



MINUTES

OES PTA Meeting

February 23, 2022, 7:00pm

In Attendance

This meeting was conducted via video-conference 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, Keith Eck, Christine Kelley, Suzy Thompson, Julie Watson, Kendall, Laura, Lindy, Erin Gallagher, Paula Currall, Amy Gillard, Andrea Zuppas, Marie Maroun, Seoyoo Kang, Teri, Tyler Bannister, Gloria Kinner, Jen, Joy Park, Julie Bindal, Jed Barkin, Akanksha Kadam, Delphine Woltz, Ji-Eun Kastner.

PTA Business

Christine called the meeting to order at 7:02pm, and welcomed everyone.

Motion to enter the minutes from last meeting (Jan 2022) was made by Paula Currall, and seconded by Karen Rose.

Christine introduced Jed Barkin and Tyler Bannister from Headfirst Summer Camps.

Jed said that they are a proud/honoured gold sponsor of the OES PTA, and went on to introduce their camps.

- 26th season of summer camps – 4th year at Flint Hill – Oakton, VA
- Mission – inspire the personal best in each kid
- There have been no covid cases at their Flint Hill location
- Discount for OES parents (for all programs) - OES22 to save 10% when you enroll
- Their umbrella company also offers DC United soccer camps and Washington Nationals baseball/softball camps
- They offer a variety of camps for children 3 yrs old to rising 5th graders
- Before and After care (7:30am to camp; camp to 6:00pm)
- Capitol Hill bus to other camp locations
- Safety Update:
 - We don't know what the summer will look like, but we have plans/protocols in place
 - Will meet or exceed latest CDC guidelines
 - Some protocols from last summer included masking (staff at all times, kids inside), stagger car pool, smaller groups, etc
 - No vaccination mandate for campers; counsellors need to be vaccinated or submit to weekly testing
 - They continue to monitor and will as they move forward
- Junior Day Camp (3 and 4 yrs old)

- Provide the youngest with exposure to new topics/school readiness
 - Super 6 (
 - Not school, but they are learning (content and skills - how to listen, follow directions, transitions, etc)
 - Each week has a different theme – projects/activities throughout the week will tie into the theme
 - Music, sports, art, STEM, etc.
 - We have added back swim (OakMarr) this year – twice per week or water play on non-pool days
 - Small ratios – 2 buddies
- Day Camp (rising K – 1st graders)
 - Theme based curriculum
 - Super 6
 - Also pool days (OakMarr) and water play
- Multi Sport program (rising K – 5th graders)
 - Active program
 - All levels
 - Variety in sport - exposure to different sports and PE style games
 - Wrist bands – to go with the Super 6 qualities
- Innovators, Inc. (rising 2nd and 3rd graders) & STEM (rising 4th and 5th graders)
 - Field trips and expert workshops

Christine thanked both Jed and Tyler for their time and support. If you have questions for Headfirst, please email Jed Barkin at jbarkin@headfirst.com.

Christine introduced a brief conversation about summer camps, and asked for recommendations.

Christine Lancman: *Vienna Day camps* – Registraton begins March 14th for non-town residents. They have tried and enjoyed the football and baseball camps, though they are half day camps.

Amy Gillard: *I9 Multisport camp* – kids really enjoyed it; they have a nice program; mostly outside, but do have an indoor areas at Vienna Adventist when needed; approx. age for campers is 6-12 yrs; they don't expect any expertise in the sports.

Paula: *Camp Illahee* - sleepaway camp in NC; all girls; approx. 8hr drive; campillahee.com
Camp High Rocks – sleepaway camp in NC; all boys; camphighrocks.com

Julie: *Cuppett Performing Arts Center* – half-day day camp; Celebration of the Arts camp; small groups; zoom during covid; camps for younger kids too (art); Her daughter did the Pop Star week and made a t-shirt that she designed; there is a performance at the end of the week.

Meredith: *Harmonia Music Academy* in Vienna – 2 week musical theatre camp; all indoors; performance at the end of the 2 weeks.

Ice Skating camp at SkateQuest – mix of indoor and outdoor; 2 week sessions; small performance at the end of the session.

LCF kids (Life Changing Fitness in Falls Church) – Adapted recreation; kids learn social skills, gross motor skills, fine motor skills, etc.

Joy: *Apple Tree summer camp* - children 3 yrs to 5th grade; about to open registration for kids outside the school; appletreefairfax.com

Not Just Dance (Chantilly) - Musical theatre camp; 2 week sessions; performance (3 shows) at the end of the sessions; notjustdance.net

Sharon: *Tyson's Art and Learning Centre* – Art day programs and summer camps; before and after care; approx. \$400 a week.

Andrea: For children with varying abilities:

https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ncs_tracers/up/ProgramListing.aspx?pDGID=2

Ji-Eun Kastner: *SpiderSmart Learning Center* – educational camps

Budget

Karen thanked Jen and Nadia, and the rest of the corporate sponsor team for all their work securing our returning and new corporate sponsors.

What is new with the Budget:

- Dining For Dollars are doing well.
- Skate nights are doing well, and are well attended.
- Amazon smile is doing well.
- Memberships are up from last year.
- We did well with School supplies.
- Spirit wear has done well, and we're in the process of deciding if/when to do a Spring drive.
- We just got an Enrichment Matters check.
- We paid for a new printer for the Guidance team.
- Teacher support – we still have requests coming in – we're at \$4700.
- We got \$671 from the Art program we ran in the Fall.

- Teacher Appreciation – we recently paid for drinks and desserts.
- We're at about 50% raised, and have spent about ½ of that, so we're on track to do really well this year.

Programs

Yearbook – Remember to order yours before it's too late. Friday, February 25th is deadline.

DFD – Christine thanked Amy, as she has secured an awesome calendar for the next few months (moved Mama Tigre's to the Spring/Summer)

Enrichment Matters – Christine thanked Joy for all of her hard work. She has been at the school at 8am every day, making sure things are running smoothly.

International Night – Cooking event with Tiny Chefs on Friday night (Feb 25th) – just for OES, so make sure to sign up.

Spelling Bee – Christine thanked Meredith for all of her work for Spelling Bee. Meredith explained that there was great participation this year. After 2 rounds, there was a 4-way tie for 1st place. She created a tie-breaker, and the winner was Nathan Lee (Miss Conway) who will represent OES at the Fairfax County Spelling Bee on March 20th (in person event).

Food Drive – Teaming up with SCA to collect food for Food for Others. It will begin in the next few weeks. Suzy Thompson volunteered to coordinate.

Andrea Zuppas mentioned that **Autism Awareness Week** is being planned for after Spring Break. More info to come.

Mrs Kelley mentioned that **Read Across America** week is next week. She also explained that there are lots of questions about what March 1st will look like with the change in mask mandate. She has a meeting coming up, and will share all the information as soon as she receives it. She mentioned that everyone is excited to have some normalcy back. They are planning for the grade 6 Basketball game vs Waples Hill. She also wanted to recognize and thank those who shared kind words about Keith Eck. He was the Oakton Outstanding Leader, and then was also chosen as the Oakton-pyramid Outstanding Leader. We all have so much appreciation for all that he does!

Karen motioned to end the meeting at 7:45pm; Meredith seconded. Christine thanked everyone for coming, and ended the meeting.

Upcoming Events and Activities

February 25th - **Tiny Chefs International Cooking Class**

March 9th - **Dining for Dollars: The Sandwich Shop and Rita's Italian Ice**

March 11th – **Skate Night**

March 21st – **Dining for Dollars: Bear Branch Tavern**

Next Meeting

The next PTA meeting will take place on April 20th at 7 PM. The Zoom link will be put out prior to the event.