

OAK RIDGE PTO
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 DATE: 4/8/24
 TIME: 6:30 PM
 LOCATION: Oak Ridge Elementary
 FACILITATOR: Oak Ridge PTO Board



OAK RIDGE ELEMENTARY PTO MISSION STATEMENT:

The Oak Ridge Parent Teacher Organization's mission is to facilitate the betterment of Oak Ridge by creating an open, welcoming and supportive learning environment, fostering school pride, developing and strengthening the community of advocates that exist to support our students, teachers, staff and families. We appreciate parent involvement in any capacity and invite you to join us in helping our school this year.

Attendees

President - Chrissy Schultz	Principal - Dr. Cathy Kindem	Ashley McNairy - Parent
Vice President - Jenny Nordeen	Assistant Principal - Donald Backner	Sandy Gagnon - Parent
Secretary - Katie Lacey	Speech-Language Pathologist - Jenny Bayha	Nathaniel Saltz - Parent
Board Member - Kate Alfonso	5th grade Teacher - Claire Biolo	Sara Brennan - Parent
Board Member - Russell Tapper	Annie Hanson - Parent	

TIME	Meeting Topics
6:30 PM	Call to order : Meeting Called to Order by PTO President Chrissy Schultz
6:30 PM	Welcome and Introductions with our special guest speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Guest and Topic: Guest: Jenny Bayha to discuss Speech and Language Development ○ Serving 2,200 students in K-12 in the district. ○ Includes deaf and hard of hearing students. ○ May - National Speech and Hearing Month ○ Provides focused groups for peer learning including the Sign Club and Cue Club. ○ Provides for articulation, language meaning, dysfluency (stuttering), and voice disorders.
7:00 PM	March Meeting Minutes have been approved and posted
7:05 PM	Principal Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Thank you's ● Solar Eclipse Viewing ● Severe Weather Awareness Week ● Spring Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kindergarten Open House <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ April 18, 2024: 5-6 pm ○ Music/Band Concerts ○ Wilderness Wednesday and Forest Fridays for K - 2 students. ● Book room purchases have arrived.

7:15 PM	<p>PTO Update: Events calendar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● March 13th- Noodles & Co - have not received total raised amount. ● Gertens Fundraiser- Items will be delivered to the school on May 7- could use 3 volunteers ● Teacher Appreciation Week- May 6-10, 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ gift card request going out in Friday newsletter ○ providing bagels and coffee on Tuesday morning and pizza lunch on Thursday. ○ Chalk messages on Sunday, May 5 ● Outside at Oak Ridge (May 30, 5-7:00 pm), planning sheet. Next planning meeting is April 15th, *volunteer sign up” will be going out soon. ● Spirit Wear- Flash sale is on April 12 - April 30. Graduation signs are available.
7:10 PM	<p>Budget Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Treasurer's Report- Approval of the requests below. ● Scholastic Dollars- tabled due to time.
7:15 PM	<p>Teacher Updates/Requests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 3rd grade field trip to MN Zoo- we offered to help with up to \$300 toward field trip- they are asking for families to pay \$5-8, but that will not cover the full cost. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Confirming exact request before approval. ● Ann Batkiewicz - Art work for school hallway - 4 pictures (1 per weather season). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tentative approval. Waiting for final details. ○ Premium 1.5" Fine Art Gallery Wraps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 30x30 = \$204.50 per wrap (~\$818) ○ 40x40 = \$386.50 per wrap (~\$1,546) ○ approved. ● Gear Swap update- partner with Anna Dutke and host the event during the September Outside Family Night. A notice will go out in the April newsletter requesting gently used winter gear. Looking into how to store items. Don't know what the interest will be. ● Young Authors Conference - \$40 per student 12 spots Approved.
7:20 PM	<p>Parent Comments/Questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Suggested speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Phone usage in young children - when and the effects. (psychologist at Black Hawk, Steve?)
7:30 PM	<p>Closing Comments</p>
7:30 PM	<p>Adjourn Meeting Next Meeting Date: May 13th- 6:30-7:30- Becca Deltour and Liz Liming Topic: Literacy Updates and Summer Supports</p>