council report--Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI) committees from each school working on community profiles. Dr. Kim Martin – next Parent U is late November. October Parent U- talking to your kids about race is available
 - MLK day – activities being planned – watch for details
 - Student code of conduct
 - Jobs still available with the schools – there will be another job fair coming or apply online.
- II. Approve October Meeting Minutes Julie Aichler
 - Rachel Forsyth 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
 - Since last meeting \$23,103 deposits (includes fun run) and about \$2,000 in withdrawals
 - Trunk or Treat budget increase approved by board (
- IV. Principal's Report--Jason Parrott
 - Conferences going on
 - 1st classroom that needed to close due to the number that needed to quarantine.
 - When the class is on quarantine, schedule is for full day remote. It is similar to a school day schedule with breaks and specials.
 - When it is not the class, single student or a few students, then work goes home to be done. Teacher is available at end of school day for help/questions. If the teacher isn't available then they try to line up a sub or Dr. Parrott to provide support on understanding the work sent home if needed.
 - Report cards coming on Friday to Parent Portal
 - Thank you to the teachers for all the great work they are doing.
- V. Teacher Representative Report--Lois Mann/Rachel Forsyth
 - Upper EI – If want to sub, please do. Quarantine is more like a sick absence if it is not the class, but they try to get the work to the child as soon as can and multiple times during the time out of class. Cannot send it home ahead of time because they don't know how far they will get in each lesson/unit in class each day.
 - Trying to talk more about different cultures and holidays through the DEI committees. On Oak Ridge live last week they had one of the children who celebrates Dewali talk about it.

- Lower EI – Kids are continuing to do great. They are amazing! Thank you again to PTA for the teacher’s lounge snacks.
- VI. School Board Liaison Report--Maryanne VanHaitsma
- Oakland County Health Department Vaccination clinics shared via email from the district.
 - 6:30 PM is start of the board meetings and the discussion portion is part of the meeting. Next meeting Nov. 11 at 6:30.
 - DEI update will be given by Dr. Kim Martin during the early part of the school board meeting
 - Parent U in October was successful and future topics being prepared
 - Hired several paraprofessionals through the job fair. Encouraged to apply for sub positions
 - Website being redesigned. Looked at 5 vendors, will invite 3 back for presentation as part of selection process
 - Royal Oak 100-year celebration - December 2, 3 4-9pm – Schools will have a booth. Period reminiscent theme for the celebration.
 - Addressing the situation with subs? Some of the requirements reduced, i.e. having the number credit hours of college. However, college students don’t have open days to sub very often. \$125/day or \$150/long-term subs. Qualifications – college credit hours are in any subject
- VII. Committee Reports
- a) Membership update Tiffany Vosburg
 - Kiddie D’Agostino is the new membership chair.
 - 192 members
 - b) Fun Run update—Erin Guy
 - \$22,000 raised. \$7,000 over the goal
 - Lot of participation from across classrooms. 16 classrooms met the classroom goal.
 - Will be announcing winners through other avenues since there will not be an assembly. Top 3 overall and top 3 in each grade will be recognized.
 - Fantastic job everyone!!
 - c) Trunk or Treat update
 - Thank you to Bethanie and the committee members who made this a fantastic event!!
 - Great Trunks from everyone who participated!
 - Congratulations to the winning trunks...1st place – Tracy Freytag; 2nd place Jen Smith; 3rd place Amy McFarland; 4th place Zimmer Family
 - d) DEI Committee—Tiffany Vosburg/Kiddie D’Agostino
 - Working on getting information up on Facebook page. Cultural awareness, particularly around the holidays.
 - Kiddie D’Agostino will welcome questions if there is something that you want to know more about. She is and has great resource of information.
 - e) PAC update—Sarah Austin
 - Last meeting – PAC rep for RO –bylaw updates can have 1-3 reps per district
 - Increase diversity in PAC voting reps

- Autism was topic for this month, with a presentation from Autism Alliance of Michigan. Covered the vast resources that this organization has available. Parent info and training, elementary resources, first responder resources, assistance with working on educational plans for students. Sarah has contact information and additional information from this meeting to pass on to Tiffany to help get it out to Oak Ridge families.
 - Some other topics were disability awareness weeks, monthly inclusion book lists to help teachers with books to read to classroom and raise awareness.
 - Contact Sarah if you need information. She has lots of resources and experience to share. Her contact information is on the district website under the PAC committee (or contact Tiffany to help connect you)
 - PAC meetings - 3rd Wed of the month. Next meeting 6:30 pm Nov 17 at the district office.
 - The head of PAC is also available as a contact for more information or questions.
- f) Book Fair – Sarah Austin/Marcy Bailey
- Fall bookfair: Dec 2-9; Spring bookfair: March 15-18 (during March is reading month)
 - Case-only fair. Nothing on tables. Will be spread out.
 - eWallet use is encouraged over cash. Question about what happens if child doesn't spend all the money in the eWallet. It will go back on the method of payment used for the eWallet. Reminder to parents to include tax when loading money into eWallet and remind kids to take it into consideration when picking books.
 - Can order online for items that run out.
 - Sarah is meeting with Dr. Parrott to work out process so that the kids can have an in-person bookfair. More information will be coming.

VIII. Announcements

- a) Marco's Pizza – Nov 9th: 11am – 10pm. Missed this one? Marco's night is every second Tuesday of the month.
- Mmmm..Pizza....
- b) Sherlie's Delights Fundraiser – Nov 13th: 8am –5:30pm
- Mmmm...cinnamon rolls, cookies, cakes...
- c) Pumachug – December 1 – more info to come
- d) PAC Meeting – November 17 @ 6:30 pm (RO Schools Board office or virtual)

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

- a) IXL request from Kelly McBath
- Math, Language Arts, Social Studies. Focus so far has been on math.
 - 2nd to 5th grade. 2nd started using it this year to help with gaps in learning
 - Links to Math Expressions – what lessons on IXL support current units. Provides additional practice problems. Can use as homework to support the classroom learning
 - DK/K/1 – were asked but did not see a need at their level

- 1 year license \$3500 for 300 students. 3 year license is 15% discount (can be paid over the 3 years).
 - The question was raised on whether the district should be paying for it? They pay for the middle school. Maryanne will bring the suggestion forward and they can look into using the COVID (ESSER) funds. She will also email Marybeth Fitzpatrick.
 - Encouraged everyone to complete the ESSER parent survey and mention it to help bring it to district attention.
 - How paying for it now? The school building funds have covered previously (or the teacher personally).
 - Do not know if other elementary buildings are using it. There may be individual teachers using it.
- b) Purchase Eagle Mascot costume – use \$ from AB&E. This would be used at PTA/school events. Motioned to purchase by Sarah Austin, seconded by Dr. Parrott. Motion passed.
- c) Holiday Gift Card giving event – Nov 15 – Dec 15 – Gift card collection for families in need within Oak Ridge during the holidays. The office staff distributes based on needs. Donate gift cards of any amount from Meijer, Target, Kroger, Walmart, Aldi, Hollywood to the PTA mailbox or the office staff. Tiffany will post all details on website, FB, and memberhub.
- d) Future agenda item to set up a needs closet similar to what is done at Addams and ROMS. Sarah Austin volunteered to look into what others do.
- d) Skate World fundraisers – volunteer to organize?
- e) Holiday Sing-a-long – volunteer to organize?

XI. Adjourn – 8:20 pm

Next PTA Meeting: December 13, 2021 @ 7pm Via Zoom