

**OES PTA Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2015
OES Teacher Lounge
Submitted by Audra Hoebler**

Present: From the Board: Amy Allen, Marcie Martin, Laurel Donaldson and Audra Hoebler. Please see attached attendance sheet.

Speakers

- Karen Dennis, the Regional Manager of Cardinal Bank summarized the school banking process which helps teach students, at a young age, the importance of saving. The school bank is open Thursday morning before school for deposits only.
- Ellen Shannon from the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society spoke about our Pennies for Patients drive which will run from 3/2-3/20. In 2014 OES raised the highest amount of money in the National Capital area (\$6,609.32). This year's goal is \$10,000.

The meeting came to order at 6:58pm.

Minutes

- Audra Hoebler made a motion to approve the January 2015 PTA meeting minutes and Laurel Donaldson seconded the motion. All in favor.

Board Reports

VP of Fundraising – Laurel Donaldson

- Mixed Bag Designs fundraiser closed and was a huge success.
- Family Fun Night – March 20
 - Gail Gonzales is chairing the silent auction and is currently seeking donations.
 - Food vendors will include ice cream and pizza.
- OES Family 5K and Fun Run – May 3
 - We are currently soliciting sponsors.
- Family Dining
 - There will be one on 2/27 at California Tortilla, the night of the variety show.
 - We are planning to have more in the Spring.

- DC United
 - OES will sell a block of tickets in the Spring. We are currently working on a date.
- Domino's Pizza
 - If people order pizza on specific nights, OES will get 50% of the proceeds. We are currently working on dates.

VP of Programs – Mary Pat Julian

Mary Pat was not present at the meeting due to a family emergency.

- Jim Miller, a certified self defense instructor, was present to discuss his self defense and karate class which will begin in April. All money from his program will benefit the PTA. The program will be held from 6-7pm on Tuesday evenings. The goal of the program is fun, fitness and safety!

Treasurer – Marcie Martin

- We are currently spending money on Family Fun Night and the 5K/Fun Run.
- The Mixed Bags fundraiser exceeded it's goal by \$2000.
- Yearbooks will go on sale in March.

President – Amy Allen

- Joanie Dugan, the Chair of Staff and Teacher Appreciation Week, was present. The budget for this week is \$5400. Joanie is open to suggestions for new ideas.
- Amy is currently soliciting volunteers for Panther Express, PTA website and Room Parents.
- Amy is working on a Change.org petition if OES is not granted an earlier start time. There is a new proposed bus schedule for OES and other schools because the high schools will be starting later. OES currently has the latest bus schedule. We currently have 13 buses and we are a non-walking school.
 - Some students in the autism program are on the bus for up to one hour because they live out of OES boundaries.
 - Due to the late dismissal time many parents utilize kiss & ride and there are safety concerns.
 - Due to the late dismissal time, many parents check their children out early from school.
- We have transitioned to a new website which is user-friendly and will manage all forms. It will be updated more frequently and the calendar highlights the events coming up. Thanks to Jill Feeko for building the site!
- Family Science Night was held on 2/12 and was a huge success! There were approximately 30 volunteers and more than 350 participants.

- Our next meeting on 3/23 will be held in the evening. Kristen Hyatt from the Facilities Planning Advisory Council (FPAC) will speak regarding boundary changes. [Since the meeting, the date that Ms. Hyatt will speak is TBD; the PTA meeting will remain on 3/23]
- We are currently circulating a petition so we do not lose our auditorium.
- In March we need to form a Nominating Committee for next year's Executive Board slate. On 4/28 the slate will be advertised and elections will be held at the 6/8 PTA meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28m.

The next PTA meeting is March 23rd, 2015 at 6:30pm in the OES library.