



MINUTES

OES PTA Meeting

January 21, 2021, 7:00pm

In Attendance

This meeting was conducted via videoconference due to the pandemic and related restrictions regarding group gatherings and social distancing. Attendance was captured via Blackboard Collaborate. Attendees included:

Meredith Campbell, Chris Kelley, Keith Eck, Karen Rose, Suzy Thompson, Erin Gallagher, Donna Kakarala, Andrea, Ellie, Jen, Jesse Chichester-Constable, Kavita Jagarlamudi, Kris Danzenbaker, Kristen Raymer, Manny and Marlena, Megan, Paula Currall, and Jen Hayes.

PTA Business

Meredith Campbell welcomed everyone.

Meredith highlighted our silver sponsors:

- Powell Radomsky family law firm
- Shirley Buford and Associates realestate team

Minutes: Meredith made a motion to approve the minutes from last meeting (Nov 2020). It was seconded by Donna Kakarala (unopposed).

Meredith mentioned that she will continue to highlight our sponsors during our meetings. She also let everyone know that new banners were hung outside the school (Thanks Jen).

Budget: Karen said that we are doing well considering our limited ability this year.

- **Dining for Dollars** has raised about \$1400 so far, and have been well attended so far.
- She mentioned that she is encouraging teachers to spend their \$250 classroom allowance this year. Not many have submitted yet.
- Planning to spend the staff appreciation budget (already gave all staff/teachers a personalized 75th Anniversary travel mug)
- We have raised 80% of our budget already (with last year's carryover), and have only spent 20% so far.

Meredith discussed that we are looking to use PTA funds. We have already paid the fees associated with the virtual Spelling Bee this year. We are also helping to purchase TVs for the classrooms to help with concurrent learning. In the Spring, we plan to use some on landscaping as well.

Fundraising

Nothing new to report.

Programs

Sock Drive – in partnership with the SCA - is ongoing until January 29th.

Spelling Bee – We have more than 70 students enrolled so far. The deadline to register is Monday, January 25th. The top 3 students from each grade move on to the school-wide competition. Please remember that this is a new program, so please be patient.

Thank a Teacher Art Class – The Virginia PTA (sponsored by the Virginia lottery) is running a contest. They are looking for student art for the thank you cards that they send out to Virginia teachers. There is a cash prize of \$150 for each winner, as well as \$2000 for their school's art program. The deadline is February 1st. More info is posted on our FB page and website.

Variety Show will be happening this year! It will be virtual this year and more info will go out next week.

Meredith mentioned that we are always looking for new ideas (virtual). She is looking into a possible virtual movie night.

Meredith announced that although it's early, please consider Board positions for next year. If you're interested, please let us know! We would love more people to get involved.

Principal Kelley thanked all parents that joined the meeting. She mentioned that there was a School Board meeting tonight about how the School Board will be moving forward. There will be an announcement February 2nd. Vice Principal Eck added that he appreciates the support of the PTA and community in the ongoing return to school.

Meredith announced that there will be a **guest speaker** at our February meeting. **Katie Tobin** will present on **Internet Safety** (FB messenger, TikTok, YouTube, etc.). Jen suggested that she should do another one for the students. Meredith will ask Katie Tobin. If you have any suggestions about topics that you would like covered, please let us know. Some suggestions were Roblocks, Among US and Discord.

Meredith made the Motion to adjourn at 7:22pm, Suzy seconded and the meeting ended.

Upcoming Events and Activities

- Spelling Bee – online test is Feb 1st.
- Guest Speaker – Katie Tobin on Internet Safety at February 24th meeting at 7pm.

Next Meeting

The next PTA meeting will take place on February 24th at 7 PM. The Blackboard Collaborate link will be sent out prior to the event.