



MINUTES

OES PTA Meeting

September 20th, 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 Microsoft Teams. Attendees included:

Christine Lancman, Meredith Campbell, Chris Kelley, Keith Eck, Karen Rose, Jen Maki, Delphine Woltz, Joelle D., Erin Gallagher, Emily Keller, KN, Lini, Jim Miller, Megan, Joy Park, Paula Currall, Portillo family, Rachel, Aileen Santiago, Tracy Seymour, Stoney, Vincent Torres, ZeliaWorman, Akanksha Kadam, Andrea Zuppas, Angie Hirzel, Anil Sezer, Ashley Quinn, Bethany Messer, Chef Alison Garen, Daniel Hwang.

PTA Business

Christine Lancman welcomed everyone.

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

Budget - Karen Rose:

- There was a Prior Year Financial Review Audit conducted – financial review committee of 3 people on September 10th
 - Checks/balances to make sure that we're following the rules
 - Everything was found to be in order
 - Page 9 of the report shows that we balanced the books. We have \$54000 reserved from previous years. We have spent less in the last 2 years because of covid, but we hope to work with the school and spend some of that this year.
 - Report is available on the PTA website
- Karen made a motion to accept the Prior Year Financial Review. Jen Maki seconded it.
- Proposed budget for next year – we use previous years for planning purposes (tends to stay about the same)
 - Fundraising: corporate sponsors, dining for dollars, movie nights, panther fund donations, amazon, box tops, read-a-thon, etc.
 - Plan to spend about \$77000
- Karen made a motion to approve the 2021-2022 budget. Jen Maki seconded it.
- Current status: we've raised about \$9800 and spent about \$8000.

Fundraising

Movie Night – Tom and Jerry, September 24th: Pizza can be ordered via the website, concessions will be available. Masks and/or social distancing is encouraged.

Programs

- **Special Education Update (Andrea Zuppas):** Special Ed community and committee
 - Link between the special education teachers, PTA and Special Ed services in the area
 - Most info in the newsletter updates is beneficial to all families
 - Inclusive schools week and Autism Awareness month
- **Outdoor Lunch:** grades 3-6 right now, but we are working with K-2 teachers and they should start in the coming weeks. Volunteer sign-up in on the PTA website.
 - Christine thanked all those who have already volunteered, as well as the staff for their cooperation and help.
 - Christine also noted that for covid contact tracing, volunteers should take a picture once the students are seated and email it to oesoutdoorlunch@gmail.com. Once sent, picture should be deleted.

Mrs. Kelley thanked the PTA for organizing the outdoor lunches. She said that the kids are loving it, and she really appreciates the work that goes into it.

Mr Eck echoed Mrs. Kelley. He also announced that the school is looking for a second supervisor for the cafeteria.

Chef Alison Garen presented on tips and tricks for easy school lunches. Some highlights were:

- Keep it simple!
- Embrace the bento box
- Lunch is not the ideal time to try new foods, especially if you have a picky eater.
- Want your warm food to stay warm longer? Add boiling water to your thermos and close the lid for a few minutes before emptying and adding warm food.

She will be sending out some follow-up info.

Jen Maki made the Motion to adjourn at 7:50pm, Jim Miller seconded and the meeting ended.

Upcoming Events and Activities

- Movie Night – Sept 24th
- October Read-a-thon

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be November 10th at 7:00pm.