

Oak Park Elementary

PTA Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date/Time: Tuesday, November 1, 2005 / 7:00 pm

I. Approved 10/04/05 Minutes

II. Board Reports

- Kay Erickson (Fundraising) – Still have lots of trash bags to sell. Will push them more heavily in the spring. They can be purchased through the front office.
- Ken (Treasurer) –
 - Finished depositing all the checks from the trash bag sales.
 - Oak Park will be hosting a Dad's luncheon on Thursday, December 15th at school. Much like the Grandparent's luncheon.
- Laura (SMAC Rep) – She attended a meeting to meet the administrators. Only one of four administrators showed up but it was a good meeting.
- Peggy (Teacher Rep) –
 - Kindergarten enjoyed their day at the Royal. They look so spooky as they paraded around the building in their costumes on Halloween.
 - First Grade enjoyed making their starch ghosts and jack-o-lantern pizzas. Our annual Readabration will be Thursday, November 17th. Mrs. Chavez's musical brain is gearing up for our annual December trip to Delmar Gardens.
 - Second Grade had their Barbie last Thursday as the culminating activity to their Australia unit.
 - Third Grade – thanks to the PTA for helping to pay for our trip to the American Royal on Friday, Oct 28th.
 - Fourth Grade – Life is busy in 4th grade ~ Pilgrim cinquains, measuring in math, study of the Northeast Indians, and studying different ways animals have of adapting to their environment, as well as the mealworm study.
 - 5th and 6th Grade did a Halloween Reader's Theater for their first grade buddies.

III. Principal Report (Jennifer Gill)

- Alex Lutz (Student Ambassador Report)

United Way Penny Banking was a huge success. All classes really got into the spirit of giving and competition. The first grade had the most points and will have a United Way poster hanging in their room for this year. We collected \$826.71. This is triple what has been collected in recent years.

We are working on the plans and logistics for the grandparent lunch on Tuesday, November 22nd. Please get your reservation in early.

- Thank you for the teach appreciation treats, they are always appreciated.
- 3rd and 6th grade are finishing up their ITBS testing in the next couple of weeks.
- The haunted house was spooktacular! Thank you to everyone who assisted with this event.
- Playground benches are going to be moved away from the playground because of safety concerns. Several have been vandalized lately...if you see anyone engaging in inappropriate behavior on school grounds, please call the police if it is after school hours.
- Preschool Fun Time was time spent with Mr. Stanley in PE. Thanks to everyone who assisted with this.
- Red Ribbon Week...thank you to Mindy Ritter for organizing the canned food drive.
- Clothing Drive was a great success. Thank you to everyone involved with this project.

Fall parties were fun for all. Thank you to everyone who organized and participated.

Upcoming Events:

- Federal Department of Education will be here on Wednesday to showcase the work at Oak Park for a PBS broadcast on the show, "Education You Can Use." Oak Park Elementary was selected because of our low Special Education rate.
- District choral festival is this Thursday, Nov 3rd. Our choir has a conflict with another field trip so they will not attend the rehearsal but will be instructed on the logistics by Ms. Chen and me that afternoon so they are prepared.
- Athletics are at Rosehill this month.
- Our first DOGS (Dads of Great Students) volunteer has signed up to work at school for an afternoon. Please encourage father's to participate in this

opportunity. It's always so nice for the students to see dad's volunteering at school as well as moms.

- Grandparent luncheon is by reservation on Tuesday, November 22nd. It will be a great time for everyone.
- Midterms go home November 11th.
- Paper consumption is high and we are running low. Backpack mail will go home only on Fridays, unless approved by the office. One flyer will be sent home announcing upcoming events. If a reminder flyer is required, please make it half of sheet with the facts only. We are doing the youngest child copies. Each copier has a class number posted, please use those numbers. Please put a copy of everything that is sent home in my mailbox so I am aware of all the events. It is in the far right hand corner.

IV. Committee Reports

ADEPT (Grades 4th thru 6th)

Just Say No Club - Tuesday, November 29th KUMC medical students will present "Don't Choke on Smoke" after school.

Chat 'n Chew

Forms went out to all 3rd thru 6th graders to participate in Chat 'n Chew. The books will be ordered shortly. You don't have to purchase the books...you can borrow them or check them out at the library as well.

Clothing Drive

The clothes drive was a huge success. The clothes will be delivered this Thursday, Nov 3rd.

Dad's Club

Oak Park will be hosting a Dad's luncheon on Thursday, December 15th at school. Much like the Grandparent's luncheon.

Emergency Calling Tree

This has been completed. We had enough volunteers so that everyone had about four families to call in case of an emergency. Comments were made what a fabulous and organized job Laura Bauer did on this.

Family Fun Night

The movie "Herbie Fully Loaded" will be shown on Friday, November 4th at 7:00 pm in the school gym. Drinks and popcorn will be \$1.00 each.

Preschool Fun Time

It was held on Wednesday, Oct 26th. There were eight kids. Mr. Stanley played a game with them in the gym. There is no November or December date planned. The next scheduled Preschool Fun Time is Thursday, January 19th. Ms. Chen will be doing a music activity with the kids.

Recycling (Dad's Club)

We have taken in \$613.00 in recycling.

Reflections

- The theme this year is "I Wonder Why".
- Ms. Gill and Amy have discussed possibly having a reception prior to the January PTA meeting for all Reflections participants.
- A Reflections video will be shown later this month or early next month to the classes.
- Detailed information will be passed out early in mid-December so that the children can work on the projects over the Holiday break.
- The tentative deadline for entry submission is Monday, January 9, 2006.
- The four categories are Literature, Music Composition, Photography and Visual Arts.
- The goal for Oak Park is to increase our number of entries.

Refund Drives (Box Tops – Tyson Project A+ - Campbells Soup Labels)

- Box Tops
 - First Box Top deadline met - A check will be cute to Oak Park for \$374.40
 - 2nd Box Top deadline – 02/28/06
- EagleGram - Will continue to have some verbiage reminding parents/students to keep collecting their Box Tops/Tyson/Campbells labels in every EagleGram or PTA newsletters.
- Containers - Plan to have container in each classroom to promote challenges between the classes. Shobha is currently collecting these large plastic jars when they become available. This will save the expense of purchasing containers. Will report back on that when the containers become available.
- Collections - Tyson Project A+ and Campbells labels are being collected and will be processed soon and submitted to company for check. Details to be shared when available.
- Campbells - Current number for Labels for Education collected is 6,673. Current catalog is on its way to redeem labels. Once this is received, I will share with Mr. Stanley to see if any of the items available will fit some of his current needs.

School Directory

School Directory has been completed. The Michaels family was inadvertently left out of the Directory. Label(s) with the missing family will be sent home w/ each student to stick in the back of their Directory.

School Picture Days

Retakes will be on November 16th.

All school picture will be taken around a fire truck. Everyone is to wear red.

Service Committee

Rake up the Fall will be Saturday, November 19th. There will also be a Boy Scout pancake breakfast that morning at Oak Park from 7:30 to 10:00 am

Skating Parties

Skate party was held on Thursday, October 20th. It was another success. Our giveaway was night lights...kids seemed to enjoy them. We made \$80. There were 103 Kathryn Carpenter kids and 110 Oak Park kids.

Spirit Wear

The spirit wear profit was \$402.89. We sold a total of 94 garments.

Staff Appreciation

A big thanks to everyone for the treats for staff appreciation day. They were delicious!

Haunted House Update

The projected profit is \$6,300 net for 6th Grade Wildwood trip. Question was asked if the PTA has still budgeted \$1,000 for Wildwood. The answer is yes, up to \$1,000 was budgeted for the 05/06 school year for Wildwood. Projected numbers attending are:

- 33 kids @ \$80.00 each
- 3 teachers (Weidling, Bayles, Stanley)
- 2 buses

Question: Who is updating the AR books lists? **Beth Markley, the Librarian, updates the AR book lists.**

Next meeting will be Tuesday, December 6th.

