



# MINUTES

OES PTA Meeting

February 15, 2023, 7:00PM

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## In Attendance

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This meeting was conducted online via Zoom. Attendees included:

Meredith Campbell, Karen Rose, Erin Gallagher, Joy Lee Park, Keith Eck, Christine Kelley, Lauren Magee, Paula Currall, Andrea Zuppas, Emily Keller, Laura, Megan, Nadia, Yi Du, Anna, Jason Lody, Lori Weiss, Julie Bindal, Stephanie, Ashraf Faramawi and Ji-Eun Kastner.

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## PTA Business

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

Meredith made the motion to enter the minutes from last meeting (January 2023). This was seconded by Karen Rose.

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## Budget

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Karen mentioned that skate nights are going very well this year, and are bringing in more money than expected.

She also said that our Dining for Dollars events have been well attended, and are bringing in a good amount money.

Overall, we have raised about \$41000 this year, and have spent about \$21000. Karen said that this is a decent situation given that we're about half way through the school year.

Reminder that all budget details are available on our website - everything is posted and is transparent.

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## Programs

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- Meredith reminded parents to have their children check the **Lost and Found**. There are a lot of items there right now, and they will be donated after Friday.
- **DFD** – Settledown Easy Brewing Company – Thursday, Feb 16<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8pm. This was organized by our SCA president! There will be live music, and a % of the profits from both drinks and food will go to our school.
- **Skate Night** – Friday, Feb 17<sup>th</sup> from 7:30-9:30pm.
- **Girls on The Run** – registration is open until the end of February. They meet in the mornings.
- **Spring Enrichment** – registration starts tomorrow (Thursday, Feb 16<sup>th</sup>) and runs until the 28<sup>th</sup>.
- **Variety Show** – in full swing! March 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> are the performances.

- **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball game** – we are still looking for a chairperson. If you would like to volunteer, please let us know. The game was scheduled for April 17<sup>th</sup>, but is being rescheduled due to a religious holiday. The new date is TBD.
- **STEMvocate** – the program has been successful this year. They even partnered with the Oakton High School robotics team.
- **Chess Club** – We had over 50 students sign up! Thankfully many parents have come forward to help out.
- **Spelling Bee** – Approximately 100 students signed up and took the first tests. 37 students advanced to the school-wide Spelling Bee, which will take place this week. We are hoping to name a winner by Saturday. This student will move on to the Fairfax County Spelling Bee (to take place in March).
- **Spring Carnival** – We are still looking for a Chairperson for this event. This has been a fun event in the past, and we are looking forward to holding it again. We are still in the brainstorming phase, but are eager to get going.
- **Special Education (Andrea)** – We have begun to plan Autism Awareness week (to be held in April). More to follow

Meredith opened the floor to questions/comments:

1. A parent emailed the PTA asking about the proposal for the old AT&T building down the street. The proposal is for the creation of 1200 residential units. They wanted to know if the school was involved in the discussion as it will impact traffic, school enrollment, etc. The next public meeting is being held on March 9<sup>th</sup>.

*Principal Kelley responded and noted that this was the first that she had heard about the proposal. She will bring it to the attention of the School Board and make sure that they are part of the discussion.*

2. (Nadia) When will the 1<sup>st</sup> graders take the NAGLIERI test?

*Vice Principal Eck said that it will be sometime near the beginning of March. Parents will receive a letter notifying them of the exact date.*

3. (Ji-Eun Kastner, Family Liaison) International Night was a great success, and she received a lot of positive feedback from parents!

*Meredith thanked her, and agreed that it was a success and that there was a huge turnout.*

4. A parent asked if there was an update about Kiss and Ride?

*Mr Eck said that things have been going well. There has been more volume with Spring sports beginning, but it hasn't been too bad. He encourages parents to only arrive between 4:00 and 4:05pm to avoid having to line up. He said the the dept of transposition for both Fairfax County and Virginia have been consulted, and that there will be more Eno parking signs going up soon. This will allow for more spaces, and will allow the inner lane to move faster. He noted again that things have improved.*

*Principal Kelley also said that Karl Frisch asked to have the whole situation looked at more thoroughly, including bell times, design of the kiss and ride, etc. This is in the works.*

5. (Andrea) Will Panther Art be returning?

*Meredith said that the PTA have been preoccupied with other things, but that we plan to bring it back for next year.*

6. Principal Kelley thanked the PTA for the Valentine's Day treats.

7. Principal Kelley announced that they had the opportunity to celebrate Mr Melvin. He was nominated and won an FCPS Cares award. She told everyone how involved he is, and how grateful the staff is to have him at the school.

Meredith thanked everyone for coming out, and made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:26pm.

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### Upcoming Events and Activities

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- DFD Settle Down Brewing Company (Feb 16<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm)
- Skate Night (Feb 17<sup>th</sup> 7:30-9:30pm)
- Variety Show (March 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>)

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### Next Meeting

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The next PTA meeting will take place in April (date TBD). It will be held in person at Oakton Elementary school at 8:30am.