

## PTA Meeting Minutes: Oct. 10, 2016

- I. Welcome and President's Report: Liz Czarnik
  - a. Welcome
    - i. Will be trying hard to keep meetings from running past 8 p.m.
  - b. PTA Council
    - i. Online PTA registrations went up for ROMS and ROHS.
    - ii. Jen Tietz volunteered to be the Oak Ridge rep for the scholarship committee.
    - iii. Encouraging all RO elementaries to participate in Reflections.
      1. OR has a chair this year, so will participate for the first time in years.
      2. Theme is "What is your story?"
      3. Judging is done by grade level.
    - iv. Next PTA Council meeting is Nov. 7 at Oak Ridge from 7 to 8 p.m.
- II. Treasurer's Report: Leslie Eyster
  - a. Board approved two areas of increase: \$200 for our website renewal and \$270 for busses (second grade field trip did not have enough volunteer drivers).
  - b. Store rewards from Kroger and Meijer brought in \$191.
  - c. Dues were \$216.
- III. Principal's Report: Jason Parrott
  - a. Thanks for successful Walk to School Day.
  - b. Thanks for parent cooperation with late start.
    - i. Early starts for teachers and good progress is being made during those times of professional development.
  - c. Thanks for the picnic tables. Teachers are using them for lessons outside.
  - d. Working with students on
    - i. Doing a little better each day.
    - ii. Doing the right thing even when no one is watching simply because it's the right thing to do.
- IV. Teacher Representatives: Lois Mann and Gail Granett
  - a. Kindergarten says thank you for the Fun Run t-shirts.
  - b. New teachers include Mrs. Najor (Kindergarten), Mrs. Losey (4<sup>th</sup> grade) and Mrs. Forsyth (5<sup>th</sup> grade)
- V. School Board Liaison: Jeff Brinker
  - a. October is principal's month in Michigan. Thank you Dr. Parrott.
  - b. Count day results: Enrollment is up! Not by much, but it is definitely up.
  - c. November 8 election:
    - i. 2 school board seats are open
    - ii. 18.00 mil non-homestead renewal: Operating Millage Restoration Proposal
      1. Affects businesses only, no residents
      2. Impacts the district's ability to receive "full foundation allowance permitted by the State".
      3. Please note this is *renewal* not a *new* tax on businesses.
      4. **Please vote yes!** If it doesn't pass, RO schools could lose \$132,000 in funding.
  - d. Construction projects continue.
  - e. There are openings on the School Board of Education Committees. Adults and high school students can apply online: <http://www.royaloakschools.org/district/board/board-committees/>

- f. One parent asked if the district had numbers regarding School of Choice (SOC) vs. resident population in the district. Mr. Brinker said he'd follow up; his answer is below:
  - i. "The reports show that our total population is about 5000 and our SOC population is 800. That drives us to about 16% SOC students."
  - ii. The link to the report is: <http://bit.ly/2eoeWqQ>

#### VI. Committee Reports/Announcements

- a. Donuts for Dad has enough volunteers.
- b. Membership (Amy Till)
  - i. Down from last year. Deadline is Oct. 31.
- c. Green Team (Johanna Kononen)
  - i. Halloween costume sale is 10/14.
  - ii. Please donate costumes.
  - iii. Will sell for \$1.
- d. Trunk or Treat (Elizabeth Mulheisen)
  - i. Event is 10/28. Donations due 10/24.
  - ii. For those decorating a car, no need to bring treats to pass out. The donated candy will be given to you to pass out.
  - iii. Gift suggestion for the best trunk? AMC gift card was well received as idea for the prize.
  - iv. Lots of kids signed up.
  - v. As of tonight, 28 cars signed up, but room for 40.
  - vi. Elizabeth created motion to create an open budget of no more than \$300 for the event. Angela Almas seconded it. Motion passed.
- e. Fundraising (Tiffany Vosburg)
  - i. Fun Run
    - 1. Attempt #2 is Oct. 18. Schedule will be weather dependent.
    - 2. Almost \$24,000 raised as of tonight.
    - 3. 29 superstars (kids who raised \$200 or more), which is double from last year.
    - 4. Donations due 10/18.
- f. Holiday Shop (Angela Almas)
  - i. Will be held Dec. 9 after school.
  - ii. 20 crafters will be returning from last year. Looking for new crafters as well.
- g. Green team (Johanna Kononen)
  - i. Oak Ridge was the Top Green School in Oakland County for 2016!
  - ii. Big need for volunteers
  - iii. The team does at least 1 program month, plus ongoing programs like Lunchtime Recycling.

#### VII. New Business

- a. Playground updates?
  - i. Money raised from last year's playground fundraisers still sitting there.
  - ii. Board matches contributions (to a certain amount) every 5 years.
- b. Electronic sign?
  - i. Should we revisit the electronic sign issue based on money raised by Fun Run?
  - ii. Is a board contribution still available?
- c. Newsletter
  - i. Readership is only about 60 percent. Tell your friends to be sure to read it.

VIII. Old Business

- a. None

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, Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. in the Media Center. Free childcare is provided!