



OCES PTO MEETING MINUTES

11-15-16

Place: OCES Café
Start Time: 6:32 pm
End Time: 7:01 pm

Welcome/Introduction: Julie Rozum, President, welcomed all to the meeting.

President's Report: Julie announced that PTO has been extremely busy over the last few months. She gave a brief report on the outcome of each of the events that have happened since school began.

- **Membership Drive** – We are pleased to announce that 340 families/ 420 students have joined the PTO this year. We thank everyone for their support.
- **Boosterthon** – This turned out to be a great fundraiser. Students were really involved and knew what they were raising money for. They celebrated their successes everyday with the Boosterthon staff. Our fundraising goal was \$30,000, but we exceeded that and were able to raise an impressive \$40,000 for our school!! One of the biggest concerns with this fundraiser was the heat. We have made some notes on things we could change for next year and have learned that an indoor run is an option for us. We will take this in consideration when making plans for next year.
- **Spaghetti Dinner** – The event did not have a huge turn-out, but it was a nice family evening. Thank you to Ciao Wood Fired Pizza & Trattoria for providing the spaghetti. It was absolutely delicious!
- **PB&J 5K** – Jodi Walls coordinated this event and we were able to raise \$245. PTO matched this amount with \$255. The \$500 will be spent to make up baskets of food for Thanksgiving for our own families in need.
- **Box Tops** – The fall collection of Box Tops yielded a profit of \$1907. This is down from the usual \$2500-\$3000 that we usually collect. Although the school only has two collections a year, please continue to collect Box Tops all year long. Be sure to download the new Box Top App. Our next collection will be in March.
- **Trunk or Treat** – This was a great safe and fun family event! 30 classroom cars were represented and there were so many amazing and unbelievable ideas! We look forward to what next year has in store.
- **Fall Festival** – This was a great day and we had a great turn out! More clubs were represented than ever before. Thanks to Jen-Hope Belis and the Fall Festival Team for setting up such a wonderful event. Also, a special thanks to Heather Dinkle for putting all of the volunteer opportunities on Sign-Up Genius.

- **Candy Drive** – Maria Penta organized this event and coordinated with Sip & Send. She announced that 7-8 huge boxes of candy were donated. This will be included in the care boxes that are being sent to the solidiers for Christmas.

Upcoming Events: Breakfast with Santa will be held on Saturday, December 10th from 9-11 am. This is a FREE event, but we ask that you bring a new unwrapped gift so it can be included with our school's donation to Toys for Tots. We will be serving pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee. Children will be making cards for the residents at Gulf Coast Village. There might even be a visit from Santa! Please bring your camera for picture opportunities.

Principal's Report: Principal Hopper announced that nominations for the Lighthouse Awards are currently being taken. This is a way for students, parents and teachers to recognize any teacher for their hard work and dedication. All nominations are due by December 1st. The awards ceremony will be held on May 5, 2017.

He advised that The Giving Tree will also be done again this year. More information will be forthcoming.

Principal Hopper also mentioned the upcoming 4th Annual Charter Authority Rally and asked Jami DiMaria to report. The event will be held on March 26, 2017 from 12 – 6 pm at the German American Social Club. This is a FREE event with FREE parking. Joe Nichols will be performing, along with many other forms of entertainment. There will also be a scavenger hunt. Booth space for this event is free to clubs. In early spring, all students will be given a booklet of tickets that they can sell. Each booklet has 5 tickets and will be sold for \$100. (\$20 a ticket). Tickets sold will be entered into a drawing for prizes. There are many prizes this year and the grand prize is a family vacation to Fisherman's Cove in St. Thomas with \$1000 spending money. More information about the rally can be found on www.CharterAuthorityRally.org.

Anyone with media connections is needed. Please contact the Charter Authority Rally representatives. Additional sponsorship opportunities will be forthcoming.

Treasurer's Report: Victoria Schwetje provided the bank balance as \$55,952.14. A performance to budget statement was provided to each person that attended the PTO meeting, but if you have questions about the report, please contact PTO. All books are transparent and information is always available upon request.

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. She advised that in recent meetings, technology and communication has been a focus. They want the system to feel more connected and are working on communication. As for technology, they would like to see every student in the system have a Chrome Book by 2019. 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 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 was given. The next meeting is Thursday, December 8th at 6:30 pm.

Open Discussion: None

Next PTO Meeting – Wednesday, January 11th at 6:30 pm

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

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

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Submitted by Michelle Sargis