

Orchard Elementary PTO

Meeting Minutes

September 14th, 4:00 pm, via Zoom

- I. **Call to Order** – CJ Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 4:03pm
- II. **Treasurer's Report** – Jon Hall reported on the banking activity from June, July, and August. Also, Budget from this year was reviewed and voted at this time.
 - a. June's largest income came from the Yearbook sales and this activity also involved an expense. Month ended with over \$38,000.
 - b. July's biggest income was again the Yearbook, and an expense came from a submission for funds from the Art teacher's budget. Month ended with approximately \$42,000
 - c. August had a deposit from the Fred Meyer reward program. The month ended with \$42,600.80 in the account
 - d. Jon continued his report with an overview of this year's budget. He highlighted the addition of a rainy-day fund. Also, there additional specialists (resource room, speech therapist, nurse, etc.) given a budget for this school year. A motion to approve by CJ Rodriguez and it was 2nd by Sara Landon. The voting then went to the membership, and it was approved by a quorum of ten.
 - e. See the attached reports for the specifics of the budget and monthly income and expenses.
- III. **Principal's Report** – Alysia reported that the school unit is focusing on the social and the emotional welling being of their students. This has been the focus of the whole school district. They have noticed the students have had challenging time with play. Otherwise, the children have adapted well. They are doing great with masking. Those that need a break are given one. There has been no school acquired COVID cases from spring to present. Any positives were acquired in the community. The school is getting ready for state testing for grades 1-5 and Kinder is adhering to the Washington standards.
- IV. **Committee Reports**

- a. **Hospitality** – Pam reported that the teacher luncheon was again provided a few days before the students returned. She also reported the need of more volunteers for the committee.
 - b. **Jogathon**- Angelina reported that there is a new format of 2 weeks of fundraising and 1 week of activity. This activity will be done during PE time. Each child will wear a pedometer that will track steps and tabulated. There will be different prize goals for fundraising and also prizes for most active. Aubrey has reached out to Orchard hills for there support in purchasing shirts. Teachers will be asked to estimated sizing for their class. Again, volunteers will be needed for this event. Anyone volunteering must submit application through RSD website. This needs to be done ASAP due to backlog.
 - c. **Book Fair** – Rebecca Boyd reported that there will be an in-person book fair from September 27th to October 2nd. This will only be for students only. Online will start a little earlier and end the same time as in-person fair. There will be a need for volunteers during the fair and for setup (Sept 24th) and take down (Oct 2nd).
- V. **Playground Enhancement Ideas** – CJ reported on an idea presented to the PTO. This was something called EDU markings. These ideas are painted on the grounds and are educational in nature but also involve student movement. Members thought this looked interesting. Would need to investigate and work with the district to get this done. Also, needs student input since there many different activities for different age ranges that could be used. This will remain on the agenda. Need to fine someone to lead this project.
- VI. **Community Building**
 - a. The membership acknowledged the difficulty of having events and connecting as a school community during these times.
 - b. Past events were discussed.
 - c. A BBQ drive through was discussed. Doing a zoom and show a project. Food truck, games, and movies was even thrown. Someone would be needed to coordinate this type of event.
- VII. **Gift requests/reimbursements**
 - a. Mrs. Jagelski requested reimbursement for a purchase of pocket organizers for the back of student’s chairs.

- b. Mrs Scherer is requesting two sets of books that will supplement reading since some of the students have already read the type of curriculum books in the spilt class last year.
- c. Mr. Riordian is requesting a membership to Boardmarkers.

VIII. Questions/Comments

- a. Alysia was about greatest needs for the teachers. She said to reach out to them to see if parents can do anything for them. Pam mentioned the favorite things sheets and they will be distributed for new staff.
- b. Sara Mason was interested in spirit wear. This is presently being looked into and hopefully will be looked into soon.

IX. Adjournment – CJ Rodriguez adjourned the meeting at 5:26 pm

In attendance: Jen Drake, Amy Olson, Jon Hall, CJ Rodriguez, Sarah Landon, Samantha Mason, Angela Kopenec, Kiley Buchanan, Pam Rothwell, Rochelle Holm, Tricia Zmuda, Angelina Shaber, Rebecca Boyd, Ashley, Sarah Hall, Alysia Arsanto, Susan Ducan