

# Oak Park Elementary

## PTA Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date/Time: Tuesday, May 2, 2006 / 7:00 pm

### I. Approved 04/04/06 Minutes

### II. Board Reports

- Tracy (Parliamentarian) –
  - Bylaws - The Bylaws were approved and sent off. Once she receives them back, she'll make the necessary corrections.
  - Wish List – She stated that the money in the Wish List fund needs to be spent! She mentioned that Ms. Palmer, Kindergarten teacher, requested some reading books. Tracy will follow up with her to see how many she wants to purchase.
- Ken (Treasurer) – He handed out the year-to-date PTA budget. It looks like we will be over budget. We will know an amount after Carnival figures are in.
- Kay (Fundraising) – There is still 90 rolls of yellow trash bags left. She will be selling the rest of them at the flower pick up day. There are also nine HyVee booklets left to sell. Let her know if anyone would like to buy one.
- Patty Jo (1<sup>st</sup> Vice President) – On behalf of the PTA, Patty gave gifts to the two Presidents, Kelley and Jeanette for their time and dedication in making this past school year's PTA a big success. Jeanette was out of town but Kelley will take her gift to her.
- Holly (Secretary) – She read several thank you notes from teachers for Staff Appreciation and food days. Also she read a thank you note from Jane Dimmel for the lovely scarf and broach for Secretary's Day. Another thank you note from Jane Bolin for gift certificate from Suburban Lawn and Garden in memory of her father.
- Peggy (Teacher Rep) –
  - Kindergarten – Mrs. Palmer thanks you for the new incubator for the classroom. The students are anxiously awaiting for their chicks to hatch.
  - First Grade – “Hooray for Hollywood” will be presented Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 and 7:00 pm. They will perform for Garden Villas on Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. The parents have done a fantastic job with the props and, as always, Mrs. Chavez has produced another great memory maker for students, parents and staff.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – They have been studying Africa and next week the students will begin presenting their African animal reports. Each student will be assigned an African animal. They will make a three-dimensional figure of their animal and give a report about the animal.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – They're working on the water cycle in science. In social studies they are learning about Kansas City and will be taking our city field trip on Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. Thanks again to the PTA for the money for our field trips. Mrs. Croskey's class are the proud parents of seven chicks. Ms. Plummer's class is still expecting!

- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Many thanks for the \$\$ the PTA gave fourth grade for the day on the Oregon Trail. The Oregon Trail Westward Movement activity will be Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. It will be an all-day event with lots of fun activities and, of course, good eating. - - They are studying moon and planets in science.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade – They will be going to Wildwood on May 17<sup>th</sup> thru May 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Health News – Growth & Development classes have started for 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders. This week the 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys and 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls will have their classes. Each class is one hour, with a video, taught by Mrs. Johnson, our school nurse. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents should have received their letters via Friday folders and back-pack mail. Parents are welcome to come by Mrs. Johnson's office and see the class material she will be using.
- Staff Appreciation - As always, the staff appreciates the specials days that the Staff Appreciation Committee has prepared for us, not only this week but ALL the happenings they plan for us. The Oak Park staff is truly blessed by our wonderful PTA. Thanks you everything!

### III. Principal's Report (Jennifer Gill)

- Mrs. Gill was not present as she was speaking at the Oak Park Homeowner's Association meeting that night.

### IV. Committee Reports

- Carnival – Kay Erickson - The Country Fair carnival was a success despite the rain and having to move it indoors.
  - When everything is paid in full, the carnival should net approximately \$4,500.
- Chat n Chew – Debbie Landes – There will be a Chat n Chew pizza party on Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. Invitations will go out to the kids a week or two prior to that. I sent one group leader from each group an attendance sheet to complete and return to me so I can send the invitations to the kids who completed all four books. Group leaders are also invited and will need to RSVP on the attendance sheet. I will ask the kids for feedback on the books at the Pizza party and include the feedback in the Chat n Chew committee notebook to use when the book selection is made for next year's books. Thanks to anyone who was a leader this year!
- Cultural Arts – Mary Light/Tracy Reynolds – Tracy mentioned that no money has been spent in this committee this year. She will be sending an email to teachers to ask if they need anything cultural to assist in their teaching curriculum. Ideas were discussed on how this money could be spent wisely. It was mentioned that originally the budget was \$1,500 and it's been reduced to \$500 because it wasn't being used. Ideas such as cultural luncheon once a month was brought up. An international fair was also mentioned as an idea with the diverse families at Oak Park. The families could set up displays and have food tasting from their native countries.
- Dad's Group – Ken Neaderhiser
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    - Car Race – The car race, held on Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at Katherine Carpenter's gym, was a big success. There were 18 kids who participated in the race. They had several racing contests such as fastest race, accuracy race and near-miss race.
    - Dads and Donuts – a big thanks to the Family Fun Night Committee for the Dad's and Donuts event. It was packed and a big success.
- Family Fun Day – Muffins for Mom's will be held on Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 am in the cafeteria. Muffin orders are due by Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Field Day – Field Day is scheduled for Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> for grades K thru 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade and Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> for grades 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup>.
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- Refund Drives – Jennifer Reynolds – There should be a full year of refunds next year. This year the cutoff dates were changed so we didn't get a full year of refunds. A reminder flyer and a baggie will be going out in backpack mail on Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> to encourage students/parents to save their box tops and Campbell soup labels over the summer. It was mentioned that a display be created of all the different foods that have box tops and have that display shown at the Ice Cream Social as well as at Back-to-School night. This might help everyone become familiar with the box tops.
- School Picture Day – Spring school pictures were taken Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. They should be back any day now and will be sent home in backpack mail.
- School Supplies – Sally Hass – flyers were sent out in backpack mail with a deadline of Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> to return them with checks. Melisa Vick will have Mark send out a reminder email to Oak Park Parents.
- Service Committee –
  - Ronald McDonald's House – group of kids went today to prepare a meal.
  - Jenny Ling mentioned that she will not be in charge of the PTA babysitting for next school year. Need to find someone else to be in charge of this for next school year.
- Skating – Janet Maxey – Skating has been a huge success this school year. The next skating party will be Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. The event date/time will be stated in the Eaglegram.
- Yearbook – Shawn Fowler – Book went to the press on Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Shawn passed out some sheets for everyone to review and look for corrections that need to be made. The yearbooks will arrive and handed out on May 30<sup>th</sup>.
- PTA Meetings for new board members this summer –
  - Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm at Melisa Vick's house – this meeting will be to set the theme for next year.
  - Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 pm at Kelley Ahrens' house – this will be the budget meeting...members to bring food.