

Orchard Elementary PTO

Meeting Minutes

February 12th, 2020

- I. Sarah Landon called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm
- II. Minutes from January were reviewed. Jon H moved to accept the minutes as written and CJ R seconded the motion.
- III. Treasurer's Report – Jon Hall
 - a. We received \$600 from our latest Box Tops payment
 - b. \$249 was brought in from the Americans hockey game in December
 - c. We received a \$750 Boeing Foundation Grant
 - d. There is a current balance of \$46,765.01, with a predicted surplus of \$14,000
- IV. Principal's Report – Alysia Arsanto via email
 - a. iReady testing is completed, teachers took paid time to look at the data
 - b. PBIS teach-tos are completed and students earned an extra recess
 - c. OBOS is completed
- V. Committee Reports
 - a. Skate Night – We have received a check for \$112 from the last Skate Night
 - b. Hospitality – Journals and Starbucks cards were given to Lisa U and Tascina P for School Counselor Appreciation Week, Teacher Appreciation Week was discussed, there is approximately \$800 left in the hospitality budget
 - c. CLT/ILT – There were questions about the Read to Ride Silverwood program. Tara S will contact Shirley Falls and start the process once the Silverwood website is ready
 - d. Spirit Wear – An online ordering system will be piloted for the spring order, which will include a \$5 shipping fee, a t-shirt design contest is going on now, with voting to happen with FaceBook 'likes'
 - e. Yearbook – 69 baby pictures have come in so far, pre-orders will run until the end of February at \$20 each, with full price being \$25, final orders will be taken in May
 - f. Chess – Rook and Roll tournament will take place on the 22nd, and a sign-up genius will go our for volunteers for the concession stand
- VI. 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. Baking Club – Sign up sheets have gone out and the club is scheduled to begin on March 2nd. Angela S is helping with the use of the school kitchen
 - c. Silent Auction – Joni Krantz- Getting volunteers for daytime work has been a challenge, local donations are now the focus, the Leadership Club will not be offering food this year, one thought is to have teachers man a pizza stand, some thought was given to an online auction format, the auction will be much shorter this year, between 5:00-6:00, allowing time for bid sheets to be closed out before the dance ends, bid sheets will be available during conferences

- d. Talent Show – Tasha B reported that over 100 kids will be involved in the production, and practice is starting for the opening and closing numbers, there will be a Sign-Up Genius for a concession stand, seating up front will be paid, while bleacher seating will be free, the website for tickets will be publicized after the parents of children in the show have an opportunity to purchase tickets, there will be a taped off area for parents to briefly come to the front and take photos while their child is on stage, the goal is to have the show recorded and available on YouTube for no charge, Jon H is printing the program in color
- e. OBOS – 195 books were purchased and all found their way into the hands of a student
- f. Playground Discussion – PTO is ready to move forward and approve the purchase of a Gaga Ball Pit, there were not enough people at the meeting to take an official vote in February, Jillian R was going to discuss with Alysia and come up with what size of pit would work best on the playground and where it should be placed, Jeff in RSD Facilities needs to be included in the discussion, a portable version will be purchased for the PE program to use
- g. Grade Level Grants – K – Plan Do Review materials, 1st – probable field trip, 2nd - Field trip to watch Junie B Jones play, 3rd – Social/Emotional books, 4th – Unknown, 5th – Probable field trip

VII. New Business

- a. BoosterThon – this company reached out to us about running the Jog-a-Thon for us, they would take a larger fee, but also provide more services (prizes, videos, etc), after much discussion, it was decided that the benefits didn't offset the greater cost, a discussion was held around Jog-a-Thon prizes, both quantity and quality
- b. Destination Imagination T-Shirts – A request was made for PTO to provide t-shirts for the DI Club. Unfortunately, the request didn't meet the goals and parameters of a gift request. We place a priority on funding items that will stay at the school and be used for years to come, items that enhance education and items that will benefit a large percentage of the student body. We will provide t-shirts for students if there is a financial need.
- c. Taproot AntiBullying Program – Taproot has reached out about a drama-style anti-bullying assembly, we did not have teacher or admin input at this point in the meeting and didn't want to commit to something that may already be covered by current anti-bullying curriculum or something that would be seen as an interruption in the school day
- d. Mascot Costume Repair – Tasha B is willing to work with Meggan T to perform Talon Repair Surgery

VIII. Questions/Comments

- a. We have been contacted by a community member wanting to do a community service project at Orchard in April, the information will be forwarded to Alysia
- b. Planners for 5th grade classrooms have been ordered, with an early order discount applied

IX. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 by Sarah Landon

Attendance

Kriste Colley-Kummer

CJ Rodriguez

Jon Hall

Sarah Landon

Jillian Robillard

Joni Krantz

Aga Tashea

Tasha Bunnage