

**OES PTA Meeting Minutes
Back to School Nights
September 9, 2014
September 11, 2014
OES Elementary Auditorium
Submitted by Audra Hoebler**

Present: From the Board: Amy Allen, Marcie Martin, Mary Pat Julian, Laurel Donaldson, Audra Hoebler and Jackie Snow. Please see attached attendance sheets for each night.

The meeting came to order at 7:05pm.

Board Introductions

Budget Overview

- The PTA has 82K for Enrichment and Program spending
 - 51% - Academic Enrichment
 - Language Arts Program – Balance Literacy Program which focuses on Being a Writer, Making Meaning and Benchmark Literacy
 - Professional Development for Teachers – training for our new Responsive classrooms as well as training for our substitute teachers
 - Mini Grants - \$800/grade (raised from \$600) – to be used by each grade for their enrichment programs
 - Teacher Support - \$200/teacher (raised from \$150) – for supplies, etc.
 - 41% of the 51% goes directly back into the classroom
 - 22% - Art Enrichment
 - Cultural art assemblies – 4/year
 - Grace Art
 - Artist in Residence
 - Reflections
 - Variety Show
 - 6% - Community Building – Free Events!
 - Family Nights
 - Movie Night
 - Science Night
 - Game Night

- Puzzle Night
- International Night
- Fall Dance
- Spring Picnic
- 5% - School Beautification
 - FCPS only mows, OES has to take care of mulching, weeding , planting, pruning, etc. (Bladerunners dontates its time)
- **How does OES Raise the Funds for These Programs?**
 - Friends of Oakton (FOO)
 - our largest “armchair” fundraiser
 - Now – October 31, 2014
 - Last year FOO comprised 20% of the funds, this year’s goal is 50%
 - Family Night Out
 - Dine at area restaurants and a percentage of the bill goes back to OES
 - Skate Nights
 - Family Fun Night/Auction
 - Shopping and Rebate Fundraisers
 - Grocery Cards
 - Amazon
 - Box Tops/Labels for Education
 - Family 5K and Fun Run – Fitness for the Family!
 - Mixed Bag Design – new fundraiser!
 - Personalized Bricks
- A motion was made by Mary Pat Julian to approve the 2014-15 PTA budget. Laurel Donaldson seconded the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

The next PTA meeting is October 20, 2014 in the OES cafeteria.