



MINUTES

OES PTA Meeting

January 11, 2023, 8:30AM

In Attendance

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

Meredith Campbell, Erin Gallagher, Joy Lee Park, Keith Eck, Christine Kelley, Lauren Magee, Paula Currall, Megan Harrell, Sangram Kadam, Emily Keller, Angie Hirzel, Maliha Kochay, Lori Weiss, Brendan Lins, Katie Tobin, Elizabeth Gleason, Yi Du, Ida Brudnick, Jennifer Fendrick, Irene Choi Wolferman, Danny Jiang, Sungkyung Bong and Ji-Eun Kastner.

PTA Business

Meredith called the meeting to order at 8:34am, welcomed everyone and asked them to sign in.

Meredith made the motion to enter the minutes from last meeting (November 2022). This was seconded by Joy Lee Park.

She also apologized for the technical issues that prevented people from logging in to the last PTA meeting. As a reminder, she let people know that we had a representative from the Miller Heights neighborhood to speak about the issues they've been having with our Kiss and Ride.

Moss Building and Design (Meeting Sponsor)

Meredith introduced Jennifer Schmiel Zschunke, the director of customer experience/community relations at Moss.

Jennifer invited everyone to enjoy the donuts/coffee and Moss swag that she supplied. She explained that Moss is a growing business, and that they are trying to give back to the community.

She was also present to choose a winner for the raffle Moss was running (Handyman for the Day). She asked Principal Kelley to draw a name, and the winner was Karen Rose.

Jennifer reminded everyone that the company offers free consultations, and thanked the PTA.

Budget

Please see our website for budget details. Everything is posted and is transparent. Bu

Reminder that our Panther Pride Fund green envelopes went out recently. This is for our "armchair fundraiser". All of the money raised goes to the PTA, and is used to help the school in various ways. We were trying to raise about \$18000 this year. We are currently at just under \$3000.

Meredith noted that Chick-Fil-A mentioned that our DFD event in December was their biggest grossing event of the year.

Current and Upcoming Fundraising:

- DFD at Tony's NY Pizza is Thurs, Jan 12th

Skate Night: Jan 20th at SkateQuest in Reston.

Variety Show: Rehearsals start next week. Actual show will be in March.

Spelling Bee: Deadline to register is Friday (Jan 13th). Testing starts next week.

International Festival: February 3rd. We are still looking for people who want to join and represent their countries – food, art, etc. The event was traditionally well-attended.

Yearbooks – Please see our website to order/purchase yours, as well as to upload photos.

Spring Enrichment: Registration will be held Feb 16-28. We are still working on the schedule/what will be offered.

Chess Club: will be starting at the school – sponsored by the US chess center (all levels welcome) grades 2-6 Tues pm after school \$140 (snacks and tshirt. Registration ends Feb 2 We will need parent volunteers

Meredith mentioned that we are always looking ahead to next year, so if there are any people interested in joining the PTA, please let us know. There are many positions such as Treasurer, Recorder, President, Committee chair positions, etc, and we are always looking for new faces.

Meredith opened the floor to questions/comments:

1. Can new students to the school upload their picture to be included in the yearbook like last year?
Yes! Karen Rose is the contact to email with this info. This information will be added to our newsletter.
2. Are students attending Variety Show rehearsals required to stay after school or should they go home and come back for their rehearsal time slot?
Yes! Students are required to stay at school until their rehearsal time starts, and then can go home afterwards. Parent volunteers will be supervising until students are done. If you need more information, please contact your child's teacher. Please also remember to send a note in about your child's change in dismissal.
3. I am very happy that after school activities have resumed (Stemvocate). The kids are loving it!
Principal Kelley added that volunteers are integral to after-school activities working smoothly (dismissal).
4. For volunteers bringing in food for the International Festival, how many people should they prepare for? Also is there a budget to help volunteers?
It is suggested to prepare food for about 25-50 people. Ideally there will be multiple volunteers per country, so they can work together. Yes, there is a budget, but it will be used for supplies/setup, and not to help volunteers with their food items.
5. Since Chess Club will be starting up, will there be other clubs beginning?
Not right now. We consider ideas on a case by case basis, so please let us know if you have any ideas.

Meredith thanked everyone for coming out, and made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 am. The motion was seconded by Joy Lee Park.

Upcoming Events and Activities

- DFD Tony's NY Pizza (Jan 12th)
- Spelling Bee registration ends Fri Jan 13th
- Variety Show rehearsals begin next week
- Skate Night (Jan 20th)

Next Meeting

The next PTA meeting will take place on February 15th, 2023. Location and time are TBD.