

**OES PTA Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2015
OES Teacher Lounge
Submitted by Audra Hoebler**

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

The meeting came to order at 3:05pm.

Guest Announcements

- Kathleen Marshall – Guidance Counselor
 - Ms. Marshall thanked the PTA for all of their assistance
 - Ms. Marshall announced that she and Eric Fishman are starting a program – Donuts With Dads. This will take place 45 minutes prior to school. The first date is 2/3/15. Ms. Marshall asked the PTA to assist with the cost of the donuts.

- Lyn Reid – Variety Show Co-Chair
 - Lyn asked if the PTA could give more funds to the Variety Show for sound equipment including microphones and a return monitor speaker (speaker for the stage so the performers on the stage can hear themselves). There is currently a \$350 budget being used for set design. Lyn and co-chairs Kristy Woldow and Kelly Breedlove are currently looking into pricing which will include used equipment.

Principal Report

- There is a question as to how to alleviate the issue of OES' over capacity. Fairfax County's CIP (Capital Improvement Program) is in the process of determining what will be done. Remedies include:
 - Removing the auditorium to make more room for additional classrooms
 - Change the school boundaries to move kids into other schools (ie - Flint Hill is under capacity)
 - Build a new elementary school near Blake Lane

- 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.
- The Superintendent is cutting school budgets. However, Fairfax teachers are the lowest paid in the surrounding counties. They are due for a bump in salary and need parent support.

Board Reports

Fundraising – Laurel Donaldson

- Mixed Bag Designs
 - PTA grossed \$5100; our goal was \$3000.
 - Scoops2U is donating an ice-cream party to the classes that sold the most - Berry (\$1967), Goehrke (\$1084) and Brill (\$795)
 - Bag distribution went well and there were very few problems. Customer service was very responsive.
 - We will auction off the samples at Family Fun Night.
 - We plan to hold another Mixed Bag Fundraiser in Spring 2016.

VP of Programs – Mary Pat Julian

- More than 200 students registered for after-school programs. Art, programming and creative writing programs were the most successful.
- KAST (Kids Are Scientists Too) – 14 OHS students teach program to 4th-6th graders; great program
 - Math Club
 - Currently held for 4th graders. Program can take up to 20 students on Fridays 6-7pm. Five students qualified for and 3 students took the national exam...and did well!
 - Seeking volunteers to lead 5th and 6th grade programs
- Spring Programs
 - Jim Miller, certified self defense instructor will lead a karate program for K-6th grade students on a weeknight from 6-7pm.
 - Running program for boys – currently deciding on a program – one is run by volunteers and the other is not.

Speaker Series – Laurel Donaldson

- Cardinal Bank will speak at the February PTA meeting and will educate parents on banking at OES.
- Laurel is going to check with Whole Foods to see if they will do a culinary presentation at the February meeting.

- Mindy Stern, a pediatrician, may speak at our next evening meeting in May, or we may wait for her to speak next Fall.

Treasurer – Marcie Martin

- Fundraising and activities have already brought in 65% of our budget goal and we are only 40% of the way into the school year.

Minutes

- Amy Allen made a motion to approve the November 2014 PTA meeting minutes and Marcie Martin seconded the motion. All in favor.

President – Amy Allen

- Jackie Snow, VP of Fundraising, resigned. Amy Allen made a motion to vote in Laurel Donaldson as the new VP of Fundraising and Audra Hoebler seconded the motion. All in favor.
- Amy is looking to train someone to handle the Panther Express which will be sent out bi-monthly.
- Amy is working on a Change.org petition if OES is not granted an earlier start time.
- We are transitioning to a new website which is user-friendly and will manage all forms.

Meeting adjourned at 3:55pm.

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