

## PTA Meeting Minutes: Oct. 9, 2017

- I. Welcome and President's Report: Liz Czarnik
  - a. Welcome
    - i. Will be trying hard to keep meetings from running past 8 p.m.
    - ii. We'll be voting on bylaws at end of meeting.
  - b. PTA Council
    - i. Royal Oak Schools Yes!
      1. PTA Council supports the bond initiative.
    - ii. Parent series at ROMS
      1. Open to anyone w/ a student in the district, not middle school-age specific.
      2. Runs 6–8 p.m. with dinner served at 6 p.m.
      3. Oct. 13: Homework & Habits.
    - iii. Committee positions in the Council
      1. Currently looking for a Scholarship chair.
      2. Will be looking for new members in general come March 2018.
      3. Let Liz Czarnik know If you're interested.
- II. Treasurer's Report: Leslie Eyster
  - a. Budget approved in September.
  - b. September income: AmazonSmile raised \$30.44.
  - c. Expense reimbursements
    - i. Use the proper form (available online or in the PTA office)
    - ii. Submit form via the corkboard in the PTA office. A check will be posted for you there when it's ready.
    - iii. Use tally sheets for events
    - iv. Teachers can use these reimbursement forms too.
      1. Each grade has \$1,000 to spend w/ exception of 4<sup>th</sup> grade, which has \$2,000 due to more expensive field trips.
- III. Principal's Report: Jason Parrott
  - a. OK2SAY presentations for each grade going on this week and next.
    - i. Age-appropriate digital citizenship information.
    - ii. Parent presentation on Oct. 23 at 7 p.m.
  - b. Meet and Greet for school-of-choice families
    - i. November 8.
    - ii. Will include a "fact or fiction" about Oak Ridge.
    - iii. Currently looking for childcare. Email Dr. Parrott if you can help.
  - c. Open positions
    - i. Kindergarten music teacher: Now filled by Rachel Herr
    - ii. Art teacher:
      1. Eovaldi giving instruction to fill-in teacher(s) until position is filled.
      2. Applicants must have art certification.
      3. This position is open due to Ms. Orth moving to full-time at ROHS.
      4. Dr. Parrott in constant communication w/ HR.

- iii. There is a teacher shortage.
        - 1. Royal Oak hired 26 teachers over the summer. Of those, 23 came from charter schools or other districts.
    - d. Teacher Representatives: Lois Mann
      - i. School year off to a good start.
      - ii. Students in grades 2, 3 and 4 liked the author assembly.
- IV. School Board Liaison: Jeff Brinker
- a. Affirmation that getting a specials teacher at OR is critical. District is looking at options to address this.
  - b. October is Principal's Month. Thank you, Dr. Parrott.
  - c. Wed., Oct. 4 was count day. Numbers are being finalized, but it appears that enrollment is stable and on target.
  - d. November 7 bond issue:
    - i. Benefits all RO Schools.
    - ii. Supports building and site improvements, not salaries.
    - iii. \$60 million being requested and doesn't even cover all needs within the district.
    - iv. Vote!
  - e. Construction projects continue.
  - f. There are openings on the School Board of Education working committees. Adults and high school students can apply online: <http://www.royaloakschools.org/district/board/board-committees/>
- V. Committee Reports/Announcements
- a. Breakfast with a Guest (Liz Czarnik)
    - i. Steve needs volunteers.
    - ii. After much research, OR-friendly doughnuts have been found!
      - 1. Kroger branded cake doughnuts in the bread aisle, not bakery.
  - b. Membership (Amy Till)
    - i. Good turnout at curriculum night and ice cream social.
    - ii. Membership is half of what it was this time last year. Boo!
    - iii. Contest: Class with the greatest percentage of membership gets coupons for a free ice cream cone.
    - iv. Join if you haven't already.
    - v. If you're a committee chair, you must be a PTA member.
  - c. Trunk or Treat (Elizabeth Mulheisen)
    - i. Event is 10/27 at 6:30–8:00 p.m. in the back parking lot.
    - ii. RSVP for attendance.
    - iii. Sign-up Genius for donations and car registration.
      - 1. Currently only 27 cars registered.
      - 2. Need a minimum of 30 cars.
      - 3. Each car provided w/ one type of candy or trinket.
    - iv. Do not deviate from the provided donation list!
  - d. Restaurant Night
    - i. Blaze Pizza: Oct. 17 from 4–8 p.m.
  - e. Royal Oak Schools Yes! (Johanna Kononen)
    - i. RO has an awesome school community, but the buildings don't live up to it.

- ii. PTA-endorsed the \$59.9 million bond.
  - 1. District can only provide neutral information, but PTA and families can encourage voting yes.
  - 2. Please take a lawn sign.
- iii. This is replacing an existing bond. Not a new tax.
- iv. It will help keep property values up.
- v. Literature drop-offs happening on 10/21.
- vi. This is an off-election year, so roughly 12% of registered voters will vote.
- vii. Johanna requested a \$100 donation for RO Schools Yes! to help pay for cost of signs and literature.
  - 1. Elizabeth Mulheisen approved, but suggested \$200 donation.
  - 2. Motion seconded and varied.
  - 3. Will fall under philanthropy line item.
- f. Holiday Shop (Nicole Sauerwald)
  - i. After school on Dec. 8.
  - ii. 12 of the 24 crafting spaces are filled.
  - iii. Scout groups can get a free table to sell handmade items. Let Nicole know if interested.
  - iv. Spirit wear table also.
  - v. Proceeds go to Camp Casey again this year.
  - vi. Needs 40 volunteers.

#### VI. New Business

- a. Bylaws
  - i. No changes this year.
  - ii. Elizabeth Mulheisen made motion to approve. Becky Bibbs seconded. Motion carried.
- b. Snack sheet going around.
- c. Roller skating nights coming back. (Book 2 get a third night free)
- d. Newsletter
  - i. Having something to add? Send to Trish Donaldson by Thursday morning for that week's edition.

#### VII. Old Business

- a. None

#### VIII. 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.royalookschools.org/elementary/oakridge/announcements/>

IX. Meeting Adjourned: Next meeting is Monday, Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. in the Media Center. Free childcare is provided!