



MINUTES

OES PTA Meeting

September 16, 2020, 7:00pm

In Attendance

This meeting was conducted via conference call 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, Ellie Zadeh, Keith Eck, Kim Theberge, Patty Rop, Shana Schanaue, Suzy Thompson, Paula Currall, Andrea Zuppas, Donna Kakarala, Christine Lancman, Karen Rose, Jen Maki, Aileen Miller, Eli Keller, Elizabeth Gleason, Elyse Osterwell, Irene Choi, Julie Bindal, Kavita Jagarlamudi, Kris Danzenbaker, Lauren Magee, Manny and Marlena, Maria Butler, Mary Wolfer, Megan, Molly Fernandes, Mrs. Harmon, Noel Campbell, Prity, Susana, Tzitziki Hinkley

PTA Business

Meredith Campbell welcomed everyone to the first PTA meeting of the year.

Meredith announced that the President-Elect position was still open to anyone that is interested. No experience needed!

Meredith highlighted a few pta goals this year to better adapt to virtual schooling and the pandemic's impact on the community:

- Edit PTA communications by making them more specific and meaningful.
- Fundraising will be different this year. Instead of in-person events, student focused fundraisers will be the norm. Donation will always be welcome and there will be no envelopes distributed.
- PTA will still have fun events

Minutes: Meridith made a motion that the minutes from the prior meeting be approved. It was seconded by Karen Rose and approved (unopposed).

Budget / Audit: The Audit of last year's books was conducted in August by Karen Rose and 3 volunteers. It was performed according to the VA PTA rules and the document is available on the PTA website. It was noted that, due to the shut down at the end of the 2019/2020 school year, the PTA ended with a large carry-over balance. This surplus will be used to supplement reduced fundraising opportunities during the 20/21 school year. Karen made a motion to accept the audit into the records, seconded by Donna Kakarala and the audit was unanimously approved.

Proposed Budget for the 2020/2021 Year: As mentioned earlier, fundraising will be reduced from previous years – no in-person events. The fundraising shortfall this year will be supplemented by the budget surplus last year. There will be a limited budget for academic enrichment. Online art and student council still included in budget. Each teacher will receive \$250 for teacher classroom reimbursements. Total budget including carryover is \$64,500.

QUESTION: Jen had questions regarding the virtual club options. Karen wanted to leave something in the budget just in case there will be a virtual option. If it will not be possible to have virtual clubs, the PTA won't spend it.

A motion to approve the budget was made by Karen Rose, Jen seconded and it was approved unanimously.

Fundraising

Readathon

A month of reading – student driven fundraiser.

Spirit Wear

Still offering styles with regular designs but new designs incorporate OES anniversary. Deadline to order – Sept 25.

Corporate Sponsorships

Still looking for additional corporate sponsorships. A new corporate sponsor, Beautiful Math Minds, joins existing corporate sponsors.

PTA Membership

Meredith will put together poster to show what the PTA is involved in to encourage membership. There are 25 families that have joined the PTA this year.

Ideas are welcome – there are reduced opportunities for volunteers and events. Trivia night? Drive-in movie night? Anything will be considered!

Programs

Ellie Zadeh gave an overview of programs this year and how different they will be considering the circumstances.

Virtual Enrichment - OES used to have before and after care and will now offer virtual enrichment programs through enrichmentmatters.com. This has been advertised through panther express. Enrichmentmatters.com

does not tailor to OES. However, it provides 20 interesting classes across 5 counties. The open house will be Sept 24th.

Panther Art - Will be put on hold for the Fall. The future of this program will be discussed with Principal Kelley to see if there is room for program later in the year.

Reflections Program – National PTA program which we can participate in – encourages students to explore arts. Allows students to submit art work in 6 categories.

Principal Kelley thanked all parents that joined the meeting. She mentioned that the PTA means so much to the school and wanted to express her appreciation.

Meredith made the Motion to adjourn, Karen seconded and the meeting ended.

Upcoming Events and Activities

DFD Oct 7th, 2020 – Chik-Fil-A, drive-through only.

Read-a-Thon Fundraiser – A month of reading - October

Halloween Bingo (virtual) – TBD

Next Meeting

The next PTA meeting will take place on November 10th at 7 PM. The Blackboard Collaborate link to be sent out prior to the event.