



MINUTES

OES PTA Meeting

April 14, 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, Erin Gallagher, Donna Kakarala, Megan, Paula Currall, Prity, Sarah Ohlhorst, Suzy Thompson, Portillo family, Tony Solomita, Vanessa Schlueter, Chadwick, Tracy Seymour.

PTA Business

Meredith Campbell welcomed everyone.

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

Budget - Karen Rose:

- **Dining for Dollars** has raised more than \$2000 so far. We have two more coming up in April and May (PJ Skidoos and Souvlaki Bar).
- **Amazon smile** – doing really well this year. If you don't know, you can choose OES as your charity of choice.
- **Box Tops for Education** – the program has changed, and now you have to upload your receipts.
- **Harris Teeter** – you can designate OES at checkout, and we will get a percentage of your purchases.
- **Enrichment Matters** – we've raised about \$700 so far.
- Teacher Appreciation is in early May, so we will be using funds for that.

Fundraising

Dining for Dollars – PJ Skidoos on April 21st and Souvlaki Bar on May 10th.

Programs

OES Family Fun Nights – our next one is PE on April 22nd at 7:00pm. It will be a compilation of the “greatest hits” from this school year. Please join with your children. We will raffle off another I9 Sports gift certificate. May’s night will be Music (camp fire songs), and June will be Spanish (cooking and dance).

Enrichment Matters – registration for the next session runs from April 19th to 21st. The classes will run from April 26th to May 22nd.

Yearbook - sales are on until April 23rd. Yearbooks are \$25. All info about purchasing yearbooks and submitting candid photos can be found in our newsletter, website, etc. If your child missed picture day, then you will receive an email about how to submit a photo.

Scholastic Book Sale – begins April 16th and runs until April 29th. All purchases are made online and will be shipped directly to your house. The school makes 25% of the purchases. As usual, teachers will have wishlists as well. All the info can be found in our newsletter, website, etc.

STAW (Staff & Teacher Appreciation Week) – 1st week of May. Room parents will be reaching out with more info.

Food Allergy Awareness week – May 9th to 13th. It’s important to remember that every class at OES has about 2 studentas with a food allergy. On May 12th, the PTA will be hosting a talk with Rebecca Greene (OES parent) about her book on the subject. There will also be a Q&A following the book reading. Students and parents are welcome! There will even be a copy of her book raffled off.

Variety Show – coming soon!

6th grade activities are in the works (t-shirts, surprise, memory book, etc.). There will be some form of celebration, but we are not sure what just yet. Mrs. Kelley added that the School Board will be providing more guidance on this shortly.

PTA positions – many openings for next year. Please let us know if you’re interested! Positions can also be split between people if there are many interested. Some positions that are needed are VP of Programs, Membership, Communications (including social media), Fundraising, etc.

Autism Awareness Week - Andrea extended a “Thank you” to everyone for being so supportive about this week from everyone on the Special Education committee. Today was “Light It Up Blue” day at OES.

Mrs Kelley thanked everyone for their support and patience. She said that they are trying their best to accommodate all requests. They are committed to keeping the students safe, and are doing our very best. We are trying to get as many students into the building as possible by the end of April.

Mr. Eck explained that their focus has been on students who are already in school 2 days a week and could use the other 2 days, as designated by the teachers. He said that the invites are out already. He explained that there are only 40 more instructional days of school left, and that they want to maximize the time. If there is additional space, they will reach out to specific parents at that time. Although they would like to have everyone return, they just cannot at the moment.

Meredith made the Motion to adjourn at 7:32pm, Suzy seconded and the meeting ended.

Upcoming Events and Activities

- Scholastic Book Sale – April 16th – 29th
- Enrichment Matters registration – April 19th – 21st
- Dining for Dollars – PJ Skidoos – April 21st
- Family Fun Night (PE) – April 22nd
- Family Fun Night (Music) – May
- STAW – first week of May
- Dining for Dollars – Souvlaki Bar – May 10th
- Food Allergy Awareness Week – May 9th – 13th
- Food Allergy Awareness book reading and Q&A with Rebecca Greene – May 12th

Next Meeting

The next PTA meeting will take place on May 26th at 7 PM. The Blackboard Collaborate link will be put out prior to the event. The PTA elections for next year's board will take place during this meeting.