

## OES PTO Agenda for March 25, 2021

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- ★ Welcome & Introduction of Officers: Jess Marshall & Michele Hildebrand-Co-Presidents, Jeannette Blaustein -Vice-President, Janet Blanco-Treasurer, Aimee Aubry-Secretary
  
- ★ Guest Speaker: Mrs Collins: "State of the Charter Schools"
- Mrs Collins presented a presentation regarding the status and history of the charter schools.
- The following was covered
  1. COVID cases data within the school system. Safety protocols and success with following these protocols. 14 Teacher infection, 87 Students infected and 955 students/Staff quarantined for possible exposure.
  2. Number of students, educator and staff of 3,481 in our charter system.
  3. Mental Health Initiatives past and plans for the future.
  4. C.A.R.E.S ACT provided \$673,000 for use of long term sub hiring, Sanitation equipment, Learning software, webcams and additional Chrome books for one on one use.
  5. Working on Cognia Accreditation. Delayed due to the need for the overwhelming policies and procedures of COVID-19. Will select a new date in the fall of 2021 to determine accreditation renewal status.
  6. Strategic plan objectives. School vision, school mission, teacher profess develop, Teacher starting pay, hiring schedules, streamline maintenance schedules, Governing board professional development and branding community outreach.
  7. Oasis STEM Makerspace plan
- Question regarding overall state of the union and financial plan.
  - Mrs. Collins stated they went to a COW meeting (discussion forum to discuss charter schools); positive outcome; charter schools are considered a core value; it brings people to the city; they want to make sure charter school is sustained; only two people that said they wanted to take it to a referendum to see if the taxpayers support it; if that happens we will need to rally parents; restructuring lease so more money can be spent on students instead of capex. Mrs. Collins left feeling really good about the city council's support of the charter schools.
  
- ★ Foundation Update: Rally Information ([www.CapeCharterFoundation.org](http://www.CapeCharterFoundation.org)) - Samantha Richardson and [Jen-Hope Belis](#) discussed the details of Rally on the Green for 2021. Golf only event without games and vendors due to COVID. Details on the online auction were provided. 100% of proceeds for auction items provided by clubs or

school organizations will be returned to the club or organization that provided the auction item.

★ Teacher appreciation update:

- Teacher Appreciation Week is coming up; Michele will reach out to MaryBEth and CARRie to determine best week (based on FSA schedule) to celebrate teachers and staff including bus drivers
- email the PTO if you want to be on the committee for teacher appreciation week

★ Staff of the week program update reminder: Keep the nominations coming. Winners go on Oasis PTO Facebook page and it's really fun to read all the comments for the winners each week.

President's Report:

- Past Events
  - Scentco Fundraiser to help with meeting fundraising goals. Just finishing up. First time trying to do this; scentco reached out to us. Will see in next meeting's treasurer's report how that did; there were some bugs to work out on both sides. In hopes to return to our normal fundraising next year.
  - Talent Show: Thank you to our families who submitted all the wonderful videos. All participants received a prize. It was a fun event but will look at different event formats if continued in the 2021 - 2022 school year.
- Communication - no changes
  - Facebook- **OES Families**, please "Like" us
  - Parent Square and Panther Press
  - PTO Rocks on the website
  - Administration school Facebook page--**Oasis Elementary South**
- New Business
  - Board Nominations open. Voting will be at the May 5th PTO meeting. All board members expressed interest in returning. If you are interested please email the PTO. Things sometimes change quickly so there's always the possibility for an opening.
  - School supply vendor: New vendor 1st Day School Supplies. This is an easy option for purchasing school supplies. Purchase supply boxes by grade level and have them shipped to your home. This is optional as in previous years. The goal is to have this open to all families by early April for those who would like to purchase. Cost appears to be lower per the estimate provided by the company. Per Jessica, our store will go live April 1st with the new lists coming out.
- Upcoming Events...
  - **Easter Bunny:** He will be at the school on March 31st for bus riders and April 1st for carline.
  - **Committees for the 2021 -2022 year:** We will be working with administration closer to the end of the year to determine what our needs will be. Once we know more, we will pass that on.
  - **5th Grade legacy garden:** This event to be incorporated in the 5th grade year end festivities. Volunteers may be needed to prepare the area for the garden. More info on that once plans and guidelines are established.

- **5th Grade Year End events;** Jen- Hope has prepared a great plan and is working with administration to finalize. All 5th grade parents will be informed of the details once a final plan is determined. Volunteers may be needed depending on the final plans. More details on that soon.

★ Treasurer's Report

- Janet is out this week so will provide an update at the next meeting.

★ Principal's Report: Ms. Grecsek

- Just finished the science fair. Kids did great. Finalists went to the cafeteria to present board via zoom to scientists. Three winners at each grade level. Will publish in Panther Press if she hasn't done that already.
- Also had some aspiring authors winners. We had a lot of entries. Two winners; Chloe Woods from Ms. Melo's 2nd grade class; 3rd place in the fiction category. The other winner was a kindergartener from Ms. Cameron's class, Mia Gregwar, won first place for her memoir My Sister Chloe. She was also the overall K-2 winner for the whole festival.
- Ms. Fury's class has been working on a rube goldberg project (similar to the old mouse trap game). Entered their contest and waiting to hear the results.
- Last call for Lost and Found; pile is growing. We are giving it away after school on Friday. Please encourage students to look through the pile. We announce it every morning on the morning announcements.

★ Teachers Report: Tiffany Brown K-2 and Heather Santana 3-5

- Ms. Brown emailed K-2 teachers for updates; Ms. Cameron brought up her student that won the aspiring authors project; Kinder teachers just excited to be in school; they did their plant unit this week. Spring break went well for everyone. Also K-2 have all buddied up with a 3-5 class to do some things for the kids and teachers the week of FSA.
- Ms. Santana not on the call.

★ Governing Board Report: Kristopher Jackson, Elementary School Parent Rep

- Kris was unable to attend but stated he had nothing new to report.

★ Open Discussion

- Morning carline was brought up. Parents coming from the north are cutting off the parents that are waiting on Oasis Blvd. for car line to open up at 7:50. People are almost getting into accidents, yelling at each other and just overall a lot of aggression. Ms. Grescek will meet with the SROs to discuss how best to handle.

★ Next PTO Meeting: Wed May 5th at 6:30. Final meeting of the year.

★ Adjournment