

## PTA Meeting Minutes: October 14, 2019

- I. Welcome and President's Report: Liz Czarnik
  - a. Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m.
  - b. Welcome to the first regular member meeting of the year;
  - c. PTA council meeting info (meeting attended by Angela Maeso, who loved attending as a very nosey person) – PTA Council would like feedback on Founder's Day Dinner February 3, 2020, price will increase \$3/ticket, we will let them know we don't care; Mrs. Mary Beth Fitzpatrick advised that census workers/volunteers are needed; Sarah Hunton (board office communications contact) willing to come to a meeting to go over communication, generally; Ribbon Cutting this Thursday, 10/17/19 at 6:00 p.m. Oak Ridge re: new building bonanza party, 7:00 at Keller. All MLK, Jr. Day volunteer activities (1/20/2020) will take place in Berkley (events to alternate between RO and Berkley each year). Need a REFLECTIONS (program to encourage arts based upon theme LOOK WITHIN) chair – Elizabeth Mulheisen, a glutton for punishment, volunteered. Next year NWEA scores will come with parent clarification sheets for ease of understanding; Royal Oak Youth Assistance Bowling March 1<sup>st</sup> at Astro Lanes – it'd be great to have a PTA team (*more to follow....*)
  - d. Dr. Parrott appears to have a problem understanding what sorts of statements require a second (he shouted out "**I second that**" repeatedly).
- II. Meeting Minutes Approval: Johanna Kononen
  - a. Motion to dispense with reading aloud September meeting minutes and approve as presented
    1. **Seconded by Jason Parrott;**
    2. Approved by consent
- III. Treasurer's Report: Angela Maeso
  - a. Income
    1. \$6.54 Dividend income;
    2. \$347 membership dues;
    3. \$27 spirit wear;
    4. \$191.40 store rewards

SIDE NOTE we need to get the word out about Store Rewards – Kroger \$\$\$ to us, etc....
  - b. Expenses
    1. \$429.34 Fun Run prep;
    2. \$165.87 Garden;
    3. \$1,470.00 STEM assembly, magician;
    4. \$333.00 Field Trip Fund;
    5. \$132.42 Staff Appreciation (coffee, etc...)
  - c. Over \$6,000 has already been paid out in October, for assemblies for the entire year; we received our Playground Bill is \$24,045.25 and is owed to the district

- d. Skate Nights December 11 6:15-8:15 and March 7, 2020 6:15-8:15
- IV. Principal's Report: Dr. Jason Parrott
- a. Thursday, 10/17 6:00 p.m. Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, School Board, construction, members of community will be there to celebrate the improvements to the building; repeats at Keller at 6:15 p.m.
  - b. Breakfast/Donuts with an MVP is coming up on 10/17/19
  - c. Halloween Parade on 10/31, followed by Magician
- V. Teacher Representatives: Lois Mann and Rachael Forsyth
- a. Mrs. Mann – Lower Elementary: Kindergarten had a field trip to an apple orchard, 1<sup>st</sup> grade to Robot Garage, 2<sup>nd</sup> on a community walk; A new oak tree was planted today, it was purchased from funds raised by the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade community market.
  - b. Mrs. Forsyth – Upper Elementary: 5<sup>th</sup> grade went to Smoklerville field trip; testing ongoing; Upper Elementary Teachers have a request: move a picnic table near the 5<sup>th</sup> grade entrance – Dr. Parrott needs to talk to maintenance and district grounds people (*more to follow....*)
- VI. School Board Liaison: Allison Sykes
- a. Royal Oak Youth Services, \$100/person Bowl-a-Thon donation – last year raised roughly \$20,000; lots of services for local youths and families in need, sponsor kids to go to camp, help during the holidays, etc...a great place
  - b. 10/2/2019 was official count day: 147 students more than last year, includes developmental kindergarten and increase in kindergarten all around;
  - c. School Safety Upgrades \$578,000 grant won for safety upgrades (locks, cameras) \$770,000 total (25% match from district)
  - d. Dr. Jay Marks, expert in cultural competence in teaching, presented last week; Cultural Competence Book Club 1/7/2020, 4/21/2020
  - e. November 12, 2019 Royal Oak Multicultural Parents Association meeting
  - f. Approved emergency brick repair at ROMS - \$20,000 to fix and shore up, bricks were falling off building; ROMS is doing a furniture pilot program to test out new future furniture;
  - g. MLK Jr. Day 1/20/2020;
  - h. School District Audit, district got a very high opinion from the CPA – this author congratulated the district saying “way to not be corrupt” (**seconded by Dr. Jason Parrott**).
- VII. Committee Reports/Announcements
- a. Membership - Tiffany Vosburg: up to 185 members, membership drive continues for the next week – we need to get our numbers up as high as possible; if you haven't become a member DO IT NOW!
  - b. Fun Run - Dawne Aumann: \$19,980 raised as of today at 7:30. 7 teachers met their fundraising goal early and will get 10% back in class enrichment dollars; Celebration Family Game Night is 10/17/19 at 7:00 p.m. to celebrate meeting our

fundraising goal; Dr. Parrott will be sleeping on the roof, he loves it so much; sign Up Genius for Thursday needs to be filled in PLEASE HELP OUT; Motion to increase budget \$50 to allow to be spent for purchase grand prize (**seconded by Jason Parrot, the king of seconds**);

- c. MVP Breakfast – Chris Aichler via Julie Aichler: we need more volunteers to help out on Friday morning. Dr. Parrott volunteered to set up the entire Great Room **“I’ll be here, literally, all night.”** What a guy.
- d. Holiday Shop – New Chair, Suzette Shuller Ho: Crafters galore, way to go on taking it on! Book Fair will be in the media center.
- e. Lost and Found – Suzette: PUT YOUR CHILD’S NAME IN THEIR COATS, please, pretty please. A reminder will go out in the newsletter as well.

#### VIII. Old Business

- a. Restaurant Night Committee – NEEDS A CHAIR!!!! We have the info, you just need to call and set it up. VOLUNTEER, friends.

#### IX. New Business

- a. Teacher Requests – Liz Czarnik: Ivy Fischer, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher, has started a pen pal program, family/friends have sponsored kids for \$1 book per month, and kids are writing thank-you notes for the books. Postage costs are much higher than she anticipated \$52.80; PTA discussion - if willing to do it for every teacher, should vote yes, but if not – then no. Consensus is no.
- b. Collection of plastic garbage bags

#### X. Communication

- a. Check out our PTA website at [www.ptaoakridge.com](http://www.ptaoakridge.com)
- b. Oak Ridge Facebook page: Oak Ridge PTA Closed Group
- c. PTA newsletter online via email or link on Facebook page
- d. October 17<sup>th</sup> – Family Fun Night (celebration of meeting Fun Run Fundraising goal)
- e. October 18<sup>th</sup> – MVP Breakfast, Halloween Costume Sale
- f. October 25<sup>th</sup> – Trunk or Treat

Meeting Adjourned: 8:10 p.m.

**Next Meeting: Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. Oak Ridge Media Center**