



OCES PTO MEETING MINUTES

1-14-16

Place: OCES Café
Start Time: 6:30 pm
End Time: 7:25 pm

Welcome/Introduction: Jean Ricciardella, President, welcomed all to the PTO meeting and hoped everyone's holidays were good. A moment of silence was requested for all who need a little extra support and for special thoughts for the new year. 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 more events are planned for the remainder of the year. An upcoming events flyer for 2016 was recently sent home.

Principal's Report: Principal Hook was not able to attend the meeting tonight, as he was in Atlanta supporting the Oasis Arts students who are in the Junior Theatre Competition. He, however, sends in information to share with all of you.

- **Oasis Symphony Singers** - Recently performed at Barbara B. Mann with the Southwest Symphony and Broadway Singer, Lisa Vromann. They were awesome!
- **Technology Update** - Mr. Fennell has purchased 2- 3D printers and is preparing these for classroom use. He has also been working on spearheading a K-12 committee that is creating a pacing guide and curriculum for K-12. This will help us better utilize resources and provide better instruction in technology classes. Mr. Fennel and Mr. Beuerle are currently out of town in Orlando attending a technology conference.
- **CAR** – (Charter Authority Rally) This will take place on Sunday, March 20, 2016 at the German-American Club. Sponsors are still needed! Tickets for the students to sell will be coming home soon.
- **Oasis Arts** – Shrek Jr. will be performed at Mariner High School February 24 – 26.
- **FSA Testing** - The tentative FSA testing schedule has been released to the teachers. Please contact your child's teacher for more information.
- **Bike Rodeo** - The FREE bicycle safety rodeo will be held at the Oasis Campus on Saturday, February 6th from 9am – Noon. If you plan to participate, remember that you will need to bring your own functioning bicycle and a helmet.
- **Dr. MLK Day** - A celebration to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is being held on Monday, January 18th at 8:30 am in the OHS gym. The Honorable Archie B. Hayward, Jr., 20th Judicial Circuit Judge, will be the keynote speaker. The public is invited to

attend and any Oasis parents who attend this event will be eligible to earn 3 volunteer hours.

- This Friday's jeans day (1/15/16) will be a special collection for Oasis families devastated by the tornadoes last weekend. Four families had severe damage and we want to assist them. "Supportive Moms of SW FL" on Facebook are also accepting donations to help these families.
- There is NO SCHOOL 1/18, 1/22 and 1/25. There are NO HALF DAYS for Oasis.

Treasurer's Report: Melissa Portuondo provided the current bank balance as \$56,428.48. These funds were generated in some of the following ways: Membership - \$1,731.00, Box Tops - \$2,872.30, Uniforms - \$3,817.55. Records are always available upon request.

Committees: Julie Rozum provided information about committees and events.

- **Box Tops/LFE/Tyson** – \$2,872.00 was raised in the first collection. This is a corrected number from the \$1800 that was originally reported at the last meeting. 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 next collection will be February 16th. Volunteers will be needed for counting. An e-mail will go out around February 8th notifying you to sign up via Sign Up Genius.
- **Staff Appreciation** - The holiday brunch for the teachers was a big success and appreciated by all teachers! Thank you, Jennifer Hoagland!
- **Breakfast With Santa** – The Breakfast with Santa event was a very successful and wonderful event. Christmas cards were made by some of the children in attendance. These were delivered to Gulf Coast Village and were very much appreciated by the residents. Thank you, Eileen Keinath!
- **2nd Annual Have a Heart Dance** – (Jen Bice, Coordinator) This will be held on Friday, February 5th and will support HOOTS. It is a family event, so please plan on attending together. Drop-offs will not be allowed. Funds raised from this event will go to Luau for Life and ForTheKids.org. (These are OCES family-run organizations) All profits will be matched by PTO! A flyer will be sent home soon.
- **OCES Spring 5K** – (Jodi Walls, Coordinator) This will be held on Saturday, March 19th at 8am and will be truly a timed race. This event is open to all Oasis Elementary, Middle and High School families. A donation of \$5 per individual or \$10 per family is suggested. All proceeds go to ForTheKids.org and Luau for Life.
- **Oasis Family Movie Night** – This will be held on Friday, April 15th. More details on this event are to come.

Charter Authority Governing Board OCES Parent Representative - Jennifer Lucas-Keesler – Jennifer is a non-voting member and a voice for Oasis. Jennifer was not able to attend the PTO meeting, but information was provided. They are currently going through thousands of files and policies in order for the system to be accredited. 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 February 9th at 9am in the City Chambers.

SAC Committee – (Student Advisory Committee) – NO REPORT

Open Discussion – Honey Phillips from Parks & Recreation advised that a survey will soon be coming out to all Cape Coral residents. The city is trying to get everyone’s feedback on how they feel the woods next door to Oasis High School should be used. She notified everyone that she is currently using the woods to teach the kids about wildlife.

Next PTO Meeting – Tuesday, March 15, 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 Eileen Keinath. The motion was approved by the majority.

Submitted by Michelle Sargis