

## Orchard Elementary PTO

### Meeting Minutes

December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**I. Call To Order-** President, Jen Drake, called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

**II. Approval Of Minutes-** Minutes from the last PTO meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018, were reviewed by everyone present. Shelly Owens made a motion to accept the meeting minutes as presented, Joni Krantz seconded the motion, motion passed.

**III. Treasurer's Report-**Joni Krantz gave the treasurer's report. The available balance as of December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 is \$20,487.08. Joni reported PTO has received \$212 from parents of 5<sup>th</sup> grade students for the ALEKS program. Some expenses this month have included 1<sup>st</sup> grade take-home books and the 5<sup>th</sup> grade ALEKS program. A \$500 deposit will be sent to the Missoula Children's Theatre. See Treasurer's Report for additional details.

**IV. Principal's Report-** Mrs. Arsanto reported conferences took place the week of Thanksgiving. One Book One School (OBOS) will take place the last week in January. The first S.T.E.M. Night will be in February. Help is needed from parents that have a connection with engineering or some other type of S.T.E.M. knowledge. The Math Tournament took place in early December. Mrs. Arsanto thanked the PTO Board for their service and explained the award given to the PTO by the district.

**V. Teacher Representative Report-** Mrs. Morrow reported the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students went to see The Nutcracker. The school Sing-a-Long is next Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> of December. Parents are welcome to attend the Sing-a-Long. Buddy lunch and recess will also be on December 21<sup>st</sup>. Kriste Colley will put the Sing-a-Long on the Facebook page.

### **VI. Committee Report-**

**Cultural Leadership Team (CLT)** – Sarah Landon reported C.L.T. met on December 11<sup>th</sup>. S.T.E.M. night will be February 28<sup>th</sup>. The group is hoping to have the whole week focus on S.T.E.M. One Book One School book will be chosen by Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. The group discussed ideas to help 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders come in from recess in a more orderly way. The first Chuck E. Cheese Night will be February 6<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-9:00. Teachers get a free personal pizza or salad bar. Chuck E. Cheese will make an appearance (possibly along with Talon) at the school on the day of the event. April 12<sup>th</sup> is the Cultural Fair. Mrs. Arsanto suggested creating a committee for this event. Tasha Bunnage discussed SUMMIT, which is a program used at Libby Middle School. Currently only the 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are using the program, however, there has been discussion about using it for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students as well. There will be a meeting about SUMMIT after the PTO meeting in January. Parents from Libby Middle School will speak to Orchard parents about the program. There was discussion about having another SUMMIT meeting in April. Mrs. Arsanto reported three teachers at Orchard have Lighthouse training. Lighthouse teachers specialize in technology. These teachers will be looking into how Orchard can help kids learn to type before going to Middle School. Sarah Landon reported CLT

is creating a Parent Support Group to be held every other Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 P.M. The group will discuss parenting and school topics.

Instructional Leadership Team (ILT)- Will meet next week.

Teacher Appreciation- Sarah Hall is working on something for next week.

Spirit Wear- Aubri Smith stated socks are due to arrive by December 19<sup>th</sup>. All other items have been delivered.

Yearbook- No report

Chess Club- Nothing new to report

### **VII. Old Business-**

Missoula Children's Theatre- There will be 16 parts available for Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grades, 44 parts for 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grades, and two producer positions. Auditions will be held Monday, parts announced on Tuesday, costumes on Thursday and two performances on Friday.

### **VIII. New Business-**

PTO Financial Guidelines- The PTO financial guidelines have been updated. Money earned from the Auction will be designated for teacher gift cards that are given at the beginning of each school year. Specialists do not receive gift cards, however, they have a line item in the budget and they receive money from the School District. Consumables such as food items are only approved on a need basis. Liz Cronin (5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher) thanked PTO on behalf of the 5<sup>th</sup> grade for the purchase of the A.L.E.K.S. program. Mrs. Cronin reported the program is better than they expected.

-Joni Krantz mentioned there is 3 months until the Silent Auction. The Leadership Club will be hosting an event during the Auction.

-The Talent Show will be on May 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **IX. Questions or Comments-** none

### **X. Adjournment-** Meeting adjourned at 7:16 P.M.

#### Attendance

Kathy Preszler	Tammy Morrow	Alysia Arsanto
Liz Cronin	Tasha Bunnage	Sarah Landon
Aubri Smith	Jen Drake	Joni Krantz
Sarah Hall	Suzy Isteitieh	Megan Pratt
Sean Langdon	Shelly Owens	

