

Orchard Elementary PTO

Meeting Minutes

January 15th, 2020

- I. Sarah Landon called the meeting to order at 3:32 pm
- II. Minutes from November were reviewed. Sarah L moved to accept the minutes as written and CJ R seconded the motion.
- III. Treasurer's Report – Jon Hall
 - a. Amazon Smile and Fred Meyer Rewards continue to roll in
 - b. We received a grant from Boeing and also a grant from Oswalt Jisa, CPA (food program)
 - c. We currently have \$14,000 above and beyond what is in the budget and earmarked for spending
- IV. Principal's Report – Alysia Arsanto
 - a. We were able to provide Christmas gifts for 9-10 families via the Compassion Tree
 - b. The school is in winter testing mode, with iReady testing occurring
- V. Teacher Representative Report – Tammy Morrow/Kathy Preszler
 - a. One Book, One School is coming up and they requested gumballs from PTO for each classroom, this request was approved
- VI. One Book, One School – Hilary Wingert
 - a. Each child will get a packet to take home; in this packet will be a calendar, questions, vocabulary words, optional family activities, students may turn in answers to the questions in the office and be eligible for prizes, there will be a Gooney Bird dress up day and a Gooney Bird lunch. Guest readers are lined up for lunchtime. PTO will provide books to all teachers who do not already have one. PTO provided a book for each child in known need. The remaining 14 books will go to students who may still have an unmet need.
- VII. Committee Reports
 - a. Skate Night – Over 100 students attended the last party, with another one taking place on January 23rd
 - b. Hospitality – No new report
 - c. CLT/ILT – There will be paid time for teachers to look deeper into data that is being collected through testing, PBIS posters and materials will be coming
 - d. Spirit Wear – The pink glitter t-shirt is still backordered, with a projected delivery date of 1/16. The plan is to ask for a rebate/refund/discount due to the extended backorder status. The Spirit Wear team is also open to ideas from parents about future offerings.
 - e. Yearbook – Flyers for 5th grade baby pictures will be sent out on/around February 3rd
 - f. Chess – Winter session begins 1/16, tournament will be in February
- VIII. Old Business
 - a. Buddy Bench – Orchard alumna, Bella McDermott, will present a sketch at the next PTO meeting, the theme will be friendship/tree/owls/Teeba/life. The plan is for the bench and mural to be painted over the summer

- b. PTO Meeting Schedule – All meetings have been moved to Wednesdays, with the January, March and May meetings remaining at 3:30 with child care offered, while the February, April and June meetings will be at 6:30 pm
- c. Baking Club – Hilary Wingert will be heading up Baking Club. Approximately 20 students will be able to participate, with one volunteer needed for every 5 kids. There will be 4 sessions, starting in late February. Beth Harrington has agreed to shop for the club weekly. \$500 was requested from PTO for supplies. The club will incorporate nutrition, math and measurement

IX. New Business

- a. Silent Auction – Joni Kranz – The auction will be held on March 27th, in conjunction with a Leadership social. A dessert auction will also be held. Donations have started coming in, with auction leads planning on asking local businesses now. The idea was raised of a thermometer on display showing our fundraising efforts for the year and what we are working toward. It was decided to leave the ‘retail value’ off of the bid sheets, to have a minimum starting bid and a minimum bid increase this year to encourage generous bidding and donations.
- b. Talent Show – Auditions were held this week, with 60 different groups planning on participating in some way. Reserved seating will be offered for a fee, while general admission/bleacher seating will remain free. The talent show is set for February 28th.
- c. Chuck E Cheese – February 6th is the fundraising night at Chuck E Cheese. The mascot will come to advertise, presumably on that day, but Shelly Owen is checking on their time frame. One volunteer will be needed to meet the mouse at the school.
- d. Playground Discussion – Jon Hall met with Jeff Lettau from RSD Facilities. The area we were considering for the 4th/5th playground is a drainage field. Jeff is doing further research as to whether or not anything can be built on that site. He suggested expanding the existing playground. He said that we can submit a work order for the gutters in the kinder playground, and also to have the grassy area resurfaced with concrete. After discussing with the kinder teachers, it was determined that the students still need a grassy area where they can run. One idea is to put concrete over the existing grass and expand the playground to the north, along the building, leaving that area in grass. Jeff would like to try to use a new approach this spring to draining the existing grass before anything is decided.
- e. Grade Level Grants – PTO has gifted each grade with \$1000 to use: Kinder has used theirs for Plan Do Review supplies, 2nd grade attended the Junie B Jones play, and 3rd grade expanded their classroom libraries
- f. Jefferson Elementary Connection – We would like to make a connection with Jefferson to donate some of our unused Jog-a-thon supplies and support where we are able. Hilary offered to be a connection, as she will be spending time in that building.
- g. Fridge Donation – Marta Jisa has secured a donation of a refrigerator for our take-home food program. We need a way to load, transport and unload the donation. Kathy Preszler is going to ask a connection, if that doesn’t work, we will explore obtaining a service donation from a moving company. Hilary reported that the Winco gift cards from the PTO provided 4 weeks of food donations for families

- h. Winter Clothing Donations – a table is set up in the lobby for families to drop off winter gear that is too small and to take items that they need in the correct sizes
 - i. Girls on the Run – Our coaches from last year will not be returning, we need three coaches for Orchard to remain a site. Cassie Dellinger volunteered to be the head coach, with Alysia and Jillian wanting to share an assistant spot.
 - X. Questions/Comments
 - a. Angelina Shaber asked Sarah Hall when the t-shirt sponsorships were obtained for the Jog-a-thon. Sarah stated that she worked through this process in the summertime
 - b. Read to Ride – Tara Symons applied to Silverwood for this program. Orchard was accepted and reading hours will be counted in March
 - XI. Meeting adjourned at 4:35 by Sarah Landon

Attendance

Kriste Colley-Kummer

CJ Rodriguez

Jon Hall

Angelina Shaber

Aga Tashea

Joni Kranz

Cassie Dellinger

Alysia Arsanto

Hilary Wingert

Kathy Preszler

Tammy Morrow

Sarah Hall

Sarah Landon