

Orchard PTO Meeting

March 17th, 2021 3:30 pm (via Zoom)

- I. Call to Order – CJ called the meeting to order at 3:41 pm
- II. Treasurer’s Report – Jon reported that we received money from Amazon Smile and Fred Meyer Community Rewards. The PE program used their budget and additional support from PTO to purchase items for students to use at home to promote physical education. We currently have \$43,969.02 in the bank account.
- III. Principal’s Report – Alysia reported that:
 - a. Spring conferences went well and they were able to connect with many families this way, with attendance reaching the same levels as previous years.
 - b. Student profile forms have been sent out and parents are invited to fill those out to give information about their child that will help in placement.
 - c. Current staffing projections for next year include 6 kinder classrooms, 6 1st grade, 5 2nd grade, 4 3rd grade, 4 4th grade and 5 5th grade
 - d. Michelle Wheland and Shirley Falls will be retiring
 - e. The Destination Imagination club has had an incredibly successful season, with Stephanie McMaster at the helm. All three Orchard teams are advancing to the state level
 - f. State SBA testing will take place in May
- IV. One Book One School Update – Alysia shared that Marta Jisa and Lauren Gradin have spearheaded the project this year. The chosen book is All are Welcome. Book orders have been placed for families who wanted to participate, teachers and families in need of book scholarships. OBOS will run the last week of March and will include a Google classroom with assignments, cultural videos and discussion questions.
- V. Yearbook Update – CJ reported that the yearbook is due to the publisher this Friday. We have already sold 46 on presale. The book is scheduled

- to arrive the last week of May. The price will go up to \$25 after the 20th of this month.
- VI. Teacher Gift Cards – CJ shared that the board has made the difficult decision to not distribute Visa gift cards to the teachers in the fall. This decision is due to no spring fundraiser this year, a poorly supported spring fundraiser last year and the inability to participate in a Teacher Delivery night through Papa John’s due to current COVID regulations. However, we will promote our Gift Request form and encourage teachers to make a request when they have a need for their classroom.
 - VII. Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee (district-level) – Danica reported on the trainings, work and discussions that are happening in this district-level committee. As we are fortunate enough to have representation on this committee, some ideas were discussed as to how to support this important work at the school level. Some ideas presented were a parent connection time (coffee hour, etc), a presentation-style meeting series about different cultures, and finding ways to acknowledge important dates and seasons that are celebrated by other cultures that may be represented at Orchard. Alysia showed a strong interest in facilitating parent connections and will work with Danica on this topic. CJ suggested that this topic be listed as a regular agenda item.
 - VIII. Read to Ride – CJ has been in touch with Tara Symons and the Read to Ride forms are due on March 31st.
 - IX. Hospitality Update – Pam Rothwell and Eileen Harbertson have continued to plan ideas to celebrate teachers and other staff members. They will be working with Alysia to coordinate plans for Staff Appreciation Week in May. They provided gift cards for teachers at the end of the year. Alysia let us know that there are restrictions on what her building budget can be used for in terms of teacher gifts and asked about possibilities for increasing the hospitality budget. Jon stated that an increase is possible and can be looked at as part of creating a new budget for 2021-22. Staff Appreciation will be celebrated May 3rd-7th.
 - X. Questions or Comments
 - a. Community Businesses have been donating to our school and will be recognized in the upcoming weeks on the FB page (Yokes, Resers, Baskin Robbins, Crumbl Cookies and Olive Garden)

XI. Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned by CJ at 4:24 pm

In Attendance: Alysia Arsanto, CJ Rodriguez, Danica Garcia, Jon Hall, Angela Kopenec, Eileen Harbertson, Pam Rothwell and Kriste Colley-Kummer