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OES PTA Meeting

February 24, 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, Katie Tobin, Chris Kelley, Keith Eck, Karen Rose, Erin Gallagher, Donna Kakarala, Kavita Jagarlamudi, Megan, Paula Currall, Aileen Miller, Andrea Zuppas, Jen Maki, Katie P, MM, Nandini, Emily Keller, Noel, Maureen Buchino, Shonk, Vanessa Schlueter, Megan, Sandra, Christine Lancman, Krista, NMehta, Sandra, Shraddha, Sudhir, Tigist, Farha, and Nandini.

PTA Business

Meredith Campbell welcomed everyone.

Minutes: Meredith made a motion to approve the minutes from last meeting (Jan 2021). It was seconded by Karen (unopposed).

Budget: Karen said that we are doing very well.

- **Dining for Dollars** has raised more than \$2000 so far. We are looking at having another one @ Foster's Grill in March, along with Ben and Jerry's.
- **Amazon smile** – so far, we have raised more than last year.
- **Membership** is at about 130.
- We made less money from **school supplies**, but this is to be expected considering virtual learning.
- **Spirit Wear** is doing well.
- **Original Works** made about \$687 in the Fall (80-90 orders). We will be launching a Spring program in March (Mother's Day/Father's Day)
- We have **Teacher Appreciation** coming up in May, so we'll be using some funds for that.
- We have raised over \$54000 so far, and have spent about \$13400. We plan on spending most of it in the coming months.

Fundraising

Original Works (Spring) - starting in March.

Dining for Dollars – Foster's Grill and Ben and Jerry's (March)

Programs

OES Family Fun Nights (once a week) – lead by the Specials teachers. The first one will be Art (Feb 25th) at 7pm. We will learn to draw Paws the Panther. All info is on the website/Facebook. There will be a raffle at each one for a I9 Sports gift certificate.

Spelling Bee – Our winners are:

3rd place: Arjun Vohra, Aneesh Chodavarapu, and Alper efe Sen

2nd place: Aarav Khandpur, Justin Prendergast, and William Sharma

1st place: Yoonsub David Choi

- He will represent OES at the Fairfax County Spelling Bee on March 14th (also virtual).

Sock Drive – all socks collected were donated to the Embry Rucker Shelter in Reston.

Variety Show – the deadline to enter is Feb 28th (Sunday). We are still looking for more people to enter. There will be a draw (4 people who enter, at random) for gift cards.

Girls on the Run – We have 2 coaches and 7 girls. This will run through into March.

Enrichment Matters – new session deadline is today (Feb 24th).

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There were inquiries about the Specials Clubs and whether they would resume. Mr Eck said that they were on hold because of the return to school. Once everyone is back, we will re-evaluate and they may restart.

There have also be inquiries about school pictures and yearbooks. They will take place this year, but later on. More info to come.

Andrea thanked everyone who purchased Autism t-shirts. **Autism Awareness** month is April, so please keep an eye out for info in the Panther Express.

Next week is **Read Across America** week. Mrs. Harmon has some activities planned, and will be hosting the Family Fun Night.

Mr Eck thanked everyone for their support/help with the return to school. The Kindergarten students have returned, and he and the staff are looking forward to everyone else returning as well.

Meredith made the Motion to adjourn at 7:19pm, Donna seconded and the meeting ended.

Upcoming Events and Activities

- Family Fun Night (Art) – February 25th
- Family Fun Night (Library) – March 4th
- Dining for Dollars – Foster's Grill and Ben and Jerry's – March 12th
- County-wide Spelling Bee – March 14th
- Variety Show – deadline is March 14th
- Original Works – deadline is April 10th

Next Meeting

The next PTA meeting will take place on April 14th at 7 PM. The Blackboard Collaborate link will be sent out prior to the event.