

OES PTO Minutes
September 7, 2022

- ★ Welcome & Introduction of Officers: Michele Hildebrand- President, Amanda Rourke - Co-President (nomination), Jeannette Blaustein -Vice-President, Janet Blanco-Treasurer, Aimee Aubry-Secretary
 - A motion to approve Amanda Rourke as co-president was made by Danielle Von Buren, seconded by Katherin Clime.
 - Note that Aimee and Janet will be training and co-positioning as they look to trade positions mid-year.

- ★ Guest Speakers Wes and Bella with Boosterthon
 - Discussed the character videos being shared with the kids as part of the program.
 - They've also been doing outdoor activities linked to prizes (e.g. spike ball)
 - We've raised \$27,000 so far.
 - Color run is next week
 - If there are any questions, Bella's email address is on the bottom of the emails being pushed out by the teachers.
 - One parent asked if there was a non-electronic/paper format for collecting pledges. Unfortunately all pledges must be made online.
 - Michele Hildebrand talked about the door decorating contest as well as class flag decorating being requested of parents for the event.

- ★ President's Report:
 - 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
 - Past Events
 - Boo Hoo Breakfast
 - Welcome back staff lunch
 - Open house
 - Upcoming Events
 - Teacher appreciation - lemonade stand. Look for sign-up genius to donate.
 - Trunk or Treat 10/28. This event will need a small group of volunteers; see Aimee Aubry
 - Fall Festival 11/12. This event will also need volunteers, some to coordinate prior to event, will need about 50 volunteers the day of the event; see Jeanette Blaustien.
 - New Business
 - Committee Leads - Michele will send home letter next week with info on committees.

- Restaurant cards & Pura Vida bracelets - yellow order form went home with students
- Old Business –
 - Box Tops - would really like to find a committee lead to sponsor this. We've struggled to get participation since box tops went digital. In the past we've awarded a trophy and prize/award to the class with the most box tops earned so we'd like to bring that back this year.
 - Teacher appreciation - need to recruit non-fifth grade parents to shadow the committee this year since most of the appreciation committee will no longer have OES students next year.
 - Bulletin boards - Jess Marshall has agreed to take the lead on this for this year

★ Treasurer's Report

- We just delivered a check to the principal for last school years' excess funds raised of \$35,213.32.
- Janet reviewed this year's budget by line item and asked for a motion to approve.
 - Michael Picard made a motion, Kyle Roarke seconded.
- Janet reviewed this year's report as of 9/7/22. Bank balance was \$17,353.52. Only income line item was funds received so far from Boosterthon. Expenses included staff appreciation for the welcome back lunch, boo hoo breakfast and misc school requests.
- Michele commented on prior years' use of Boosterthon funds which was mostly used for technology. Last year the school used the money to finish purchasing the smart boards in the classroom and chromebooks.

★ Principal's Report provided by Ms. Grecsek

- Provided an update on the playground. For background, last year the city came out and declared the playground unsafe and agreed to demolish it for free. This was a big savings for the school as demolition would have been costly due to how deep the pilings were.
- The school had some CARES grant money left over from last school year to be used on the new playground.
- School admin surveyed the kids, who came up with some really great ideas and the vendor was able to incorporate into the plan.
- They took the plan to the governing board, who delayed a vote to approve it as they thought they could find additional grant money, which they did. They plan to approve the playground equipment purchase at the next governing board meeting next week and order the new equipment in October.
- She also noted that the city is going to come out and flatten the land where the playground used to be so the kids can play on it.
- One parent asked when she expected completion. MaryBeth indicated December/January
- Another parent asked if the vendor was Playmore again and MaryBeth said yes.

- MaryBeth also talked about SAC (School Advisory Committee) meetings, which take place three times a year and encouraged parents to attend. Some of the discussion items at those meetings include test data and curriculum.
- She also noted that they will not have FSA this year but it has been replaced with a new test. Grades 3-5 will take the FAST test; grades will be made available in FOCUS. Note that scores are listed under Reports. Grades K-2 will take the STAR test, which is something they've always done in the past. She made sure to stress the importance of getting signed up on FOCUS. If you don't know your student's pin, you can get it from your teacher so you can sign up.

★ Open Discussion

- Leadership club will be speaking at the governing board meeting next week.
- Question - if they sign up for a committee online through the interest form, what happens next? Michele will send a group email to all parents that expressed interest in a specific committee/event.
- Question - Are there forms to fill out to volunteer this year? MaryBeth stated that there was a QR code to scan at open house to go online and complete the form. She will put it in parent square. They are doing it electronically this year. Also instead of trying to collect everyone up front, they are doing it by event so they're not having to run background checks on everyone at once. The form is also on the school website under Parent Portal - Parent Involvement.
- Michele noted that the first opportunity to volunteer will be the Boosterthon event. An email will be sent out. She also noted to wear shoes and clothes that can get dirty.

★ Next meeting is Wednesday 10/12.

★ Adjournment