

OES PTO Minutes
May 4, 2022

- ★ Welcome & Introduction of Officers: Michele Hildebrand-President, Jeannette Blaustein -Vice-President, Janet Blanco-Treasurer, Aimee Aubry-Secretary
- ★ 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
- ★ Foundation report
 - Samantha Richardson asked Janet to mention the upcoming 5th grade event. They still need pictures for a lot of students so please send them in or let the committee know if you won't be sending one in.
 - Rally was a great success.
 - Also had a wine event the prior weekend to support the foundation.
- ★ President's Report:
 - Past Events
 - Egg hunt for the teachers for Easter
 - Teacher appreciation week
 - Thank you to all the parents and volunteers for donations and the committee for putting it all together. All the teachers loved it.
 - Upcoming Events
 - Summer bash – planned for 5/23 & 24. Will send out flyer once event is formally approved by administration (hopefully later this week or early next week). Sign-up genius will also be posted for parent volunteers and snack donations.
 - New Business
 - 1st Day School Supplies – finalizing the ad/link to send out to parents for next school year. Will send out soon via Panther Press and Facebook page.
 - Old Business – Box Tops
 - Cutoff is end of July. You can continue to track them in August and then they will just go toward the following school year.
 - This is really an area we want to focus more on next year; hope to get a committee lead to sponsor this. We've struggled to get participation since box tops went digital. In the past we've awarded a trophy and prize/award to the class with the most box tops earned so we will look to bring that back next year as well.
 - Ms. Placke asked Michele to remind everyone about the upcoming Matilda play on May 18-20th. Tickets go on sale next week. Will be held at Island Coast High School.
- ★ PTO Board Elections
 - We still have an open position for co-president. Please email us if you are interested.

- All other board members have elected to retain their positions for the next school year. Note that Aimee and Janet will be training and co-positioning as they look to trade positions at the end of next school year.
- Tiffany Brown made the motion to approve the current board members in their positions. MaryBeth Grecsek seconded. No one opposed.

★ Treasurer's Report

- Only income change is the income for the 5th grade graduation party, which will be a wash with related expenses. Income increased by \$1,673.27.
- Expenses
 - 5th grade party \$600.40
 - Combined a few line items not used this year to be used now for Summer Bash event (field trips, have a heart dance, fall festival). Budget for Summer Bash is \$4,500 (2 day event, 3 grades per day).
 - Teacher appreciation \$3,556 for the year
 - Created a line item for 5th grade graduation ceremony; this is something PTO has always done but somehow wasn't included in this year's budget. Budget \$350; used for cupcakes, decorations, etc.

★ Principal's Report provided by Ms. Grecsek

- Wanted to say thank you to PTO for the teacher appreciation events and all the events throughout the year. It really made everyone so happy and meant a lot to the teachers.
- Playground – school is working with the city as they provide a lot of expertise as they are installing several new playgrounds throughout the city currently. They inspected the playground and encouraged us to close it due to safety concerns. They offered to pitch in to do the demolition, which will save us a tens of thousands of dollars according to the city. We do have extra CARES money from the pandemic that we will use to towards a new playground, in addition to funds from the PTO. Demo will take place over the summer and new equipment will be ordered. However due to supply chain issues, it's unlikely it will be ready for the beginning of next school year.
- Wanted to say how grateful she is for such a great group of parents, teachers and families at our school.

★ Teachers Report – Tiffany Brown

- All the teachers really appreciated the teacher appreciation events last week. She shared comments from several emails from teachers thanking the PTO.
- One teacher asked if we were doing anything for the students for the end of the year, which we had already discussed with Summer Bash coming up.
- She noted that to help get more participation with Box Tops, it would help if we had incentives (classroom goals and prizes). She suggested a goal poster like we do for

Boosterthon. And incentives don't have to cost the PTO anything; they can do things like bring a stuffed animal or wear a Disney shirt, as they meet their goals.

- Kindergarten is already gearing up for next year. Kinder orientation was 2 weeks ago. Screenings are tomorrow.

★ Open Discussion

- Someone mentioned that they are doing swag bags for the 5th graders so if anyone was able to provide any donations, please let the committee know (via the event info posted to the class Facebook page).
- Carrie Abes reminded everyone of the uniform sale coming up this Saturday 5/21 from 9-2.

★ This was the final meeting for this school year.

★ Adjournment