



PTO MEETING MINUTES

March 8, 2023

- Welcome
- Introduction of Officers:
 - Michele Hildebrand – Co-President
 - Amanda Rourke – Co-President
 - Jeanette Blaustein - Vice President
 - Aimee Aubry - Treasurer
 - Janet Blanco - Secretary
- All Board Positions Are Open for the next school year
 - PTO is a great way to get to know the school community, meet new people and be more involved with your children's school
 - 2023/2024 School Year Board Member Voting - May PTO meeting
 - See a board member for details and to submit your name to be considered for a board position
- Vote on Governing Board Parent Representative Nominee
 - Jose Soto – Jose gave a small introduction about himself and his interest in being involved in our school system as a parent representative in the Governing Board – Motion to nominate Jose Soto was proposed by PTO Co-President Amanda Rourke – Motion was approved by all present at the meeting. Jose Soto will be our new Governing Board Parent Representative for the next school year.
- Special Guest: Jacquelin Collins, Cape Coral Charter Schools Superintendent
 - Mrs. Collins gave a brief history of our school system and current school updates
 - OES has been in operation for 17 years now
 - Has always been one of the top parent choices, especially in elementary
 - This year for the first time ever we had to do a lottery for kinder seats
 - We currently have roughly 500 students waiting to get accepted into our school system, there are a couple of things driving these numbers which include the city's rezoning of schools, younger families moving into the area, ect.
 - City has reduced the lease payments to our school system and we are now lessee's
 - FEMA inspection for Hurricane Ian took place, we have some damages but grateful it was not extensive
 - Playground has been designed and PO has been issued and ordered, goal is for installation over the summer
 - OES is the recipient of ESSER's funding grant to account for learning loss due to COVID – grants for tutoring and summer programs
 - Our school system won the school system of distinction from Cognia. Only 22 schools in the State of Florida won this award for receiving such a great score during the schools

accreditation process. Another award from Cognia in which only 9 schools across the globe received was the Circle of Excellence Award for innovation and leadership in our schools.

- In addition, 2 of our schools received a STEM Innovation award. OEN and OMS

- President's Report: Amanda Rourke
 - Communication
 - Facebook – **OES Families and Oasis Elementary South**
 - Oasis Elementary South Website – PTO Rocks
 - Parent Square and Panther Press
 - Emails/Flyers
 - Past Events
 - Family Dance – February 2023
 - Students and Families Enjoyed Music, Dancing, Treats, Games, Valentine Crafts
 - Thanks to those who donated items and volunteered their time
 - Upcoming Events
 - Family Fun Night
 - Florida Everblades Hockey Game-April 14th @ 7:30 PM
 - Tickets discounted to \$18 each-purchase via the OES specific link found on Facebook and Panther Press
 - \$5 per ticket goes to OES PTO to support student/teacher events, etc. throughout the year
 - Teacher Appreciation Events
 - Teacher Appreciation Week – TBD last week of April or first week of May – open to more volunteers that would like to get involved with teacher appreciation and Easter Egg Hunt proposal being submitted for mid-April
 - 5th Grade Moving Up Party – Tentative Date has been submitted to Mary Beth
 - Theme – Bon Voyage – Cruising into Middle School
 - Summer Bash – Has been approved – similar to last year with bounce houses and snacks – scheduled for the last week of school
 - Volunteer Sign-Up to Come
 - New Business
 - Spring Committee Leads
 - 5th Grade Committee Event is the MOVING UP PARTY-Committee has started meeting and planning-contact PTO Board to volunteer and get involved

- Treasurer's Report: Aimee Aubry
 - 2 Deposits - \$856 (Box Tops and School Tool Box)
 - Expenses - \$558 (Bulletin Boards, Field Day, Have a Heart Dance, Staff Appreciation and Teacher Reimbursement)
 - Current Balance – \$47,800

- Charter School Foundation Report – Michele Hildebrand for Jen-Hope Belis
 - Event: Friday March 10th from 5pm-9pm at Tropical Breeze Fun Park-Family Friendly
 - Putt Putt Golf and Laser Tag
 - Online Auction – lots of items listed
 - Event: Lighthouse Award Dinner on April 21st – currently doing the interviewing process of the elected teachers. The winner will be announced at the Dinner. Great event to get involved with and volunteer in.
- Principal's Report
 - Playground Update – Pictured shared of what the playground will look like. The design was based on the student survey and things that the students want.
 - Marybeth and Cary have ordered some fun things to keep kids entertained these last of weeks of school during their recess.
 - FAST Test – Current Dates for Testing:
 - K-2nd Grade ELA – May 1-14
 - K-2nd Grade Math – May 1-14
 - 3rd Grade ELA – May 4th
 - 4th-5th Grade ELA – May 15-23
 - 3rd -5th Grade Math – May 15-23
 - 5th Grade Science – May 9-10
 - Mary Beth also shared the data from the FAST Progress Monitoring that she shared in the last SAC meeting. The students are progressing, and the teachers are strategically planning their lessons to get the students ready.
 - New Office Access procedure is starting next week. Marybeth attended a meeting at the school district where the requirements from the State of Florida were discussed on accessing the front office of school building. Starting next week, you will be required to present your driver license to the camera and the office staff will buzz you in. Please see upcoming Panther Press for more details from MaryBeth.
- Open Discussion – No additional questions or comments
- Next PTO Meeting will occur in May-Date TBA
- Adjournment



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