**OCES PTO Meeting Minutes**

**September 6, 2018**

OES Café

* ***Welcome/Introduction:*** Jen-Hope Belis, Co-President welcomed all to the meeting. Jen-Hope started by introducing herself as Co-President, Heather Dinkel introduced herself as Co-President, Jeannette Blaustein introduced herself as Vice President, Janet Blanco introduced herself as Treasurer and Ashley Faulk introduced herself as Secretary.
* ***President’s Report:*** Jen-Hope and Heather spoke regarding the following:
* **Boy/Girl Scouts -** Announced that meetings are held Monday nights from 6:45 - 8:00 PM at the OES Café. If anyone is interested in joining they can come speak to them at the back of the room after the meeting.
* **Past Events** -
* Our annual chalk walk for the 2nd year was on Thursday, August 9th. We started this last year and ask parents to come out the night before the first day of school to decorate the sidewalk for the kids arriving to school.
* Breakfast for staff was done by Michele Hildebrand and her team. The PTO does this for all of the OES staff members to welcome them back and wish them a good start to the school year.
* Kindergarten BooHoo breakfast was a success with a great turnout this year. This is an event we do every year on the last day the kids can be walked to class where we invite kindergarten parents to attend a breakfast after dropping the kids off at their classroom.
* The traditional Miracle baseball game took place on Friday, August 17th and was put together by Ashley Faulk where Mr. Cann was able to throw out the first pitch.
* School modifications were done mostly over the summer and are still being completed. The café was painted, stencils were added throughout the school, murals were added to the breezeway and display cases were added to the café as well as the breezeway.
* **New This Year** -
* Grade level committee leads - We decided to make some of our family fun events; events that don't really bring in money to the PTO. They are events to bring us together as a families of Oasis. We want them to be run by a grade specific committee.
* Kinder - Family Fun Night (April) - We left this open for the committee to decide on. We are recruiting now for this committee so let us know if you are interested.
* 1st Grade - BooHoo Breakfast (August 14th) was led by Michele Hildebrand
* 2nd Grade - Family Dance (February 8th) lead by Brienne Cherry
* 3rd Grade - Breakfast with Santa (December 8th) lead by Jessica Marshall
* 4th Grade - Trunk or Treat (October 25th) lead by Jeannette Blusiewicz
* 5th Grade - Promotion Party (May 29th) lead by Samanatha Richardson
* **Introductions of Committee Leads** - Our OES Families Facebook page is updated and managed by Samantha Richardson, Fall Festival is going to be led by Jeannette Blaustein, Teacher Appreciation is Michele Hildebrand, Teacher Liaison is Mrs. Murphy, Volunteer Coordinator is Brienne Cherry, WatchDOGS is Joe Heuglin, Lisa is in charge of updating the bulletin boards and Stacy is in charge of Box Tops.
* **WatchDOGS** - WatchDOGS are fathers, grandfathers, uncles and other father-figures who volunteer for at least one day each year at an official WATCH D.O.G.S. school. There is an informational meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 13th with pizza provided. We have created a SignUp Genius event signup and are asking that you RSVP so that we know how much pizza to provide.
* **Communications** - You can find upcoming events on Friday Flyers and Panther Press. Also, we post everything on our OES Families Facebook page as well as the OES website under the "PTO Rocks" link.
* **SignUp Genius -** All volunteer opportunities are sent out through SignUp Genius.This is usually listed on the Friday Flyers as well as sent out through email and on the OES Families Facebook page. This is a first come first served basis. Please also only sign up for one slot and always read all of the directions for instructions on how to sign up.
* **Guest Appearances -** At every meeting we will be having a different guest speaker. Gary spoke in regards to the foundation and advised that it is a separate entity. They fundraise money to provide grants for different items that are needed to help the school. If you are interested in joining the foundation or a committee, please go to Capecharterfoundation.com for more information.
* **Smile.Amazon.com -** $.5% of every order goes right toward our Foundation or the non-profit organization of your choice. By selecting Cape Coral Municipal Charter School Foundation the percentage will go to the Cape Coral Charter Schools.
* **Upcoming Events** -
* Restaurant cards are currently on sale for $10. They are good from August 2018 - August 2019.
* Boosterthon - Johnny spoke as the representative for this event. Johnny will be with the children daily for the week of September 10th teaching the kids Leadership, Fitness and Character building. Our glow run will be held on Friday, September 14th. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend this event in the OMS gymnasium. Jen-Hope announced that parents must fill out the RSVP form that came home this week and returned tomorrow Friday, September 7th to attend this event. Our goal this year is $40,000. We are asking that children wear neon or bright colored or white cotton t-shirt for the run. We are also doing a door decorating contest for each classroom. Boosterthon is providing a gift certificate to the teachers for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize winners. The door decorating has to be done by Wednesday, September 12th. Judging will take place on Thursday, September 13th. Please ask your teacher for more information. This is our big fundraising event. The funds from last years' run covered the expenses for the new technology TV production room, new sound systems for the teachers to use in car line, lunch and in PE and the ROAR board.
* Dance party drop off - These occur on the first Friday of the month. Our second one for the school year is scheduled for tomorrow Friday, September 7th. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. We have our special guest Johnny from Boosterthon joining us. Prizes will be handed out to the kids in the morning car line.
* Yankee Candles - Online orders can be submitted from October 5th - January 11th. 40% profit to OES on all items.
* Trunk or Treat - This is our 3rd year doing this event. It will be held on Thursday, October 25th. Stay tuned for more information.
* Candy Collection for Soldiers - We collect any unwanted candy and send it overseas to our troops. Drop off will be in the office from November 1st - November 10th.
* Fall Festival - This event will be held on Saturday, November 17th. More information will be provided at our next PTO meeting. We need roughly 52 volunteers for this event. Please look for a SignUp Genius to be sent out for this event.
* Breakfast with Santa - This event will be held on Saturday, December 9th. This is family free event. PTO will be providing breakfast. We will have Frosty's Factory open at this event where children can purchase wrapped gifts for parents, siblings, etc. All gifts are under $10.
* ***Treasurer’s Report:*** Janet Blanco advised of our status from last school year. Our actual profit from Boosterthon was $31,000. Some purchasing prior to closing out the end of the year were chalk for the chalk walk, initial investment for the Smencils and fun cards and the WatchDOGS program. From last year's budget we had $25,000 given back to the school for technology expenses in which we've used $17,000 thus far. We had $7,000 leftover in our budget which we used for the painting and stencils. Of that $7,000 we have used $2,900. Expenses this year we have given deposits for the inflatables for the fall festival, teacher reimbursements, teacher appreciation and BooHoo breakfast. We've profited $777 from Smencil sales and $1680 from the restaurant cards for this year.
* ***Principal's Report:*** Mr. Chris Cann, Principal welcomed and thanked everyone for coming. Mr. Cann advised that we appreciate everything that the PTO does.
* Mr. Cann spoke of increasing the funds that are allocated to him so that we can support our staff and teachers more to build up their moral to be here. We need to reward the children that do the right things and not just the children that are challenging. We will also be rewarding the children for their grades moving forward.
* SAC committee is next Wednesday, September 12th at 4:00 PM. This committee is like being involved in the PTO but its more involving academics. At our first meeting we will be talking about data, where we are at as a school, where we are going and how we are going to get there. We will also be teaching the parents what we are teaching to the staff members to help understand the data. Anything discussed at the district meetings will be announced at the SAC meeting. Moving forward there will be 4 per year.
* Starting tomorrow Friday, September 7th you can start eating lunch with your children again.
* ***Open discussion:***
* None
* ***Adjournment*:**  – Jen-Hope Belis

Submitted by Ashley Faulk, Secretary