



OCES PTO MEETING MINUTES **3-15-16**

Place: OCES Café
Start Time: 6:30 pm
End Time: 7:10 pm

Welcome/Introduction: Jean Ricciardella, President, welcomed all to the PTO meeting. She introduced Julie Rozum – Co-President, Sharon Lee – Vice President, Melissa Portuondo – Treasurer, and Michelle Sargis – Secretary.

President's Report: Jean discussed that the PTO is still very busy and stressed that what we do is for ALL of the children.

Thank you Jen Bice! She organized the Have a Heart Dance and fun was had by all. The children decorated hearts for our OCES Have a Heart Banner and made greeting cards, which were delivered to the Children's Hospital. The event raised \$350, which was matched by the PTO. \$700 was donated to help children with cancer.

Jean advised that the \$30,000 check from the Yankee Candle fundraiser was written.

Mr. Fennell explained that the money was spent on the following items:

- Two i-pad charging carts.
- Additional memory for the teachers' computers.
- Little Bits – These are electronic building blocks that snap together with small magnets and allow the students to make creative inventions.
- Three more 3-D printers.
- Cubelets – Blocks that easily snap together to form robots and inspire children to become better thinkers with the different operations they develop.
- Toddler Dot – Basic computer programming.
- Dot & Dash (Set of 10) – Robotic program for K & up where they can program a robot to do whatever you command. Can work interactively with the i-pads.
- Protective cases for the i-pads.
- Reflex Math – This is a game-based program that helps students 2nd grade and up develop fluency with their basic math facts.

Principal's Report: Principal Hook advised that with Mr. Fennell's help, Oasis is expanding the realm of technology!

- Oasis Symphony Singers - Recently performed at Barbara B. Mann with the Southwest Symphony and Broadway Singer, Lisa Vromann. They were awesome!
- TSA – (Technology Student Association) – Recently competed and placed in the top 10 at the state level. PTO donated \$250 to the association to help ease the cost of the competition fees. Congratulations and Well Done! In the future, we are hoping that

more young ladies get more involved in technology.

- **OM – (Odyssey of the Mind)** – They recently competed and placed in 3rd. They will be competing at the state level. PTO donated \$250 to the association to help ease the cost of the competition fees. Congratulations and Good Luck!
- **Oasis Arts** – Participated in the Junior Theatre Festival. Two of our students were called to go to New York to perform. Way to go!!
- **CAR** – (Charter Authority Rally) This event will take place this Sunday, March 20, 2016 at the German-American Club from 12pm – 6pm. Please come, there will be great entertainment!
- **FSA Testing** - FSA testing will take place after Spring Break.
- **Field Day** – All grades will participate in Field Day this week.
- **Spring 5K** – This Saturday, March 19th. The event will be a real 5K race and will be timed. Registration begins at 8 am and the race begins at 8:30 am.
- Oasis is currently going through the accreditation process with the City of Cape Coral.
- There will be a 2nd Semester fundraiser and 100% of the proceeds will benefit the local Wounded Warriors chapter in Matlacha.
- Principal Hook wanted to let everyone know that the monthly early release days are being used to bring the teachers up to speed on the new technology we will be using.

Treasurer's Report: Melissa Portuondo provided the current bank balance as \$19,565.02. \$3000 return due from Rally set up. Records are always available upon request.

Committees/Events: Julie Rozum provided information about committees and events.

- **Box Tops/LFE/Tyson** – Approximately \$1,500 was raised in the collection of Box Tops and Labels For Education. The numbers are going down! This is FREE money for our school! The more we get turned in, the more money we get. Please spread the word to family members and friends and keep collecting! Please know that these can be turned in anytime throughout the year, not just on the collection dates.
 - The celebration day for the winners of the Box Top collection was last Friday. K vs. 5th! The top 3 winning classes were Ms. Brown, Ms. Grant and Mr. Polinice. They will receive an ice cream party, dress down day and a certificate. The winner of the celebration day games was Ms. Grant's 5th grade class and they will get the trophy. Congratulations to all!
 - Labels for Education is ending their program next year.
- **Staff Appreciation** – Student Led conferences will be held on April 13th and 14th. K, 1st and 2nd will be on April 13th and 3rd, 4th & 5th will be on April 14th. PTO will provide pizza and salad for the teachers.
- **OCES Spring 5K** – (Jodi Walls, Coordinator) This event will be held on Saturday, March 19th. Registration begins at 8am and will be truly a timed race. This event is open to all Oasis Elementary, Middle and High School families. All proceeds go to ForTheKids.org and Luau of Life.
- **Oasis Family Movie Night** – This will be held on Friday, April 15th. It will be a FREE family event in the cafeteria or the gym. Popcorn will be served. The movie will be Inside Out. The time and definite location will be announced soon.
- **K- 5th Self-Defense Demonstration** – This event is scheduled for Friday, May 20th from 3:30 – 5 pm. More information will be forthcoming.
- **Oasis Family Miracles Game** – This event will possibly be held at the end of August. More information will be forthcoming.

Jennifer is a non-voting member and a voice for Oasis.

They are currently going through thousands of files and policies in order for the system to be accredited. It is possible that they may conduct a site visit.

The governing board has been working on policies and procedures for the system. They will soon be published on line for all to see.

The school calendar was approved for next year. The first day of school will be August 10th, 2016.

All are invited to attend the meetings. They are usually held the second Tuesday of each month at 9 am and can be watched on Cape TV or by visiting “Superintendents Corner” on the City of Cape Coral Charter Website. The next meeting will be April 12th at 9am in the City Chambers. This meeting will include a budget hearing.

SAC Committee – (Student Advisory Committee) – Ann Kukurugya

The committee’s primary focus is on school improvement, dress code and technology updates. They are still looking for new members. The next meeting is Monday, March 21st at 6 pm.

Open Discussion – NONE

Next PTO Meeting – Wednesday, May 11th, 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.

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

Submitted by Michelle Sargis