



OCES PTO MEETING MINUTES

9-1-16

Place: OCES Café
Start Time: 6:30 pm
End Time: 7:15 pm

Welcome/Introduction: Julie Rozum, President, welcomed all to the first PTO meeting of the year. Introduced Melissa Portuondo – Vice President, Victoria Schwetje – Treasurer, and Michelle Sargis – Secretary.

President's Report: Julie announced that PTO membership forms will be going out very soon. You will have the entire month of September to join PTO for only \$5.00 per family. We will take completed membership forms and exact change after the meeting tonight.

Last year was very successful and we were able to purchase a lot of technology. (3 Promethean Boards and miscellaneous technology for the classrooms).

Julie mentioned that at Oasis we love to stress family. Activities will be a little different this year and the dates of the scheduled activities are subject to change.

Julie discussed that all volunteer opportunities will be available through Sign Up Genius. When there is a need for volunteers, a link will be sent out to everyone so they can sign up for a spot. The spots are first-come-first-served, so please do not wait to sign up. The directions for sign up will be different for each event, so please make sure you read them thoroughly before volunteering. PTO members get priority for these positions and if all the spots are not filled by PTO members, the opportunities will be opened up for the rest of the school.

The PTO fundraiser is only one time a year. It is crucial and helps with all the little extras for our school, mainly technology.

The water drive collection is now going on. The first collection was tonight and the next ones will be on September 9th and 16th from 8 – 8:30 am in the front of the school. PLEASE DO NOT DROP OFF WATER IN THE OFFICE! This water is used for many activities throughout the year, such as field day, testing days, and the Fall Festival.

Please keep collecting Box Tops and Tyson Labels. This is FREE easy money for our school. Our first collection will be October 14th.

Julie acknowledged all of our chair members for each of our special committees: Box Tops/Tyson Labels – Victoria Schwetje; Kindergarten Welcome Committee and Fall Festival – Jen-Hope Belis; Membership Drive – Christine Vezzola; New to OCES Resource – Tracy Scott; Parent/Teacher Conferences & Hoots & Hollers 5K – Jodi Walls; Staff Appreciation & Water Drive – Todd & Jennifer Hoagland; PTO Volunteer Coordinator – Heather Dinkle; HOOTS – Jen Bice; Breakfast with Santa – Eileen Keinath.

- **Fall Festival** – Jen-Hope Belis gave a brief talk about the Fall Festival. It will be held on Saturday, November 5th from 4 – 8pm. This is a fun, family event and is open to all three schools on the Oasis Campus. It gives everyone an opportunity to raise money for their

grade level, clubs and organizations. Volunteers are needed for the various events that are happening at the festival. More information will be forthcoming.

Principal's Report: Principal Hopper thanked the PTO and complimented on the great attendance at the meeting. He thanked everyone for being here. He mentioned that we are doing everything we can for our kids and to give back to our staff for all the great things they do for our kids. Principal Hopper introduced our Assistant Principal, Chris Fennell and our Superintendent, Mr. Stephenson. Principal Hopper announced that the last week or so we have been digging deep and making some cool plans and will be going in a different direction than ever before. You will begin to see these changes in a couple of weeks. If the changes involve your children, you will hear about it. It's all about continuous improvement. The kids and teachers are excited to be here. They all come in with smiles and are working hard.

Treasurer's Report: Victoria Schwetje provided the bank balance as \$11,072.34. \$6880.00 will be immediately coming out of that for the newly purchased Promethean Boards. \$4,192.75 is the current opening balance amount. Anticipated income and expenditures are based on previous years and present goals/needs. Records are available upon request. The 2016-2017 budget was passed. 1st Motion – Todd Hoagland. 2nd Motion – Heather Dinkle. All were in favor. Thank you again to Amanda Murphy for doing our annual audit for 2015 – 2016. It was a clean audit.

Boosterthon Presentation: Matt Deedrick, the Program Director at Boosterthon, gave a presentation on the fundraiser that OCES will be participating in this year. Boosterthon is a fitness-based fundraiser that will include character improvement, fitness exercises and securing pledges from friends, family members and co-workers. OCES has a fundraising goal of \$30,000. The Boosterthon organization is conducting fundraising programs in 110 schools in Southwest Florida. It is bringing more value to the schools, increasing their funds and inspiring students. This year's theme for the Boosterthon is "Backyard Box Office". Students will soon be bringing home pledge books and they can document the pledges they receive. You can register online for the Pawsome Panther Fun Run at www.funrun.com. The fundraiser will kick off with a Pep Rally on September 7th. The pledging will continue through September 16th. Each morning, students will participate in a short meeting to get them energized about the program and keep them on track. On September 16th, the students will participate in the fun run where they will complete their laps. There is a 35 lap maximum for each student. We encourage every family to connect with sponsors, log on to the website and most importantly, ask the children what they learned!

Charter Authority Governing Board OCES Parent Representative - Jennifer Lucas-Ross – Jennifer attends the monthly governing board meetings. She is a non-voting member and a voice for Oasis. All are invited to attend the meetings. They are usually held the second Tuesday of each month at 9 am at the city chambers. The next meeting will be 9/27 at 9am (Cape Coral Yacht Club). Future board meetings will be: 10/11 at 9am, 11/8 at 6pm (OMS café), and 12/13 at 9am. If there is anything you would like Jennifer to share with the governing board when she attends these meetings, please contact her at Jennifer.Keesler@capecharterschools.org.

SAC Committee – (Student Advisory Committee) – No report as they have not had their first meeting yet.

Open Discussion: None

Next PTO Meeting – Tuesday, November 15th 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.

Adjournment – A motion was made by Barbara Reedre and it was seconded by Rita Krzos. The motion was approved by the majority.

Submitted by Michelle Sargis