

Orchard Elementary PTO

Meeting Minutes

November 18th, 6:00 pm, via Zoom

- I. **Call to Order** – Danica Garcia called the meeting to order at 6:04pm
- II. **Approval of Minutes**—June, September and October were approved. June and October approved without change and September needed two changes.
- III. **Treasurer’s Report** – Jon Hall reported on the banking activity from October. Not much activity except for the book fair money. October ended with \$38,132.69
- IV. **Principal’s Report** – Mrs. Arsanto stated that there will be no fall conferences due to the parent connect meetings that happened prior to the school year starting. Report cards will go out on December 3rd. There will be a 12:30pm early release on the Wednesday prior to Thanksgiving. There will be regular spring conferences so if there are questions on fall report cards reach out to the student’s teacher. The Orchard school boundaries may be changing. The RSD school board still needs to vote on this issue. There is a survey for families to voice their thoughts. With any addition of playground equipment, ask the students their thoughts on what they want or don’t want. The giving tree is happening again this year. A family already donated ten meals to families for Thanksgiving. Mrs. Arsanto reported that there have been no cases as of recently. Any cases that have occurred were not acquired at the school. A question was asked about the test to stay program. Mrs. Arsanto said we do offer testing to stay in school. A question about clubs resuming was asked. Mrs. Arsanto said that will be reassessed in January.
- V. **Committee Reports**
 - a. **Hospitality** – Pam reported that since there are no fall conferences the committee is looking into trying to get the coffee cart to come back. If that is not available, maybe something closer to Christmas possibly a potluck. The committee can always use more help especially with larger events.

- b. **Jogathon-** Jen reported that everything went great. There was over \$35,000 raised from the Jogathon fundraising. Parents that volunteered were happy to be involved. Prizes have been delivered to the students that met the goals. Mrs. Lipp's class silly stringed Mrs. Arsanto and the trophy was found and given to the winning class. Ice cream party still needs to be provided for exceeding the goal.
- c. **Spiritwear** – No update but Orchard Hills is sponsoring shirts for the students and staff. Should receive by end of 2021.
- d. **Silent Auction** – Still need someone to lead this for this to happen.

VI. Old Business

- a. **Playground Enhancement Ideas** – Need someone to lead this project.
- b. **Community Building** --Would like to get the school in a socially distanced way. CJ said that she may have someone interested in coordinating something.

VII. New Business

- a. **Gift requests/reimbursements**--There have been a number of gift requests that have been received since beginning of the year. We have seen them come from Kinder, 3rd grade for a math program and privacy windows, Wilbooks are just a few. We continue to encourage teachers to send in requests for there needs to help their students.
- b. **Boeing Grant** – The PTO will be sending an email out shortly to the teachers with details on how to participate. It will be similar to last year with teacher being asked to submit a proposal for the money detailing STEAM related activities and the supplies they would need to accomplish the lesson. Sarah Hall received the grant last year and talked what she has done with the grant funds received.
- c. **The Giving Tree**-- discussed in the principal report
- d. **Lost and found** – Jen made Angela aware that the school's lost and found is overflowing. Angela posted an announcement on Facebook and Instagram that it was overflowing. It also suggested to parents that they should remind their child to check their if they had missing items. A few parents wanted to come check themselves. Mrs. Arsanto was in favor of allowing parents to do to check the bin. Jen suggested that in the next Facebook posting to remind parents to

place the child's name on their items so they can be easily returned if lost. Danica also said to remind anyone coming into the school to wear a mask.

VIII. Questions/Comments

- a. Jen reminded the PTO Board that there is mail that is waiting for pickup at the school.
- b. Danica mentioned that the Levy will be discussed at the next school board meeting
- c. There was a reminder that there will be no PTO meeting in December. See you in the New Year.

IX. Adjournment – Danica Garcia adjourned the meeting at 6:57 pm

In attendance: Jen Drake, Jon Hall, CJ Rodriguez, Angela Kopenec, Danica Garcia, Rochelle Holm, Alysia Arsanto, Jenna B, Steve and Pam Rothwell, Jillian Rollibard