



MINUTES

OES PTA Meeting

January 26, 2022, 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 Zoom. Attendees included:

Christine Lancman, Meredith Campbell, Karen Rose, Bridget Sharphorn, Jenn Zschunke, Keith Eck, Jen, Joy Park, Megan, Christine Kelley, Anna Seoyoon Kang, Stella, Erin Gallagher, Paula Currall, Manny Torres, Kavita J., Chad Ackley, Andrea Zuppas, Bindal Family, Jay Sherron, Margery Kreider, Rachel Sitta, Sarah Ohlhorst, Marie Maroun, Amy Gillard, Suzy Thompson, Farha, Akanksha Kadam and Ji-Eun Kastner.

PTA Business

Christine welcomed everyone.

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

Christine introduced Jenn Zschunke of Moss Building & Design, and thanked her not only for being a sponsor, but also for the pasta dinners.

Moss Building & Design sponsored this PTA meeting, and Jenn Zschunke presented.

- Thank you for allowing us to sponsor you
- We do residential remodelling and offer free consultations
- So glad that you enjoyed the pasta dinners
- Looking to have a "live event" in the Spring (once it's allowed)
- We will be raffling off a "handyman for the day"
- Please reach out at any time

Mrs Kelley thanked the parents for their support and for sending the kids back this week with masks. They are continuing to wait to see where they will go from here.

Mr Eck thanked the PTA for their readiness to jump in and help when needed. Thankful that the school can depend on the PTA.

Mrs Kelley thanked Ji-Eun (School Liaison) for being present and supporting the families, especially new arrivals to the school.

Lost and Found – please remind your kids to take a look and pick up anything that belongs to them. The items that have not been picked up by Monday will be donated. All the items have been photographed, and can be found here: [OES Lost and Found - Google Drive](#)

Filter Survey – Thank you to those who responded. Although we got a number of responses, we did not get enough to move forward right now. Equity is the key (we would need to raise enough to have one in each of the 30 classrooms), and at a total cost of about \$12,000, our fear is that we won't reach our goal. The conversation is ongoing, but we have paused any action for the moment.

Facebook questions – Please feel free to post on our Facebook page, but also feel free to reach out to Mr Eck or Mrs Kelley directly with questions or concerns.

Budget

Christine explained that PTA funds have been used to:

1. fund snacks for kids who don't come to school with one (available in the counsellors rooms) – this used to be funded by a local church
2. Staff Lunch from Sandwich Shop in December
3. Filters were bought for the common areas (with help from funding from a Walmart grant)

Karen explained that we've raised about \$35,000 so far (45% of our budget). We've spent about \$17,000 (22% of our budget).

Fundraising

Dining for Dollars – Tony's January 27th

Skate Night – February 4th

Programs

Spelling Bee – approximately 100 kids have signed up (K-6). This week they are taking their grade level tests. The top 3 (or more) from each grade will go on to the OES Spelling Bee. The winner from the OES spelling Bee will move on to the Fairfax County Spelling Bee. We chose to stay virtual this year, and will likely do so moving forward.

Enrichment Matters – registration for the next session starts next week. They will be in person, in the mornings from 8-9am. Please reach out to Joy with any questions.

Thank a Teacher contest – deadline is January 31st. The winner gets a \$150 gift card and \$2000 for their school

Yearbook – We are currently collecting photos, so please send them in ([Shutterfly](#)). The yearbooks are sale now through the end of February ([Iostens](#)). Anyone who missed picture day and would like their child's picture to be added, please email Karen Rose.

Food Drive – In March, along with the SEA, we will be collecting food for Food For Others. Each grade level will be competing to collect the most food. We are currently looking for a lead volunteer.

Christine made the Motion to adjourn at 7:30pm.

Upcoming Events and Activities

- Dining for Dollars – Tony's – January 27th
- Skate Night – Feb 4th

Next Meeting

The next PTA meeting will take place on February 23rd at 7 PM. The Zoom link will be put out prior to the event. The PTA elections for next year's board will take place during this meeting.