**OES PTO Minutes For October 12, 2021**

* Welcome & Introduction of Officers: Michele Hildebrand-President, Jeannette Blaustein -Vice-President, Janet Blanco-Treasurer, Aimee Aubry-Secretary
* Communication
  + Facebook- **OES Families**, please “Like” us
  + Administration school Facebook page**-Oasis Elementary South**; maintained by Carrie Abes
  + Parent Square and Panther Press - used by school administration
  + PTO Rocks on the website has all information on PTO; Michele walked everyone through the OES website and the links at the bottom where PTO Rocks is located
* Guest speaker - Melanie Klages - School Nurse
  + Ms. Klages reviewed the school covid dashboard. She noted that as community covid rates have dropped, so have the number of cases at school.
  + Florida positivity rate is down to 4.8%, Lee County is 5.6% and hospitalizations are down.
  + She reviewed the updated emergency order from 9/22/21 regarding new quarantine rules, specifically if your child is exposed but remains asymptomatic then it is up to the child’s parents to decide to quarantine or return to school. She noted that there have been a low amount of quarantines after this rule came out; most elementary school children have been able to remain in school without symptoms.
  + The school is getting new software which will result in less paperwork; more electronic. Parents will be able to upload docs, send messages to clinic staff and look up their student’s clinic visits.
  + Getting ready for mandatory health screenings (state requirement). New this year is that all results will be sent home. In the past, results were only sent home if a student didn’t pass the vision or hearing screening.
  + Clinic staff is able to get back into the classroom. They have instructional tools such as a heart model and posters that light up to help with health education.
* Foundation report - Samantha Richardson unable to attend; Gary Cerny presented
  + Lighthouse dinner will be 3/6/22.
  + They continue to issue grants; had 10-12 applications last week. All four schools have received and include grants for STEM, drone, reading, art, staff, bus drivers, admin. meals
  + Nominate your favorite teacher for a lighthouse award.
  + Foundation is looking for volunteers for observation committee. OES Families Facebook page will post a link to volunteer. There is a meeting coming up soon to discuss committee expectations.
* President’s Report:
  + Past Events
    - Boosterthon was a success.
    - Sold out restaurant cards within the first month of school
    - Teacher appreciation is happening every other week. Halloween and thanksgiving events are next. Pics are posted to OES Families.
  + Upcoming Events
    - Frosty’s Factory will be held in December; will discuss more at November meeting.
    - Veterans day bulletin board in breezeway
    - Trunk or treat is coming up; info went out to parents via teachers; please send in candy donations.
    - Fall festival will not take place in November as usual however we may plan a Spring festival.
  + Boosterhon raised an additional $8,000 more than what we planned. PTO Board & administration are meeting to discuss how to spend the extra money.
  + Parents have signed up for committees/leads; all are listed on the agenda.
* Treasurer’s Report
  + Janet presented the treasurer’s report. Current bank balance is $53,857.76.
  + PTO wrote a check for $10,000 to the school from Boosterthon for technology.
  + Budget revisions proposed:
    - Motion to move an extra $500 to staff appreciation. Motion was made by Mike Picard and seconded by Danielle VonBuren.
    - Motion to add a new category to budget for student fun day and add $2,000. Motion made by Toby Sealy and seconded by Tiffany Brown.
* Principal’s Report provided by Ms. Abes
  + Ms. Grecsek thanked the PTO for teacher appreciation and the parents for their generous donations to Boosterthon.
  + Currently wrapping up Cognia accreditation; working on student and parent focus groups.
  + Report cards come out next week.
  + Star testing started this week.
  + Remember to nominate your favorite teachers for Lighthouse award.
  + Red Ribbon week will be held in the last week of October.
  + Asked parents to talk to their kids about being kind and respectful to all.
* Teachers Report:
  + Tiffany Brown K-2
    - Thanked PTO for teacher appreciation. All the teachers loved the lemonade stand at the end of the day.
    - Report cards go home on the 20th which is also an early release day.
* Open Discussion
  + Question was asked about if we are having the halloween parade. Admin indicated we are still working out the details and to stay tuned to Panther Press.
  + Question from Mike Picard (Christina’s dad) about sign-up genius for parents not on Facebook. Michele said she would look into how to send out the links via teachers. Mike indicated he works for Costco and would love to help/donate where possible.
* Next meeting is November 2nd.
* Adjournment