

OCES PTO Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2018

OCES Café

- ❖ **Welcome/Introduction:** Jennifer Hoagland, Co-President, welcomed all to the meeting and announced that this would be our last evening PTO meeting for the year. The next meeting will be in the morning followed by the volunteer breakfast. Jennifer introduced herself, Heather Dinkel, Co-President, Jen-Hope Belis, Vice President, Janet Blanco, Treasurer, and Ashley Faulk, Secretary.
- ❖ **President's Report:** Jennifer Hoagland spoke regarding the following:
 - **Friday Flyers** - Please check Friday Flyers on the OES website for all PTO events.
 - **Oasis Elementary Facebook Page** - OES Families. All upcoming events, volunteer opportunities and school information is posted on this page and updated by Sam Richardson.
 - **SignUp Genius** - All volunteer opportunities are sent out through SignUp Genius. This is usually listed on the Friday Flyers as well. All paid PTO members should be receiving an email to sign up for volunteer opportunities through SignUp Genius.
 - **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. March 12th the percentage is tripling to 1.5%.
 - **Box Top Collection** - Our total submission for the year was \$3,581 which was a little short of our \$4,000 goal. Keep clipping for next year.
 - **Boosterthon** - We are still finalizing payments. Our estimated profit will be around \$33,000 - \$35,000. Thank you to everyone for making those pledges. If you have anyone that has outstanding pledges, please submit the payment to your child's teacher by cash or check.
 - **Have a Hear Family Dance** - Was a huge success. We had well over 100 people that attended. Thank you to Sherrie Evans for leading this event and Tamie Moriarty for assistance. The children made cards to send to Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland.
 - **5th Annual Charter School Rally** - Gary (President of the Foundation) announced that the Rally that the flyers that were sent out were incorrect stating that you can send money through the schools but you cannot as the Foundation is separate. There will be an announcement of days that they will be collecting money in carline or you can make the payment online. You can buy shirts and the wristbands online. This is open to the public and brings all charter schools together. This year we are doing an online auction at 32auctions.com/rally2018. We are looking for volunteers for the rally. A SignUp Genius will go out next week.
 - **WatchDOGS** - We are working on getting this program to OES. 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. Stay tuned for more information.
 - **Open PTO Positions** - We are accepting nominations for next school year. We have 1 Board position open (President, Co-President, or Vice President), a Fall Festival Chair, and several other committees. If you have any questions or are interested in any of these positions, please contact any of our Board members or submit your interest to our PTO email at OasisE.PTO@capecharterschools.org. New for next year, we would like parents from each grade to work together to organize a Family Fun event (BooHoo Breakfast, a Family Dance, Breakfast with Santa, Movie or other fun night, etc.) These events will be supported and funded by the PTO but lead by these parent committees. Interested parents, please contact any of our Board members or submit a request in writing to our PTO email.
 - **Edible Book Report** - April 10th - the PTO is teaming partnering with Mrs. Gamboa to create a fun family night. Mrs. Gamboa will be sending out more information.
 - **Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week** - April 30th - May 4th - We'd like the children to get more involved. Look for more information next month on the Friday Flyer's and our OES Facebook page.
 - **Vote to eliminate PTO membership fee** - Elimination the fee will align us with our other schools and unify us as an Oasis Family working together for our children and school. However, we will lose \$1,300 - \$1,500 efforts and

the kids' free-shirt day once a month. Please continue to support our fundraising efforts - go to our online auction and buy a FREE UNIFORM PASS!!! Everyone will get the same opportunity for volunteer opportunities.

- Suggestions were made that we make it a suggested donation, making it an incentive to attend a PTO meeting; your child receives a FREE shirt day the next day and make SPIRIT PTO shirts for purchase, create a flyer to pass out asking for donations for the PTO. Motion was granted by all attendees to eliminate the PTO membership fee.

❖ **Charter Authority Governing Board:** Robert Ross, Governing Board Parent Representative was unable to attend meeting and could not submit his report in time for the meeting.

❖ **Treasurer's Report:** Janet Blanco advised that our bank balance currently is \$72,244. Since our December meeting, we've a profit of \$3,543 from the Fall Festival and a \$2,162 profit from the Yankee Candle sales. The profit of \$58,688 for the Boosterthon is not including the 45% that we give back. We are still collecting monies for the pledges from the Boosterthon so the amount of profit will change. Since December, we've incurred \$2,000 of expenses for fieldtrips or the different grade levels and \$3,228 for the teacher reimbursements. We do have some teachers that have not yet turned into their receipts so that expense will change as the school year comes to an end.

❖ **Superintendent's Report:** Ms. Jacquelin Collins, Superintendent welcomed and thanked everyone for coming and introduced Mr. Rob Zivkovic, Governing Board Chairperson.

- Ms. Collins spoke in regards to the letter that was sent home earlier in the week regarding accelerated classrooms and gifted classrooms.
- Explanation of the difference between gifted and accelerated classes and the deciding factors when a child will be considered for these classes. An Education Committee decides the path for each child; not the parent solely.
- Ms. Collins spoke in regards to safety and the recent event that occurred on campus. This is currently being addressed with the Cape Coral Police Department and the City of Cape Coral to secure all outside access to the building.
- The self-check-in kiosk in the main office has been removed. There will be a scanner coming soon that will scan your ID upon arrival on campus to ensure nothing recent has occurred since your background was ran.
- Starting next year, you will have to have a background on file to attend events during school hours. The first 2 background checks will be paid for but you will need to pay for any additional. Fees to be announced.
- Rob Zivkovic spoke from a Governing Board perspective in regards to the media and safety.

❖ **Open discussion:**

- How do you know how many volunteer hours you have? - Jennifer Hoagland advised to contact the front office.
- If you have more volunteer hours than what you need, can you donate them to someone else? - Jennifer Hoagland advised that you may not transfer hours.
- Gary thanks the PTO for all of our hard work.
- A concern of people signing up for multiple slots on the SignUp Genius and not everyone getting a fair opportunity to sign up. - Jen Hoagland advised that the SignUp Genius is monitored and any duplicate people who have signed up are deleted and notified that they signed up for multiple slots.
- A suggestion was given for the Volunteer Coordinator's phone number to be posted at the volunteer stations for the Fall Festival.
- How many of our current accelerated teachers have the gifted endorsement to teach these classes? - Ms. Collins advised that every current accelerated teacher is working on the endorsement. They have all completed 1 course; there are 5 modules they will need to complete. The modules are given certain times of the year. They will have a years' time to complete all courses.
- Will class sizes get bigger? - Ms. Collins advised that they will not. If anything, they will get smaller.
- Where are we in the search for a Principal? - Ms. Collins advised that interviews were being conducted the week of March 12th in which we have 5 candidates.
- Why fieldtrips are still listed on the website? A concern was raised that anyone can go to the website and see where each grade will be on what day. - Ms. Collins advised that this will be looked into.

The next PTO meeting will be Wednesday, May 16th at 9:00 AM in the OES Café. Following the meeting will be a volunteer appreciation breakfast.

❖ **Adjournment:** – Jennifer Hoagland

Submitted by Ashley Faulk, Secretary