



MINUTES

OES PTA Meeting

February 5, 2020, 8:30am

In Attendance

Karen Rose, Meredith Campbell, Donna Kakarala, Chris Kelly, Keith Eck, Ellie Zadeh, Brigette Polmar, Katie Tobin, Nicole White, Tan Holsclaw, Lauren Magee, Thursa Peroraro, Joanie Dugan, Mimi Chou

Welcome

Karen Rose, PTA President, welcomed everyone. Meredith Campbell ran the FaceBook Live feed and Brigette Polmar had the call-in line open.

Minutes: Brigette Polmar made a motion that the minutes from the prior meeting be approved. It was seconded by Donna Kakarala and approved (unopposed).

Business

Budget

Karen Rose provided a high level overview of the budget and where we stand to date. Copies of the detailed budget were printed and available at the meeting.

Noteworthy:

Teachers haven't yet spent their allotted budget of \$250 each. We agreed to set a deadline for the end of February. Brigette Polmar will send a reminder to the teachers about their budget and the deadline to spend.

Fundraising

Fundraising and events: We've had success with both so far this year, but it is still early for Yearbook sales (cutoff for sales is 3/31) and there is still more expected from Spirit Wear. Several events and fundraisers yet to happen.

Brigette Polmar raised a question about the most recent Skate Night. This has been a successful fundraising event, with the most recent bringing in \$695. This success prompted the question of scheduling even more Skate Night events next year. Last year there were 2 skate events, this year it has been increased to 4. We discussed adding 2 more next year. While there was no formal vote, all seem to agree this is worth considering.

Nicole White gave an update on online sales for Hershey Park tickets and Autism awareness t-shirts.

Hershey Park tickets – Not many have sold yet, but there is still more time on this.

Autism awareness shirt sales are pretty low and Nicole White suggested that there be an additional room parent email to remind families to make their purchases before the February 13th deadline. Chris Kelley will also include a reminder in the Principal's weekly message.

Dining for Dollars – Despite the issue with the event at Maggio’s Skorprios where the receipts were not counted or credited to OES patrons, the events overall have been successful. The Maggio’s Skorprios issue is still being worked by Karen Rose who is collecting receipts to submit to the restaurant.

Fosters has been booked for the last day of school.

Nicole White proposed the idea of having DFD events over the summer. It’s a great way to bring families together and raise money. There was general agreement about the merit of this idea.

The question of adding Chick FilA as a DFD event was discussed. Karen Rose explained that there are very specific rules and is looking into how it can work to add this restaurant.

Programs

Enrichment classes: Ellie Zadeh shared the good news that 97 kids are signed up for morning classes. The enrollment window is now closed. Enrollment is up from previous year’s morning numbers. Brigitte Polmar noted that this suggests an interest in enrichment classes at any time of day.

Nicole White raised the question of sending the survey to parents regarding afternoon enrichment classes. The survey will both explain to parents what the concerns are about running p.m. classes, and gauge parent willingness to partner with the school. There was agreement that the timing is now right for this survey.

Running clubs: Students are signing up now for both the girls running club (GOTR) and the boys running club (Running With the Stars). Enrollment numbers are good.

One more coach is needed for GOTR

Upcoming Events and Activities

6th Grade Basketball Game

Date is set: Tuesday, June 2nd

Space reserved: Madison High School

Because it is a school night, Chris Kelley wants to be sure the event does not run too late. There was discussion about how long the event itself takes, and the reservation time. In the end, it was agreed that the event could run from 6-8:30pm. While this is 30minutes shorter than previous years, time will be made up by ensuring an on-time start and efficient running/transition of the games.

Elections / PTA Board Positions: Will start advertising for Board Positions next year and also personal recruiting. Active Room parents are great candidates and may be interested to get involved with the PTA. We need to reach out to parents now so there is time to talk through positions, answer questions, and start transitions. NOTE: Room Parent Liaison has been assigned.

PTA/SCA event coming up - will learn more soon from Nicole White and Miss Schnaue

Spring Carnival and Silent Auction (5/29) – Will be getting started on this event. Mimi Chou has already booked DJ Brian. Ben & Jerry’s will be there, too. Sue Jones is the Carnival chair, and Jen Maki is heading up the silent auction.

Fall 2020 = 75th Anniversary of OES!!!!

Need to select a committee for planning. OES could do a community event like Sunrise did recently when they celebrated a big anniversary themselves. London Town recently had a week-long celebration for their anniversary. Chris Kelley suggested we contact those schools to get ideas.

Logo – We will print t-shirts and magnets with a special logo for the anniversary. We still need to select the official logo and decide if it should be a standard logo across all merchandise and flyers and communication. Donna Kakarala is working with the t-shirt vendor. Karen Rose is working with a company who can make the magnet. Brigette Polmar has also offered to work on a possible logo, and together we will determine what to use for next year.

The anniversary celebrations will take place in the Fall of 2020, so will be planned prior to the holiday break next year.

International Night – Friday, Feb 7th

Skate Night – Friday, Feb 21

DFD Foster’s and Ben & Jerry’s - Wednesday, Feb 26th

Skate Night - Friday, March 20

DFD Chipotle – March 25

Variety Show – March 26, 27

Next Meeting

The next Meeting will be on March 4th at 7pm in the OES library.