



MINUTES

OES PTA Meeting

September 21, 2022, 8:30AM

In Attendance

This meeting was conducted in person, in the OES library. Attendees included:

Karen Rose, Meredith Campbell, Erin Gallagher, Joy Lee Park, Keith Eck, Christine Kelley, Lauren Magee, Paula Currall, Christine Lancman, Emily Keller, Ji-Eun Kastner, Yi Du, Lela Martinez, Brendan Lins, Angie Hirzel, Katie Tobin, Erica Roque, Nazia Fatima Ali, Carrie Reasonover, Ida Brudnick, Alison Flacks, Danny Jziang, Irene Choi Wolferman, Megan Harrell, Veronica Clapp, Eva Rivera Garcia, Sungkyung Bong, Beatriz Areizaga Garcia and Tzitziki Hinkley.

PTA Business

Meredith called the meeting to order at 8:35 am, and welcomed everyone.

Motion to enter the minutes from last meeting (May 2022) was made by Meredith Campbell, and seconded by Karen Rose.

Budget

Meredith Campbell made a motion to approve the financial review/audit conducted earlier this week by Karen Rose, Meredith Campbell, Joy Lee Park, Paula Currall and Erin Gallagher. Paula Currall seconded the motion. All in favor, approved.

Karen Rose showed everyone and explained the proposed budget for this school year (2022-2023). Last year's budget was used and slightly adjusted. We plan to raise about \$65,000. Our main fundraisers are the Panther Pride Fund (envelopes that go home to each family), corporate sponsors, Family Fun Night (Spring carnival), Read-a-thon, Dining for Dollars events, skate nights, amazon smile / box tops, etc. All funds raised go towards various events we hold, STAW, student activities, student clubs, academic enrichment, teacher support, each of the school departments, Panther Art (parent-led), Reflections competition, marketing, PTA website, etc. The plan is to spend all the money that is raised.

Question from a parent: How is this plan different from last year or more ambitious?

Karen's answer: We have no carry over from last year. This year's plan is more ambitious (specifically for the Panther Pride Fund because we are back to "normal" after covid). We are bringing back in person activities, and expect more donations/fundraising as a result. We do the Panther Pride Fund envelopes because past parents have demonstrated wanting to make a one-time donation instead of selling things. We may have extra

bonus funds from corporate sponsors. This year, we are being more ambitious with Read-a-thon since we are back in-person.

Meredith reminded everyone that the Budget can always be found online on the PTA website (for transparency).

Motion to approve the budget was made by Christine Lancman, and seconded by Joy Lee Park.

Programs

PTA Membership - Meredith announced that PTA membership is currently at about 79 parents and 22 teachers/staff.

Fall Enrichment programs - Joy (for Laila, who could not attend) said that although off to a rocky start, the classes have now been posted. Classes run every morning from 8-9am, Monday through Friday. We are hoping to start registration on Friday (please look to the PTA facebook page for updates). Classes will run Oct 11 – Dec 9.

Monday: Chess

Tuesday: Lego STEM

Wednesday: Basketball academy

Thursday: Kids on Canvas

Friday: Multi-sports

Science Olympiad - For 3rd to 6th graders. The first info session was held last week. Another will be planned shortly, please stay tuned.

STEMvocate – This is a high school student-run program. About 20 families came out to the info session.

Girls on the Run (GOTR) – Girls running program that meets before school. The deadline to sign up is this week (Sept 23rd).

Let Me Run – Boys running program for 3rd and 4th graders.

Reflections – Art competition. Please see the PTA newsletter for more information. Deadline to enter is Oct 21st.

Fundraising - Lauren Magee spoke about upcoming initiatives.

- Spirit Wear was sold at the Open House, and the Fall campaign is currently on. The deadline for orders is Oct 3rd.
- Read-a-thon begins on Oct 3rd. This is the only student fundraiser for the year. We are continuing to build this fundraiser through new corporate partnerships. Nothing Bundt Cakes will be offering incentives this year. Bard's Alley will be holding an in-person event (Oct 18th), and will give OES a percentage of the profits from the evening. As always, we will have weekly themes, reading challenges, prizes, etc.

Volunteer Opportunities - Christine Lancman discussed that we will need volunteers for our upcoming events (Movie Night – please see website, Halloween Bingo – an email will go out shortly). She also discussed that we need someone to volunteer as Treasurer-elect to work closely with Karen Rose this year and learn the ropes. Karen will be leaving at the end of the year, so this person would take over next year.

Room Parents – There will be 2 training sessions for room parents (Sept 27th and Sept 28th from 6-7pm). All room parents must attend one session. Weekly emails will begin shortly after the training sessions are over. These are meant to keep parents up-to-date with the most important information every week.

Special Education Committee – Led by Andrea Zuppas, this committee is meant to improve the connection between the school and you. There is a Special Education section on the website, and has lots of information that is beneficial to all students/families. The committee's aim is to create awareness and inclusion. Please reach out if you want to know more or join.

Meredith asked if there were any questions from the teachers. One request was made to include lunch in the Chipotle and Luciano's Dining for Dollars days so that teachers can walk over.

Principal Kelley thanked the PTA for everything they do for the school and staff. She said that it has been a wonderful start to the school year, and that there has been a positive vibe in the building. She explained that teachers are very short-staffed right now throughout the School Board, but that having a supportive PTA has been a selling point to "woo" new teachers to the school. She said that the school should be fully staffed by the end of the week.

Meredith Campbell made the motion to close the meeting at 9:00am. The motion was seconded by Joy Lee Park.

Upcoming Events and Activities

Movie Night (Sept 30th) - Sing 2. Pizza is available for pre-purchase only (via PTA website), and snacks will be available for purchase at the event.

Halloween Bingo (Oct 21st) – In-person this year! More info to come.

Dining for Dollars – *October: Luciano's, November: Chipotle, December: Chick Fil-A*

Next Meeting

The next PTA meeting will take place November 16, 2022. Location and time are TBD.