



OCES PTO MEETING MINUTES

5-11-16

Place: OCES Café
Start Time: 6:35 pm
End Time: 7:25 pm

Welcome/Introduction: Jean Ricciardella, President, welcomed all to the last PTO meeting of the year and thanked all parents and staff members for attending. She thanked all committee heads individually (Apologized, in advance, if anyone was accidentally not mentioned) for all of their help throughout the year to make the festivities at Oasis a possibility. You are so much appreciated and we could not have accomplished all that we did this year without your assistance and support. She introduced Julie Rozum – Co-President, Sharon Lee – Vice President, Melissa Portuondo – Treasurer, and Michelle Sargis – Secretary.

Technology Displays: Mr. Fennell organized a few displays of the technology items that were purchased with the \$30,000 profit from the Yankee Candle Fundraiser. He introduced 3rd and 5th grade students who demonstrated how they utilized the 3-D printers. (Five 3-D printers were purchased) The third grade showed a molecular model of the water cycle, charms that could be given out to students as a reward for reading a series of books, and 3-D models of catapults. The fifth grade discussed and demonstrated how 3-D models could be made of designs that they create on Tinker Cad. (This is a cloud-based 3-D design and printing App) The students can choose designs that are already created, or they can start from scratch and create their own. The design model is sent to the 3-D printer and what they create prints into a tangible object. This demonstration was conducted on a 75” Promethean Flat Panel – Touch Screen TV. Oasis is looking into pulling the smart boards out of the classrooms and replacing them with these TV’s. The Smart Boards are meant to last about 5 – 6 years, whereas the TV screens will last approximately 30 years. All new technology pieces are compatible with these TV’s. Parents were given the opportunity to walk around and observe the other technology displays: Little-Bits, Dash-n-Dot, Ozo Bots, and Cubelets.

President’s Report: Jean stated that we will move directly into the Principal’s report..

Principal’s Report: Principal Hook advised that it’s been an awesome year. We have done so much and there is still a lot to be accomplished.

- Kindercamp is tomorrow, May 12th at 6:30 pm in the OMS Cafeteria.
- Battle of the Books is tomorrow, May 12th at the Yacht Club. There are 37 contestants participating.
- Graduation awards ceremony will be held on Thursday, June 9th at 9am in the OMS gym.

- Four new picnic tables were purchased by PTO. Two of them are already in the breezeway and the other two will be assembled soon.
- We had an awesome Boot Camp for the Anglers for Wounded Warriors.
- We received the news that the entire Charter School System was recommended for accreditation. The process is still ongoing. Notification will be made when it becomes official.
- Our first Spelling Bee will be Wednesday, May 18th.
- Open House for the 2016-2017 school year will be held on Monday, August 8th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.
- Today, all staff had a special “Jeans for Jean” day to honor Jean Ricciardella.
- Together, as a school, we raised over \$20,000 for local charities this year!

Treasurer’s Report: Melissa Portuondo provided the current bank balance as \$19,976.92 and reported recent transactions as follows: \$200 for Wounded Warriors, \$100 for 4 the Kids Foundation (5K), \$100 for Luau for Life (5K), and \$754.72 for picnic tables in the breezeway. We will have a few more transactions for field trips and teacher reimbursements. All books are available for viewing. An audit is done every year and we are proud to announce that the books have been clean for the last five years!

All bank books will be closed for the annual audit July 1, 2016 and will remain closed through July 31, 2016. Once the audit is completed, a signed statement regarding the findings will be signed by the OCES Principal, the President and Treasurer of the PTO. A copy is provided to the Principal. The original is filed with the financial records of 2015-2016. Jean Ricciardella and Sharon Lee will be removed from the OCES PTO bank account. Any debit cards will be cancelled and destroyed. Victoria Schwetje will be added to the account as the newly elected Treasurer. Assistant Principal, Christopher Fennell, will be added to the special fundraising account, which has included the rally and flats tournament. Principal Hook remains as second signature. These records are kept separate from OCES PTO’s financial report as this is not monitored by the PTO, but by Principal Hook. The bank statements can be viewed by PTO to serve as a check and balance, if needed. These records are maintained and stored if needed for future reference.

Recent Events: Julie Rozum provided information about recent and upcoming events and a new fundraiser for next year.

- **Staff Appreciation** – During Student Led conferences the PTO provided pizza and salad for the teachers.
- **Administrative Professionals Day** – Jean Ricciardella, Julie Rozum and Melissa Portuondo covered the phones in the front office so the staff could be taken out for an appreciation lunch.
- **OCES Spring 5K** – This was a fun family event and raised \$200 for ForTheKids.org and Luau of Life.
- **Oasis Family Movie Night** – There was a great turn out and we will plan on doing this event again next year.
- **Teacher Appreciation Week**- Thank you to all who donated to this cause. We really appreciate ALL of our teachers!
- **K- 5th Self-Defense Demonstration** – This event is scheduled for Friday, May 20th from 3:30 – 5 pm in the OMS gym. Parents are encouraged to attend. Please pick up your child from the gym.

Save the Date!

- **Oasis Family Miracle Game Night** – Friday, August 19th. Mr. Hook will once again throw the first pitch!
- **Flats Fishing Tournament** – September 2nd and 3rd.
- **First PTO Meeting of the Year** – Thursday, September 1st at 6:30 pm
- **Fall Festival** – Saturday, November 5th

New Fundraiser

- Next year, instead of the Yankee Candle fundraiser, we will be participating in a Boosterthon. This fundraiser will help to teach self esteem and teamwork. The week will begin with a Pep Rally and will end with a fun run. More information will be forthcoming.

Charter Authority Governing Board OCES Parent Representative - Jennifer Lucas-Ross
Jennifer is a non-voting member and a voice for Oasis. She reported that this has been a very busy year and Oasis Staff was recognized in their recent report.

Thank you to those who have attended those meetings. As always, everyone is invited to attend the meetings. There will be one more meeting for this year. It will be held on Tuesday, June 7th at 9 am in the City Chambers. This meeting will be mostly about the budget.

Elections: Elections for the 2016-2017 PTO Executive Board were conducted.

Julie Rozum – President, Melissa Portuondo – Vice President, Victoria Schwetje – Treasurer, Michelle Sargis – Secretary.

A motion was made to accept the vote by Jen Bice and seconded by Christine Vezzola. The motion was approved by the majority.

Open Discussion – NONE

A Special Thank You – Jean Ricciardella will no longer be involved with Oasis and PTO, as her son, Michael, will now be moving on to Middle School. Jean has selflessly served Oasis as the PTO President for the past 5 years. She has dedicated much of her time to making sure that the PTO ran smoothly and successfully. She truly feels that what PTO does is always for ALL of the children at Oasis. She tearfully thanked everyone. She stated that Oasis IS her family. Mr. Hook, Mr. Brown, Mr. Fennell and all the staff have always been there for support of PTO and she is very proud to have worked with them all. Thank you, Jean, for all the years you dedicated to Oasis! You will be missed.

Adjournment – A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Keezer. The motion was approved by the majority.

Next PTO Meeting – Thursday, September 1st, 2016 at 6:30 pm.

If you need to contact PTO, e-mail us at: OasisE.PTO@capecharterschools.org

Find out what is happening! Visit the PTO section on the Oasis Website and you can also find us on Face book! PTO will post events and other communications.

Submitted by Michelle Sargis