

PTA Meeting Minutes: Sept. 12, 2016

- I. Welcome and President's Report: Liz Czarnik
 - a. Welcome
 - i. Introduction of PTA board members and a few committee chairs
 - b. PTA Council
 - i. This is a monthly meeting of the PTA presidents from all RO schools.
 - ii. Online registration went well.
- II. Treasurer's Report: Leslie Eyster
 - a. Board met in August to review and submit budget for 2016 – 2017 SY.
 - b. Budget vote: approved.
- III. Principal's Report: Jason Parrott
 - a. We want you to be active parents here at the school.
 - b. Off to a great start and everyone is doing a nice job of getting back into the school routines.
 - c. Bikes need to be walked on school property. No riding.
 - d. Morning drop off
 - i. Pull up as far as possible.
 - ii. Drop and go: Have your child ready to hop out and move along quickly, especially in the circle drive.
- IV. Teacher Representatives: Lois Mann and Gail Granett
 - a. Introduce themselves: Mrs. Mann represents lower el (K – 2) and Mrs. Granett represents upper el (3 – 5).
 - b. Appreciative of the PTA and parents at Oak Ridge.
- V. School Board Liaison: Jeff Brinker
 - a. Liaisons rotate. Jeff Brinker is our new liaison.
 - b. Jeff's been on the board for seven years and has two kids at ROHS.
 - c. Board is comprised of seven elected resident volunteers. Two seats up for election in November.
 - d. Thanked parents for being active.
 - e. Comments/discussion are welcome, but he will ask, "Did you take it up the chain of command?"
 - f. Parent involvement is encouraged. Board meetings and committee meetings are all open to the public.
 - g. Enrollment was predicted to be down slightly. Initial numbers appear to be flat.
 - h. District overview: 6 elementaries, 1 middle, 1 high school, 1 adult ed high school/board office (Churchill), bus garage building, maintenance garage (11 buildings total)
 - i. Also on November ballot: 18.00 mil non-homestead renewal: Operating Millage Restoration Proposal
 - i. Affects businesses only, no residents
 - ii. Impacts the district's ability to receive "full foundation allowance permitted by the State".
 - iii. Please note this is *renewal* not a *new* tax on businesses.
 - iv. **Please vote yes!** If it doesn't pass, RO schools could lose \$132,000 in funding for this year and going forward.
- VI. Committee Reports/Announcements
 - a. Volunteer sign up (Jeanne Winterburn)
 - i. Sign up packets (with committee descriptions) coming home Friday, Sept. 16, 2016.
 - ii. Returning volunteers must complete the forms too.

- iii. Background checks: Now will be done annually.
 - iv. Volunteer meeting for new volunteers and room parents: Friday, Sept. 23 at 8:25 a.m.
 - b. Crucial open chair positions: Holiday Shop and Spirit Wear (incoming chairs will have help this year from outgoing chair)
 - c. Fundraising (Tiffany Vosburg)
 - i. Box Tops: New chair is Tracey Straith.
 - 1. Labels of Education are being phased out.
 - 2. OR will likely have a labels contest in October.
 - 3. Please trim box tops properly.
 - ii. Fun Run
 - 1. OR's primary fundraiser. Goal: \$15,000 (we made \$21,000 last year)
 - 2. Date is Sept. 29 (2 weeks earlier this year)
 - 3. Info coming home this week. Register by this Friday for a chance to win a Target gift card.
 - 4. Online fundraising is preferred. Checks need to be in clearly marked envelopes and dropped into the blue PTA mailbox outside the office.
 - 5. Top three fundraisers in each grade will get to turn Dr. Parrott into a human sundae!
 - d. Donuts with Dad (Steve Johnson)
 - i. Oct. 14. 7:40 – 8:20 a.m.
 - ii. Need 10 mom volunteers to serve and clean up.
 - e. 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.
 - f. Allergy awareness (Elizabeth Mulheisen)
 - i. Cafeteria: peanut free
 - ii. Classrooms: Peanut free and tree nut free
 - iii. Please reach out if your child has any sort of food allergy. Happy to accommodate you at PTA events.

VII. Gallery of Committees

VIII. Communication

- a. Check out our PTA website at www.ptaoakridge.com
 - i. Dr. Parrott includes link in weekly Connection email
- b. Oak Ridge Facebook page: Oak Ridge PTA Closed Group

IX. Meeting Adjourned: Next meeting is Monday, Oct. 10 at 7 p.m. in the Media Center. Free childcare is provided!