

Oak Park Elementary

PTA Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date/Time: Tuesday, December 6, 2005 / 7:00 pm

I. Approved 11/01/05 Minutes

II. Board Reports

- Kay Erickson (Fundraising) – Still have trash bags to sell. They can be purchased through the front office. Have sold \$1,650 worth of trash bags to date.
 - 200 Yellow
 - 70 White
 - 20 Blue
- Ken (Treasurer) –
 - Handed out Year-to-Date Budget...no questions.
 - Oak Park will be hosting a Dad's luncheon the week of December 12th through the 16th. Any day that week is fine to come for lunch with your child.
- Holly (Secretary) – Holly read aloud three thank you's from various staff members for the staff appreciation luncheon and snacks.
- Melissa (2nd VP) – PTA cards have been issued and were sent home via backpack mail. Thank you to all teachers for distributing them. An email was sent out to parents informing them that if they did not receive their PTA membership cards to contact me.
- Patty Jo (Programs) – There are prospects for a couple of programs
 - 1) "Food Choices" by Cindy James...how various foods/snacks can affect your child physically as well as psychologically.
 - 2) "Assessment for Appropriate Knowledge of Grade Level" by Nancy Volpe.
- Peggy (Teacher Rep) –
 - First Grade is preparing to present their holiday sing at Delmar Villas on Tuesday, December 20th at 10:00 am.
 - Second Grade is studying the forms of matter in science. In social studies they are starting to study Europe.
 - Third Grade – is doing research on Washington, D.C. The kids are doing brochures on the computer and will then develop a power point presentation on their subject.
 - Fourth Grade – is getting ready for Earth Works, studying the Southeast region of the U.S., and working on decimals and fractions.
 - Fifth Grade – have taken notes on their biography and other sources for their hero essay. They are now organizing it into

webbing and outline form and will do their next book project on Thursday over their biography.

- Sixth Grade – will be reporting on science related book. We have been traveling in Social Studies to Ancient Egypt along the Nile River and settling new colonies. They made prisms and pyramids with gumdrops and toothpicks and have been working with geometric properties and vocabulary in math. - - - Sixth Graders arrived back at Oak Park on Friday, Dec 2nd after a tour down the Nile River. They visited several places of interest. Their riverboat stopped for tours of Giza where they saw the great pyramids, the Jubilee Chapel in Karnek, etc. All together they made six stops.
- Appreciation Committee – Thanks so much from all the staff for the bag of Christmas goodies. It was greatly appreciated and devoured.

III. Principal Report (Jennifer Gill)

- Jay Michels (Student Ambassador Report)
In November we held the Canned Food Drive and collected a total of 414 cans which made the food chain go from the front hall all the way to the back of the kindergarten room. Later that month on Nov 22nd we hosted Grandparent's Day. All the ambassadors had a job...some were waiter or waitresses, greeters or worked at the sign-in table. The waiters/waitresses got drinks and utensils for the Grandparents. If they saw a grandparent was finished eating they would offer to take their tray. The greeters would greet the grandparents at the front door and direct them to the sign-in table where workers assisted signing them in and giving them Visitor tags to wear. The ambassadors enjoyed helping the 126 grandparents that attended lunch that day.
- All School Picture – we had the all school picture taken when the leaves changed colors. We took it outside by the large Oak tree since it has historic ties to our school. The fire department brought their ladder truck and hoisted our photographer up high to get the picture of the building, tree and students.
- PBS Broadcast – The school was showcased on the PBS broadcast from Washington. The focus of the piece was how our early intervention for reading and positive behavior system allows more children to remain in the classroom rather than special ED. We watched a 15 minute segment of the broadcast that highlighted our school.
- ITBS Results – We received our ITBS results and did well as always.
 - 3rd Grade – Reading/98%ile - Language/99%ile – Math/99%ile
 - 3rd Grade Core Total = 99%ile
 - 6th Grade - - Reading/86%ile - Language/99%ile – Math/99%ile
 - 6th Grade Core Total = 97%ile

- Assessments – March 6th through April 14th there will be no outside events scheduled to detract from assessment preparation and focus. Math basic skills second round test coming up this month. This is a great assessment tool. It allows us to analyze learning of specific objectives to see where a review or reteach may be needed or where a class has mastered a concept.
- New Building – There has been a sixty (60) day extension on the new building.
- 2nd Quarter Celebration – To celebrate our 2nd quarter success there will be a dress up day on December 16th in a 50's theme.
- Thank You - Thank you to everyone who volunteers throughout the month in the classroom and behind the scenes. Thank you for recognizing American Education Week with an Italian luncheon. I hear it was wonderful!
- Mark Vick showed up for Father's of the Day for the morning and assisted in Peggy's room helping students on computer work. We would like to encourage any fathers to come to the school and help assist. It's really good for the kids to see both moms and dads at the school assisting. Just give us a couple days notice so we can have some planned activities for them to assist the teachers.

IV. Committee Reports

- ADEPT (Grades 4th thru 6th) – Mindy Ritter
Tuesday, November 29th KUMC medical students were here to present “Don't Choke on Smoke”. It was well attended with over 30+ students.
- Carnival – Kay Erickson
The first meeting will be held next week.
- Chat 'n Chew – Debbie Landes
The books have been ordered and will be in prior to Christmas break. I will be sending out the parent volunteer instructions and group assignments by the end of the week. There are 84 students participating which equates to 19 groups with a total of 35 parent volunteers. The last chapter book order was for 202 books totaling \$1237.76. This will allow the library to get approximately \$309 in a gift certificate.
- Classroom Volunteers – Shelley Minton
All went very smoothly for the class parties at Halloween. Since there was little interest in picking up class money early for the 1st parties, we will have it available in the office the day of the parties. The school Winter Party is

scheduled for December 20th. All room parents have been advised to please contact the teacher to coordinate setup and start times.

- Family Fun Day – Krista Hall
The November 4th movie night at Oak Park was a big success. We had 180 people attend and made \$260.56. Next movie night is scheduled for Friday, February 3rd.
- Recycling – Dad’s Group via Ken Neaderhiser
Recycling did well in November.
- Reflections – Amy Stillwell
Sheet went out in backpack mail. The deadline is Monday, Jan 9th. There will be a reception on January 10th for all participants in which their submitted project will be on display.
- Service Committee
The “Rake Up the Fall” was a success with nine houses receiving assistance w/ their lawns. The Boy Scout pancake breakfast assisted in the attendance for “Rake up the Fall”.
- Skating Parties – Janet Maxey
The party in November was a success. We had 116 Oak Park students and 85 Katherine Carpenter students.
- Staff Appreciation
Cookies went out the staff.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, January 3rd.