

OCES PTO Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2019

OES Café

- ❖ **Introduction/Welcome:** Jen-Hope Belis and Heather Dinkel, Co-Presidents, Jeannette Blaustein, Vice-President, Janet Blanco, Treasurer and Ashley Faulk, Secretary. Heather welcomed all to the meeting.
- ❖ **President's Report:** Jen-Hope and Heather spoke regarding the following:
 - **Past Events** -
 - Watch D.O.G.S. Meeting - The kickoff meeting was Thursday, September 12th.
 - Boosterthon - Our Superhero fit challenge was September 20th.
 - **Communications** -
 - *OES Families Facebook page*
 - *Oasis Charter Elementary School website*
 - *SignUp Genius* - SignUp Genius is used for all PTO sponsored events. Volunteer opportunities are on a first come first serve basis. Please follow the directions provided on each signup.
 - **New Business** -
 - **Wreath Fundraiser** - We are selling wreaths in the back of the room and at Trunk or Treat for \$10.
 - **Upcoming Events** -
 - **Box Tops** - Download the app, add our school, scan your receipt! It's that EASY! The next collection is Wednesday, October 23rd.
 - **Restaurant Cards** - Cards can be purchased for \$10.00 until they are all gone!
 - **Trunk or Treat** - This event is scheduled for Thursday, October 24th. We currently have 26 cars signed up and 360 baked goods! Story time will be in the library. There will be a photo booth, Nathan's food truck and Wonderland Edible Cookie Dough food truck will be attending the event this year! We have a pumpkin pie eating contest scheduled but we need more teams to sign up so if you're interested, please see the SignUp Genius that was sent out. We need CANDY! Please send in with your child or drop off in the front office. Car voting MUST have a ticket! Decorating is from 5pm - 6pm.
 - **Charleston Wrapping** - NEW! This fundraiser will kick off November 1st and runs through December 22nd. This replaces the Yankee Candle fundraiser and is online only.
 - **Fall Festival** - This event will be held on Saturday, November 16th from 4pm - 8pm. We are looking for performers for that night! We are also incorporating our new PE teacher she she will be hosting family fitness sessions throughout the night. A chili cookoff is scheduled so if you're interested please look for the SignUp Genius coming soon. Volunteer opportunities will also be listed on the SignUp Genius.
 - **Frosty's Factory** - This event will run December 9th - 17th during your student's scheduled Media day.
 - **Breakfast with Santa** - Scheduled for Saturday, December 14th from 9am - 11am.
 - **Family Dance** - Scheduled for February. More details to come!
 - **Staff Appreciation** - Led by Michele Hildebrand. More information to come!
 - **Foundation Update** (www.CapeCharterFoundation.org):
 - **Flash with the Foundation 70's Disco** - This event was held at Dixie Roadhouse on Saturday, October 5th.
 - **Rally on the Green** - This event is scheduled for Saturday, February 29th. This is a golf outing. More details to come!

❖ **Treasurer's Report** -

- **Income** - We currently have \$57,196.49 in our bank account to date.
- **Expenses** - We are waiting on a final invoice from Boosterthon. We wrote a check for \$2,000 for the deposit for Boosterthon for the 20-21 school year. Some teachers have requested their teacher reimbursements. We are also writing the school an additional check for \$15,000 to go towards the purchase of smart boards and \$100 per classroom for fieldtrips is being given upfront this year.

❖ **Guest Speaker** - Jacqueline Collins, Superintendent thanked everyone for having her. Jacqueline discussed the townhall meeting in September and the parent surveys that were conducted two weeks prior to the meeting.

- **FSA State Test Results** - Oasis Elementary scored at the top last year with Christa McAullife ranking number two for elementary schools in the entire district, Oasis Middle School ranked second in the district for middle schools and Oasis High School ranked fourth.
- **Graduation Statistics** - 99% graduating rate; Lee County in the 80's. Majority of students graduate with high honors. Last year the graduating class brought in over 2.5 million dollars in scholarships. The average GPA last year was 4.42.
- **Strategic Goals** - The most important goal and number one priority is to rebrand ourselves. We need to come up with a common name that everyone in this city recognizes all schools as one system. Our goal is to rebrand ourselves as the Oasis School System. We have presented to the Governing Board to change the names of the two elementary school from Oasis Elementary School to Oasis South and Christa McAullife to Oasis North. The next step is to have the City Council approve this request.
- **Transportation** - This is the first time in 15 years we've re-routed our buses. We added a Transportation Director and acquired a routing program. The re-routing of transportation has made it more cost efficient, no more duplication of routes and to accommodate the City of Cape Coral. We added 4 new routes and extended others and added 2 additional buses this year which brings us to a total of 20 buses.
- **Community Athletic Fields** - Upgrading the field in the back of the schools to a playing field for the community. The City is going to write a grant which is expected to be about \$300,000. Part of the money will go towards bleachers and lighting which will be the first phase of many.

❖ **Principal's Report** - MaryBeth Grecsek, Interim Principal welcomed everyone.

- **Next Week** - We are starting the second quarter and parent teacher conferences are scheduled.
- **Newsroom** - The newsroom is back up and running!
- **Digital Sign** - We purchased a sign that is in the office which displays upcoming events.
- **Family Fitness Night** - K - 2 was last night. This was a GREAT event!

❖ **Open discussion:**

- **Timeline for new technology** - Ms. Grecsek announced that she would like to replace the smartboards by grade level. We have the bids out; we are just waiting to see the lowest price possible.

❖ **Adjournment:** – Jen-Hope Belis

Submitted by Ashley Faulk, Secretary