



OES PTA Meeting Minutes

OES Library

October 5, 2016

Submitted by Jamie Rothenberger

PTA President Susan McWeeney welcomed everyone and brought the meeting to order by asking for suggestions from any of the teachers in attendance as to what the PTA could be doing to help them:

- It was asked that PTV announcements be kept brief and be provided to the school several days in advance of the announcement.
- PTA members were reminded that the meeting for all room parents will be held on Thursday October 13.
 - Questions regarding the role of room parents or room parents in general should be directed to Brigette Polmar at bridgettelangmade@yahoo.com

Rupa Shah was asked to provide an update on the Friends of Oakton Fundraiser for which she chairs:

- The letter from last year was determined to be slightly confusing and will be switched to “form” style this year to make the donation process as easy as possible.
- The communication regarding Friends of Oakton will be straight forward this year and provide more insight as to what the PTA does with the funds.
- Roll out of the fundraiser is expected to be October 18 in the Tuesday folder and will continue through January 31.
- A question was raised as to whether or not the suggested starting amount of \$150 was too much.
- Marque and banner advertising the event will be hung.
- Our goal this year is to raise \$30,000.
 - No individual contribution names will be listed on any of the communications.
 - Principal Kelley volunteered to send hand written Thank You’s to all who donate.
 - The grade who has raised the most funds will receive an award.
 - Award suggestions included calculators or dictionaries.
 - Additional advertising ideas were suggested and Chris Kelley said that she would add a write up regarding the fundraiser in her Friday email.

Susan reminded everyone of important upcoming dates:

- Movie Night is being held **on Friday October 14**.
- Teachers were asked to encourage their students to attend and that the movie would be Ratatouille.
 - Flyers for the movie would be going out in the next Tuesday folder.
- **November 11** is Skate Night.
 - Susan said that this would be advertised on the sandwich board that the kids see on their way to the bus.



- Additional email blasts and Facebook notices will go out closer to the event.
- *Chris Kelley asked that she be added to Panther Express as she was currently not receiving them.*
- Game night is **November 18** and is a drop-off event where the kids will have the opportunity to play various board games.
- The cookie fundraiser would be kicking off at the end of October in order to be able to use the cookies for the holidays.
- It was asked if a Holiday sale for the kids would be something for OES to consider.
 - Chris Kelley said that in some cases it may serve to divide the kids between those that can and cannot participate. She also suggested that it would occur during the same time as the book fair this year and may be overlap.
 - It was determined that this is not a activity that the PTA would pursue this year.
- One parent brought up a system that is used in India for bus tracking so that parents would know at all times where the bus in en-route.
 - Many people expressed interest in this idea. Chris Kelley said that it would need to be brought up with the Fairfax County Board of Transportation and that a good first place to start would be to contact Lori St. Sinclair.
- Susan said that we would be needing volunteers for International Food Night.
- Chris Kelley said that they are determining who the teach liaison to the PTA would be and suggested that it may be Julia Rastelli.

The Meeting adjourned at 9:10AM.

Meeting Attendees Included:

Audra Hoebler	
Joanie Dugan	
Keith Eck	
Jamie Rothenberger	
Susan McWeeney	
Nicole White	
Chris Kelley	
Rupa Shah	
Kathleen Marshall	
Ismail Nalwala	
Chhavi Arya	
Amy Erwin	
Bridgette Joskow	

The next PTA meeting will be held on November 2 at 7PM and the location is TBD.