

OES PTO Minutes For September 7, 2021

- ★ Welcome & Introduction of Officers: Michele Hildebrand-President, Jeannette Blaustein -Vice-President, Janet Blanco-Treasurer, Aimee Aubry-Secretary

- ★ Boosterthon
 - Guest Speaker - Claire with Boosterthon
 - Kids know her as Coconut Claire
 - Event kicked off today
 - Theme is Sports City Worldwide
 - Character traits are: curiosity, practice, confidence, humility and endurance
 - Doing huddles this year which gets the whole grade together
 - Event will be a fun run this year
 - Donations forms went home last week
 - Classroom incentives for amounts earned per lap including silly sock day, stuffed animal day and PJ day; see meeting agenda for complete list
 - Door decorating starts today; awards will be handed out on 9/15; usually a gift card for the classroom

- ★ President's Report:
 - Communication
 - Facebook- **OES Families**, please "Like" us
 - Administration school Facebook page-**Oasis Elementary South**; maintained by Carrie Abes
 - Parent Square and Panther Press - used by school administration
 - PTO Rocks on the website has all information on PTO; Michele walked everyone through the OES website and the links at the bottom where PTO Rocks is located
 - Past Events
 - Welcome back staff lunch
 - Staff/teacher appreciation start of the year
 - Restaurant cards completely sold out; huge success
 - New Business
 - Open co-president position: Michele has received some interest; will review after boosterthon and hope to vote on this at the October meeting. We reviewed the president's position duties; see meeting agenda.
 - Committees for the 2021 -2022 year: still have open lead positions for all grade level committees except for 5th grade. At this time the school is still unsure about events; PTO will meet with school administration 30 days beforehand to decide if the event can be held in person. At that point PTO will send out emails to coordinate with leads and other committee members. If the event cannot be held in person, PTO will evaluate possible alternatives.
 - Kindergarten - Family Fun Event. This has been cancelled the last two years. Prior to that events were held at Zoomers and minor league baseball game.
 - 1st Grade - Family Dance. Held in February/March.

- 2nd Grade - Boo Hoo Breakfast & Kinder Welcome Committee. Possibly move this to later in the fall.
- 3rd Grade - Breakfast with Santa. This is an indoor event so we will have to see if feasible as we get closer.
- 4th Grade - Trunk or Treat. This will be our next event at the end of October so a decision will be made in the next 3-4 weeks.
- 5th Grade - Moving Up Party. Last year a lot of this was held outside. Committee leads are Heather Dinkle & Sam Richardson.
- Box Tops: Still need a lead. Please help spread the word to get people to participate. This is a great easy way for our school to earn money but ever since this went digital, we haven't earned nearly as much as we used to. Please submit a PTO Interest Form, found on the OES website under PTO Rocks.
- PTO Teacher Liaisons: Tiffany Brown & Cynthia Thompson
- Teacher Appreciation Leads: Katie Larson & Summer Brown
- Bulletin Boards lead: Jessican Marshall
- Upcoming Events
 - Box Tops & Trunk or Treat were previously discussed
 - The November event is usually the Fall Festival but the school administration has decided not to have it this year.
 - December event includes Frosty's Factory which we intend to hold like normal at school. Last year's online shopping did not go very well.

★ Treasurer's Report

- Janet presented the PTO Budget for the 2021-22 school year. This was put together over the summer and is based on a combination of last year events and previous year (normal) events. Janet noted that she had just been informed that there will be no fall festival this year; maybe in the spring.
- Janet reviewed and discussed each line item.
- Approval of the budget: a motion to approve the budget was made by Tiffany Brown; seconded by Danielle Von Behren.
- Janet noted that the beginning balance for the year was \$7,000. Normally this is \$5,000 but PTO kept an extra \$2,000 to purchase a net for the back field to prevent sports/playground balls from going over the fence.

★ Principal's Report provided by Ms. Grecsek

- Ms. Grecsek noted that we had 40 people on the call, which was a great turnout for our first PTO meeting. She thanked everyone for being there.
- She noted how hopeful everyone was that this year would be normal. Week one went ok but then the school had so many covid cases and quarantines in weeks 2-3. She was sorry to see things start out this way. But numbers are going down. She thanked all the parents. She understands those first few weeks were disruptive.
- She asked parents not to worry too much about grades at this point in the quarter. With so many kids out since school started, teachers are giving some grace periods, for example allowing them to take a test later if they're not ready immediately upon

returning to school. Teachers will mark grade with an "X" as a placeholder until the child takes the test.

- All students - especially those at home quarantined - are encouraged to use Freckle. It can be located on the OES website under the Parent Portal. Kids should know their A/R login info.
- She is working on making Renaissance Place available at home for kids in quarantine.
- She wrapped up by thanking everyone again. Things are looking better and it will continue to get better.

★ Teachers Report:

- Tiffany Brown K-2
 - Tiffany discussed the units each grade is working on. Kinder is doing Johnny Appleseed. 1st is working on force & motion. 2nd is working on civics & government.
 - She had a couple of questions:
 - On box tops, can the PTO send teachers an electronic flyer that can be sent out to parents? Michele noted that the info is on the school PTO Rocks website. Tiffany said she would use that to blast info out to teachers.
 - On Boosterthon fun days, do teachers pick the day or will that be organized by administration? Carrie said that for things like silly sock or hat day, teachers can pick. For out of uniform days, those need to be on a Friday. PJ day will be coordinated school wide.
 - She asked if we were having the halloween parade and if there would be a costume competition for teachers (awards for this were one of the line items in the budget). Michele said she would follow up with MaryBeth and let everyone know.
- Cynthia Brown 3-5
 - Cynthia stated she is new to the school this year; just relocated from New York. She is using this liaison position as a way to get more involved. She is happy to take on projects. She teaches 5th grade and right now they are working on the scientific method & experiments. They are working very hard to earn PJ day for boosterthon.

★ Open Discussion

- Someone asked in the chat about where they could find info on prizes for boosterthon. Michele stated she would send info to teachers and also post on Facebook page. Also once you register your child, the site will show the prizes.

★ Next meeting is October 12th which will be virtual. We will review if the November meeting can be in person as we get closer.

★ Adjournment