

Orchard Elementary PTO

Meeting Minutes

September 18th, 2019

- I. **Call to Order** – President Sarah Landon called the meeting to order at 3:31 pm and introduced the board members
- II. **Approval of Minutes** – Minutes from the last PTO meeting were reviewed. Angelina Shaber made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Aga Tashea seconded the motion.
- III. **Treasurer’s Report** – Jon Hall presented the budget for the 2019-2020 school year. CJ Rodriguez made a motion to approve the budget and Shelly Owens seconded the motion. We have a current balance of \$22,445.39. Grade-level grants of \$1000 were given this year, as well as gift cards for \$230 to each teacher. Additional details can be viewed in the treasurer’s report.
- IV. **Principal’s Report** – Mrs. Arsanto introduced Jillian Robillard as the new Assistant Principal. She reported that the teachers have all received training on iReady, a new curriculum. Open House was held on the 12th and was well attended. The staff is currently focusing on ‘teach-to’s’, where students are learning the routines and expectations of the school. The Game of the Week has started out on the playground. Email communication will be the focus this year, with a monthly newsletter being sent out, as well as other reminders. Drop-off/Pick-Up continues to be a challenge, and grants are being sought to move the existing crosswalk.
- V. **Teacher Representative Report** – Kathy Preszler and Tammy Morrow reported that they are using a new district-wide math curriculum. Buddy Classrooms will be starting soon. Orchard Hills Pediatric Dentistry is providing t-shirts for all kinder students. Kinder info night will be happening in October, as well as field trips to the pumpkin patch. They passed along thank yous for the gift card grants.
- VI. **Committee Reports**
 - a. **Book Fair** – Mariann Medina and Rebecca Boyd reported that Book Fair will begin on September 30th and run through October 4th. Students will visit the fair during their library time. There will be an evening event on Thursday, October 3rd from 5-7 pm. Teachers will be given \$50 to spent at the book fair and the eWallet option is available to parents. A Sign-Up Genius online volunteer scheduling link will be posted on the FB page.
 - b. **Spirit Wear** – Orders are due on September 23rd. 100+ orders have already come in.
 - c. **Box Tops** – The first collection deadline is November 1st. The BoxTops App is available, and they can still be clipped, as well.
 - d. **Hospitality** – They have provided their September treat for the teachers, as well as furnished a back to school luncheon.
 - e. **Chess Club** – There will be no Chess Club this year unless a parent(s) volunteer to be in charge of it. Several people have expressed interest in helping, but no one has stepped in to be the point person this year. We will give this one more month before tabling the club for the year.
- VII. **Old Business**

- a. **Buddy Bench** – A former Orchard student, Bella McDermott, is going to work with a mentor to paint a mural behind the bench on the playground this year

VIII. **New Business**

- a. **Jog-A-Thon** – Angelina Shaber gave an update on all things Jog-a-Thon. \$4750 has been donated for shirts by local businesses. The shirt was designed by a student. A kick-off assembly will be held on Thursday, September 26th and pledge packets will go home that day. A Chuck E Cheese package is one of the top prizes and is sending Chuck to the assembly. The Jog-a-thon will be held on October 18th. Each class will have a station for water and lap-counting. Volunteers will be needed to man these stations. There will be prizes for top earners, top lap-runners and random raffle prizes where all participating students are eligible. Mr. Osborne has volunteered to have lunch with top lap-running students. A decision was made to pre-order prizes, even though there may be a surplus. A discussion will happen as to what will be done with the extra prizes (donate to a school in need, save for Silent Auction, carryover to next year's Jog-a-Thon). Volunteers are needed for set-up, décor, money countin', mascot-wearin', lap countin', etc.
- b. **Science on Wheels** – A Space Odyssey will be brought to us by the Pacific Science Center on November 12th and 13th with classroom lessons and large exhibits in the gym.
- c. **Baking Club** – Two 5th grade students proposed a Baking Club and outlined the reasons the club would benefit Orchard students. The decision was made for them to meet with some adults to get details of the club streamlined before a vote could be taken (advisors, meeting place, meeting time, financial needs, eligibility, etc).
- d. **Pokemon Club** – Jason Brader would like to start a Pokemon and trading card club after school. He has researched purchasing cards at a discounted rate and had several people volunteer to partner with him. CJ Rodriguez made a motion to create the club and Danica Garcia seconded the motion, it was voted on and passed.
- e. **Classroom Water Station** – A water station has been provided for Carmen Anderson's classroom, as they were the only classroom that didn't have a faucet or drinking fountain.
- f. **Lego Club** – CJ Rodriguez will be running Lego Club this year. She would like another parent to help with set-up for the weekly club. She is planning to run two cycles of the K-2nd grade club, with a third session up for discussion.
- g. **Microwaves** – Mrs. Arsanto made a request for PTO to purchase microwaves for the cafeteria. The request was fulfilled.
- h. **Pizza Fundraising** – The PTO has decided to not pursue fundraising with Stick and Stone for this school year. Chuck E Cheese has requested that Orchard schedule a fundraising night with them, in appreciation of their Jog-a-thon participation. The requested fundraising night has already been scheduled. Teacher Representatives brought a question forward about having two Papa John's teacher delivery nights, one in the fall and one in the spring. Shelly Owens is going to discuss this with Papa John's.

IX. **Questions or Comments**

- a. **Monster Math Night** – Teacher Representatives discussed the possibility of a Monster Math Night/Trunk or Treat event for the future.

b. **Child Care for PTO Meetings** – We are in need of a Child Care Lead to make the child care during the PTO meetings possible.

X. **Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 4:29 by Sarah Landon

Those in attendance:

Sarah Landon	CJ Rodriguez
Kriste Colley-Kummer	Jon Hall
Melia Kessler	Adam Morris
Hilary Wingert	Jana Mapes
Marta Jisa	Shelly Owens
Kylee Mcann	Jason Brader
Angelina Shaber	Crystal Leighty
Asmae Hram	Joni Kranz
Aga Tashea	Audra Distifeno
Kourtney Porter	Lauren Gradin
Jillian Robillard	Sheri Bastow
Divya Sajnani	Tiffany Schulz
Pamela Hughes	Kari Williams
Ryan Malm	Danica Garcia
Jenna Bensussen	Casandra Dellinger
Rebecca Boyd	Mariann Medina
Kar Wei Chin	Cora Shellito
Tammy Morrow	Kathy Preszler
Meggan Tjarks	Alysia Arsanto
Sarah Hall	Jessica Tanner
Susan Duncan	Aubri Smith
Cat Roberts	