



OES PTA Meeting Minutes

OES Library

November 1, 2017

Submitted by Jamie Rothenberger

PTA President Kate Cote brought the meeting to order at 8:30AM.

Ed reviewed the budget to date and stated that with the Fun Run occurring earlier in the school year, that the PTA is currently in a good place as far as funding the scheduled events for the year.

A large portion of the meeting focused on activities surrounding the upcoming Friends of Oakton (FOO) Fundraiser. With the fun run in September, the push for FOO will begin in December early December.

- Along with FOO, the PTA also discussed its plan for Brick sales. Bricks can be bought and engraved to be placed within the OES patio for your student. Bricks will be approx. \$19 per student if you wish to order and will go on sale in the Jan/Feb timeframe. This will be enough time to receive your engraved brick if you are a 6th grader.

Kate alerted the group that the PTA was in the process of updating its by-laws, and would very shortly be presenting the by-laws to the members for approval.

Kate continued by summarizing the results of the survey as to how the PTA should spend proceeds of our fundraisers in order to benefit the school. The top items requested from the survey were:

- Shades for playground,
- Laptops, and
- Math manipulatives for every classroom
 - The math resource teacher, who was in attendance, said that she will be providing the PTA with further information as to what manipulatives she needs by the end of the month. Her goal is to have them available in every classroom.
 - Kate also mentioned that it was interesting that while there were several votes for more laptops, she also received feedback that technology should be limited in the classroom. This led to a discussion on potential speakers and that it might be a good idea to find a speaker to discuss how to limit technology at home and/or safe technology habits.

Rupa then summarized the Fun Run results.

- She said that overall the PTA raised approx. \$25K from the fun run and that we received pledges from 42 states.
- Chris said that the feedback from the teachers was generally positive regarding the event, but that some did not like the time it took away from classroom activities.

Attention then turned to the Winter Dance where Kate communicated that the Dance Committee was in need of some additional funds in order to cover the \$375 DJ fee.



- After a vote, the PTA approved a budget increase for the winter dance from \$425 to \$525.

Dominique Deleage was then introduced to discuss the activity of the Special Education Committee.

- Dominique stated that there was currently no treasurer that represented the Special Education Classrooms.
- The difference was discussed between the class funds that each class is eligible to receive and the budget for the special education department line item in the PTA budget. It was determined that currently the PTA budget covered only field trip support for those that may not be able to finance activities outside of the classroom.
- Dominique has scheduled 2 meetings November of the Committee in order to discuss how the OES special needs community can have more inclusion with the general OES population. She encouraged PTA members to attend as there may be opportunities for the PTA to hold and/or support events geared towards this goal.
- She discussed some speakers for the general OES community to help everyone at OES understand the struggles that special education students might feel on a daily basis. One specific speaker that was mentioned was one geared towards how to handle anxiety. Dominique was excited to work with the PTA and continue to look for opportunities to provide support for these teachers and classrooms.

The Meeting adjourned at 9:10AM.

Meeting Attendees Included:

Audra Hoebler	Ed Jones
Joanie Dugan	Corin Harmon
Keith Eck	Dominique Deleage
Jamie Rothenberger	
Nicole White	
Chris Kelley	
Rupa Shah	
Kate Cote	
Hope Wojciech	