



## OCES PTO MEETING MINUTES

### 3-9-17

Place: OCES Café  
Start Time: 6:34 pm  
End Time: 7:15 pm

**Welcome/Introduction:** Julie Rozum, President, welcomed all to the meeting thanked people for coming. It's important to come to the meetings and stay connected. Our PTO goal this year was to plan fun events that allowed families to do something together.

**President's Report:** Julie gave a brief report on the outcome of the events that occurred since the last meeting.

- **Family Movie Night** – The Secret Life of Pets was shown. The movie and snacks were enjoyed by all. It was a fun night and it would be a great tradition for Oasis to continue.
- **Have a Heart Dance** – This was also a fun, family evening. Hearts were purchased to decorate the cafeteria and cards were made by the children. The cards were delivered to the Children's Hospital. \$234 was raised from this event. PTO will match the amount, for a total of \$500 that Oasis will be donating to the Children's Hospital.
- **Box Tops/Tyson Labels** - \$978 total in Box Tops and 44 Tyson labels were collected. There were not enough Tyson labels to submit this time, so we will keep collecting and turn them in during the fall. We have collected a total of \$2800 in Box Tops this year, which is down from the \$4300 we collected last year. Please collect the Box Tops and Labels all year! The money is important because we are able to assist the Art and PE programs with it.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- **Family Game Night** – 4/26/17 – Anyone who is interested in setting up a committee to plan the event, please contact PTO. The goal is to get everyone involved and have a fun time.
- **Teacher Appreciation Week** - 5/1/17 – 5/5/17 – Thank you, Jen Hoagland, for offering to head this up again this year.

### **Other News:**

- **Student Led Conferences** – The conferences have been changed this year to during the school day, so meals are not needed for the teachers.
- **Boosterthon** – A date has been secured for next year and we have paid a deposit of \$2000. Christa McAuliffe Elementary School has signed up for the Boosterthon at their school too. Because of this, Boosterthon has agreed to give us our \$2000 deposit back or 3% of the money raised, whichever is larger at the end of the event. It will take place in

the beginning of the school year again. Due to the heat last year, we will be having a GLOW event this time and it will be held inside the gym.

- **Chrome Books** – We have purchased a 3 year lease agreement. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade has completed an infrastructure trial and it went well.
- **Donated Water** - We have plenty of water left over from our water drive in the fall. One case will be donated per class for field day, it will be used for AR Fun Day on May 17<sup>th</sup> and 35 cases will be going to the Charter Authority Rally.
- **Rally Update** – **Jami DiMaria** – The Rally is Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> from 12 – 6 at the German American Social Club. All four schools in the system will be participating. It's a FREE event!! FREE entry and FREE parking. There will be 4 professional bands. Ben Allen and Joe Nichols will be the headliners. Unlimited ride wristbands and T-Shirts are available for purchase. There will be a scavenger hunt from 1-3. The winners will be given a gift card. Tomorrow, March 10<sup>th</sup>, will be a Rally day and next Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup> will be another one. The Budweiser Clydesdale horses will be at the Rally from 1-3. Baby car seat inspections will also be conducted. There will be extreme rides for the older children and a bounce house area for small children under 50". There will be a marketplace with a Chinese auction taking place. Grades and groups will be selling items within the marketplace. There will be a professionally judged car show from 12-3. Grand prizes will be chosen at the end of the day and there is no need to be present. For more information about the rally, please e-mail CharterAuthorityRally.org.

**Principal's Report:** Principal Hopper was not in attendance, but Mr. Fennell provided information about the following:

- Chrome Books. He is excited to have them and be using them. The 175 Chrome Books and 7 carts will provide enough for one grade level, so 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades will share them. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade infrastructure testing went very well. They will be used for FSA testing after Spring Break and the students will do great. Going into next year, we will have enough Chrome Books for two grade levels.
- The Charter Authority Rally is coming up on Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. There are two rally days left. Tomorrow, we will be giving out an X-Wing Drone. On Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, the last rally day, we will be giving away an X-Box One with a Madden 17 game and Beats headphones.
- Everyone did a wonderful job in Annie. It was a really great performance.
- Mr. Fennell has requested PTO to provide funds for a Buddy Bench. The purpose of a Buddy Bench is to encourage communication and friendships among students. If a child is on the playground and finds themselves with no one to play with, they sit on the Buddy Bench. We would like to purchase one that is 6 feet in length. A cedar color with black writing and be made from the durable recycled plastic. A motion was made by Jen-Hope Belis for PTO to spend up to \$700 on the bench. The motion was seconded by Jen Bice. Once the bench is purchased and completed, it will be placed on the small playground.

**Treasurer's Report:** Victoria Schwetje provided the bank balance as \$40,676.85. \$16,000 was used to cover the initial 3-year lease payment of the Chrome Books. 175 Chrome Books and 75 carts were leased. Income: \$132 back from the sale of uniforms. \$234 from the Have a Heart Dance. Expenses: Chicken Incubator for Kindergarten, Renewal of Iditarod for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and \$150 each to K-Kids and Safety Patrol for their field trips. 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** – This position is currently open. Please contact PTO if you are interested.

**Open PTO positions** – All four executive PTO board positions are open for next year. An e-mail was sent out to all families on February 8<sup>th</sup>. A hard-copy of that letter will be going home with students tomorrow. We need anyone interested in the positions to commit to at least one year on the board. Please contact PTO with your nominations.

**SAC Committee** – (Student Advisory Committee) – No report was given.

**Open Discussion** – None

**Next PTO Meeting** – Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at 6:30 pm

**Adjournment** – Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

If you need to contact PTO, e-mail us at: [OasisE.PTO@capecharterschools.org](mailto:OasisE.PTO@capecharterschools.org)

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