

Oak Park Elementary

PTA Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date/Time: Tuesday, October 3, 2006 / 7:00 pm

I. Approved September PTA Meeting Minutes.

II. Board Reports (only PTA board members that had something to report are listed)

- **Patty Jo Carter (1st Vice President - Programs)** – Patty Jo has decided upon two parent school programs. They are as follows:
 - Keeping our Kids Safe – Craig Hermann (ADEPT Chairman) will be hosting a seminar for parents to learn more about the different types of drugs, media safety on computers, gangs, etc. This seminar will be scheduled sometime within the next few months.
 - Birth Order Discussion – This program was booked with Larry Deaton for March 6, 2007.
 - **Jessica VanTassel (2nd Vice President – Membership)** – Jessica gave the numbers on membership to date:
 - Oak Park PTA members – 317 members
 - Room Fees – 257 parents have paid
 - She will be attending an online membership training course in the next few weeks.
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- **Tracy Reynolds (3rd Vice President - Fundraising)** – she gave a reports on the following
 - Donation Drive - \$5,260 has been collected so far towards our goal of \$5,000.
 - Trash Bags Sale – There are a fair amount of trash bags left for purchase. They were all put in the PTA closet and will be moved over to the new building.
 - Pumpkin Trash Bags – There are still plenty of pumpkin trash bags for sale at \$1.00
 - School Prints – Mrs. Post painting of Oak Park is still available for \$3.00.
 - € **Ken Neaderhiser (Treasurer)** - Ken handed out an up-to-date spreadsheet of the current PTA budget. There was some light discussion on the budget.
 - **Carin Robison (Parliamentarian)** – There will be bus safety training for all Oak Park students on October 19th and 20th. This mandatory training is sponsored by the SM School District.

- **Peggy Andra (Teacher Rep) –**

- From Mrs. Bales – “I just want to express my deep appreciation to all the families who have sent prayers and various foods and meals to my house during my recovery from surgery. My husband and I both have enjoyed and appreciated the convenience of having these in the refrigerator during the last two weeks. I had no idea how much that would mean, but now I do. Diana Seamon has been the coordinator and I have enjoyed having the contact and friendship with her as well. I miss Oak Park and, hopefully, will be ready to zip back in a few more weeks. I have not driven my car in three weeks now, which seems weird. I am so grateful to be a teacher at Oak Park and know the kids have been showing Oak Park at its best to our wonderful substitute, Anna Terlouw. - - - Thanks to the wonderful staff and to Peggy Andra and Vicki Hedlund for coming out to Olathe with their busy schedules. “
- Health Room – Vision and hearing screenings started October 3rd. Screenings will be going on during the month of October for Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th grades. Vision screening for Kindergarten includes color vision screening as well as distant vision.
- Alumni Open House, Saturday, October 7th - Open house information sheets were mailed to 124 former Oak Park staff members. There are approximately 50 that are “lost”.
- Accelerated Reader – The program is up and running. All but 19 quizzes have been found and reloaded. No one must be reading those 19 books as I have yet to hear what they are?
- PTA Open House – The staff is looking forward to the PTA Open House on Friday, Oct 20th at Kelley Ahrens. Thank you for inviting us!
- Teacher Luncheon Committee – Thank you for asking our supply wants for the Survival Kits for the move to the new building. Also, we are eagerly awaiting the luncheon.

III. Principal's Report (Jennifer Gill)

- “Practice” Code Red Drill today – we had a “practice” Code Red drill today and the teachers did a great job with getting everyone locked down. No one knew about this surprise drill except for Mrs. Gill.
- KS Assessment Results – Of course, Oak Park Elementary met all the criteria standards. The results of the test are provided in the following categories:
 - Unsatisfactory – 0-56%
 - Basic – 57-67%
 - Proficient – 68-79%
 - Advanced – 80-88%
 - Exemplary – 89-100%
- AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress)
 - Reading (Standard was 67.7%) - Oak Park achieved 96.6%.
 - Mathematics (Standard was 62.5%) – Oak Park achieved 97.9%
 - Note: I have not received any information on achieving the *Standard of Excellence* yet.
- MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) Testing – This assessment test replaces the ITBS test. The 3rd and 6th grade will be taking a comparison test that will give a % of where they rank.
 - Benefits of the MAP
 - Given two times a year
 - There are two untimed sessions approximately 60 minutes in length
 - Assesses math and reading
 - Results are available the next day
 - Measures the student’s instructional level and spans across the grade levels.
 - Reports are detailed analyses of mastered and non-mastered concepts.
- WebPack – Each Oak Park classroom teacher has a regularly updated webpack site. It gives classroom information and activities related to that specific classroom. The principal has a site of over all school activities and information.
- Oak Park Alumni Open House – On Saturday, October 7th from 1:00 to 4:00 pm
 - Take a self-guided tour of the building – Building map is on the back
 - Oak Park memorabilia will be in the cafeteria
 - Former staff will be located in the gym
 - Present staff will be in the gym and in their classroom areas
- New Building Information
 - Last Day - Last day for students will be Thursday, November 30th – at 2:30 pm last day festivities will begin.
 - Pack Up - Teachers pack up on Friday, Dec 1st
 - Move Dates - District moves Saturday and Sunday, Dec 2nd and 3rd.
 - Unpack - Teachers unpack on Monday and Tuesday, Dec 4th and 5th

- First Day back to school - Students first day in new building will be Wednesday, Dec 6th.
- No Parents on 1st Day Back - No parents will be allowed in the building on the first day so students and teachers can get busy with school work as soon as possible.
- Only District Employees - Only district employees are allowed in either school Dec 1st through Dec 5th. - - - Many gracious people have volunteered to help but it was decided that only district employees would be allowed in the buildings. Many thanks to those that volunteered!!
- Parents Meeting - A Parents meeting will be scheduled very soon when the parking area is completed. This meeting will be to discuss the move and any questions parents might have.
- Parents / Students Tour - Parents and students can tour the new building on Tuesday evening, December 5th from 5:00 to 6:30 pm.

IV. Committee Reports

- Carnival – Jeanette Brethour reports that a theme has been chosen. It will be a “International Fair” theme this year.
- Chat ‘N Chew – Stacia Harvey reported that the books have been chosen.
- Clothing Drive – Renee Hodges noted the upcoming Oak Park clothing drive campaign will be from October 24th through the 27th. She will be instigating a classroom contest for new underwear and new socks.
- Cultural Arts – A flyer went out to all students to bring in authentic artifacts from other countries around the world. They will be placed in the Art Room for viewing the week of Oct 9th through the 13th. There is a waiver to sign on the flyer agreeing that Oak Park is not responsible for any broken or stolen artifacts.
- Dad’s Club – Would like to promote “A Dad a Day” in the month of November along with promoting the last month in the old building.
- Family Fun Day – Terra Hasker reported that on Friday night, November 3rd, there will be a family fun night and the movie being shown will be the original ET. There will be popcorn, candy and pop for sale.
- Gardening – Sheila Schultz attended an Ernie Miller gardening class and will be digging up bulbs to move over to the new building property. No one knows what the landscaping will be and how things will be arranged yet. Everyone is hoping the big trees can be saved when the old school is demolished.
- Historian – Jennifer Herrmann reported that at the Alumni Open House on Saturday, October 7th, there will be a with paper for people to write a quick note of their favorite memories at Oak Park. This could be put into a book and would be a fun thing to read in remembrance of Oak Park Elementary.
- Legislative – Mark needs to get with Shawn Fowler to get all the Oak Park emails and formulate a new Oak Park email distribution list.
- Publicity – Brenda Donnelly will get with Mrs. Gill to verify what to send to the papers and when.
- Reflections – Holly Hatfield reported that she will be receiving a packet from Lauren Meyer who hosted the Reflections workshop on Sept 26th. Laura mentioned that no

- teacher or school coordinated involvement was allowed for this contest. This contest is strictly voluntary and cannot be sponsored by the school in any way. The theme this year is “My Favorite Place.....” A flyer will be going out on this very soon.
- School Directory – Shawn Fowler sent the directory to the printer on Tuesday, Oct 3rd. She was hoping to have them distributed to everyone by Friday, October 6th.
 - Service Committee – Jenny Ling mentioned that Rake of the Fall will be announced soon. It will be on Saturday, November 18th.
 - Skating Parties – The October skating party will be Friday, Oct 6th.
 - Spirit Wear – Joyce Peterson said that spirit wear shirts/sweatshirts went out in backpack mail today, Tuesday, Oct 3rd.
 - Staff Appreciation – Debbie Landes reported that the menu has been picked for the remaining school year.
 - Yearbook & Photographer Coordinator – Laura Bauer reported the following:
 - ALL School Picture - will be taken in front of the old building on Friday morning, October 20th. Everyone is to wear RED.
 - Full Color Yearbook Proposal - Laura Bauer proposed to have the entire yearbook be full color this year. The cost of a yearbook would be \$17.00 as opposed to the last year’s price of \$14.75. The PTA voted to make up the difference of the monies to allow the yearbook to be sold for \$15.00 a piece.

The next PTA meeting will be held Monday, November 6th at 7:00 pm in the Oak Park school library. Please attend and bring a friend! 😊