

Oak Park Elementary

PTA Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date/Time: Wednesday, March 8, 2006 / 7:00 pm

I. Approved 02/07/06 Minutes

II. Board Reports

- Kelley (President) – Contributing \$50 for the SunFlower House which teaches Kindergarteners about safe touch. - - Approved by meeting attendees - -
- Patty Jo (Program) – the program tonight at 6:00 was the last one for the school year. It was very interesting. Cindy James handed out a lot of good literature on eating healthy for the entire family.
- Tracy (Parliamentarian) – Since Katherine Carpenter has not sent us a copy of their Bylaws it's been decided to go ahead and publish our Bylaws without them. Tracy will hand out the Oak Park PTA Bylaws for review and for a vote of approval at the April PTA meeting. Once approved they will be loaded to our website.
- Ken (Treasurer) – our PTA budget is way under budget. The committees need to start spending their allotted monies and turn in their receipts. Otherwise there is the risk of carrying too large of a reserve in the PTA account.
- Laura Bauer (SMAC Rep) – She attended a general council meeting. A few of the middle schools are doing away w/ the DARE program and trying another program. They announced the Reflections winners at the SMAC meeting. She also discussed a nutritional program that Brookwood Elementary at 103rd and Mission Rd are doing. They have strict guidelines on party foods, etc.
- Peggy (Teacher Rep) –
 - Kindergarten, First and Second grades went to the Dr. Seuss Read Across America program at Indian Woods on March 2nd.
 - 1st Grade – Studied about the Olympics. The first graders and their buddies held their own Winter Olympics in the gym on Feb 24th. They are excited about their first grade musical “Hooray for Hollywood”. Mrs. Chavez has worked hours and hours preparing for another memorable event.
 - 2nd Grade – has started their unit on dinosaurs. They are looking forward to the Dinosaur Dig presentation on March 22nd.
 - 4th Grade – has completed their third quarter math basic skill and presently are taking the Kansas Math Assessment.
 - 5th Grade – is deep into Kansas Assessment preparation.
 - Staff Appreciation – The staff was delighted with their pre-spring break goodies from the PTA Staff Appreciation committee. All are looking forward to popping the popcorn and enjoying a movie from Blockbuster. Thanks so much from all of the staff.

III. Principal's Report (Jennifer Gill)

- Nicole Reddick (Student Ambassador)- This month we had a Used Book Drive. For every five books the kids brought in they received 1 book of their choice. The left over books will be donated to our school's library or Children's Mercy Hospital. Our school collected approximately 450 books. - - - We are also going to having a end of the quarter celebration after the Kansas Assessments are over by wearing mis-matched clothing. All of the grades will be able to participate as long as they don't violate the school dress code policy.
- Big THANKS for the following –
 - PTA Book Fair Certificates – Thanks to the PTA for giving every student a \$5.00 certificate for a book at the Book Fair.
 - Map Mounting – Thanks to Shobha for getting the maps mounted at a much cheaper cost than originally estimated.
 - Memory Sticks – Thanks to everyone for the computer memory sticks for the teachers. They will be using them on their in-service day and will learn how to start backing up their files.
 - Chocolate Buffet – Thanks for the chocolate buffet for staff appreciation. It was delicious!
 - Open House Reception – Thanks to the PTA Hospitality and Baking committees that handled the Open House. They did a marvelous job w/ the cookies and reception area and making everyone feel welcome..
 - Staff Appreciation Pre-Spring break bags – Another big thanks to the Staff Appreciation committee...very nice gift in darling bags!
 - Dad Volunteer – Thanks to Ken Neaderhiser for volunteering his time at the school in February.
 - All School Volunteers – A big THANKS to all of you who volunteer at Oak Park. We wouldn't have such a great school without your constant support.
- Student Recognitions – We have many students to recognize this month for their achievements.
 - KCATM is a regional math competition in which approximately 60 schools and several hundred students participate. The results are:
 - Isaac Brethour – 7th place, 12th place and 8th place
 - Calvin Freeman– 10th place, 11th place and 11th place
 - 4th Grade Mathletics team consisting of Rachele Reynolds, Allison Hines and Matthew Bauer received 8th place.
 - Caitlin Hall – 10th place 15th place and 13th place
 - Lucy Markland – 16th place, 15th place and 13th place
 - The 5th Grade Mathletics team consisting of John Eric Kelley, Sam Landes and Rachel Sutcliffe received 1st place.
 - Zach Bailey – 10th place, 17th place and 11th place
 - Jay Michaels – 7th place, 10th place and 13th place
 - The 6th Grade Mathletics team consisted of Oak Park consisted of Dara McGreal, Nevin Barket and Kelsey Ling.
 - Brock Brethour – Received 3rd place in the district for his Reflections submission.

- Zach Bailey – represented Oak Park in the county spelling bee. He was one of the last 11 students standing out of several hundred.
- American Heroes Assembly – Our guest speaker was the granddaughter of one of the original families that brought suit to the State of Kansas for equality in education for African American students (Brown vs. State of Education).
- Dr. Seuss Day at Indian Woods was fun for all. With 7th and 8th grade students reading their favorite books to our K-2nd graders.
- Dad's Luncheon- this week has been well attended.
- Time for Kids Promotion – paid for 150 student copies of the Time for Kids magazine.
- Kansas Assessments – began this week and will continue through two weeks after spring break. Results will not be available until August.
- Oak Park Leadership Team – came to tour Oak Park to find out what makes Oak Park something special.
- Site Council – decided with our demographics that we don't need a breakfast program for the next 2006/2007 school year.
- New School Names – have been submitted to the school board. They will make the decision on the name as they have exclusive naming rights. The names submitted were:
 - Oak Park
 - Meadowlark
 - Green Hill
 - Go Park
- Staffing the new building – This district has decided to treat this consolidation as a school closing. This means that staff presently at Oak Park will remain if they desire too. Staff from Katherine Carpenter will be placed here if they so desire and their position is available. Otherwise the KC staff will submit to the district what area of the Shawnee Mission School District they would like to work in. The district standard for classroom sizes are as follows:
 - Primary (K, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Grades) – 24 students
 - Intermediate (4th, 5th and 6th Grades) – 28 students
- School Student Transfers – are being honored according to space availability within staffing guidelines for class size. We will be place transfers students on a list and will be selecting them from the list based on who signed up earliest and classroom availability. We will not add classes to accommodate transfer students.
- New Moving Timeline – A new timeline for moving into the building is sometime during the 2007 school year. We have to go in as soon as it is ready because we are located in the second phase of the construction project. This means we will probably be moving in sometime between Nov 1st and end of the year.
- New School Questions – If you have any questions about the new school or new procedures Mrs. Gill is a good source for accurate information.
- REMINDER: No school on Friday, March 10th or Monday, March 20th

IV. Committee Reports

- Carnival – Jennifer Reynolds - The Country Fair carnival is scheduled for Friday, April 28th from 5:30 to 8:30 pm.
 - Donations - Janet Maxey has sent out an email and will have a request in the Eaglegram for parents with businesses to donate something or encourage parents that have a great contact with a business to ask them for a donation.
 - Room Baskets – Janet has contacted all the teachers and room parents about baskets and the teacher’s auction items. She will ask Mrs. Gill for a donation as well. She will continue to follow up after spring break.
 - Kids Auction Table – Janet is working on another idea...to have a kids table for the auction. She would like to acquire things like books, water toys, games, crayons/markers and sidewalk chalk. Thinking about asking parents to donate \$5.00 for these things or may ask PTA for some money and possible asks some retail stores for donations.
 - 6th Grade Donation – Janet has asked the 6th graders to think about donating their time to baby sit or mow a lawn. We will auction this and split the money with their Wildwood account. Two students have responded so far.
 - Pie-Throwing Contest – Mrs. Gill has approved this. Our confirmed targets are Virgil, Mr. Stanley, Mr. Greer and Ms. Plummer. I figure they can each volunteer in 30 minute stretches. Pies will be cool whip on a paper plate. Greg Seamon is making a plywood thing for the target’s heads to stick out of. We will do it in the grassy area out front. Pies will be \$1.00.
 - Everest Communication - They will be sponsoring us again this year and will have a booth up at the Country Fair. They donated \$300 last year...so hopefully they’ll give at least that amount this year.
 - Volunteers – We’ve had a successful volunteer rally and we have just about everyone we need to make the event successful.
 - Food – We will be selling pizza, pop or bottled water and a cookie for \$2.00 as a meal. You can also purchase each item individually as well. We will have popcorn and cotton candy too.
 - Tickets – Presale of tickets will be on sale beginning April 7th. Cost will be **4/\$100** presale and **3/\$100** at the door.

- Clothing Drive – The committee and students worked at the clothing center on Monday, March 6th. The clothing center is in need of plastic hangers.

- Nominating Committee – The following people were on the nominating committee this year. The new PTA board has been nominated and will be voted on next PTA meeting. The new board members are as follows:
 - **Co-President** - Kelley Ahrens
 - **Co-President** – Melisa Vick
 - **1st Vice President (Programs)** – Patty Jo Carter
 - **Co -2nd Vice President (Membership)**
 - Susie Bebow & Jessica VanTasell
 - **3rd Vice President (Fundraising)** – Tracy Reynolds
 - **Treasurer** – Ken Neaderhiser
 - **Secretary** – Holly Hatfield
 - **Parliamentarian** – Carin Robison
 - **SMAC Representative** – Jennifer Reynolds
 - **Teacher Representative** – Peggy Andra

- Preschool Fun Time – Jessica VanTasell - There were eighteen preschool kids at the our last Preschool Fun Time held on February 10th. We had a luncheon in the cafeteria and Mrs. Gray had an art activity in the art room. There will be no more scheduled for this school year.
- Recycling – Dad’s Group – Ken Neaderhiser
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 - Game Night –We had a smaller turnout on game night, Feb 23rd, but a fun time was had by all.
 - Lunch Week – This week it continues through Thursday, March 9th. Another big success. He has decided to have a Dad’s week luncheon the week before the fall and spring breaks.
 - Car Race – Friday, April 7th at Katherine Carpenter’s gym. He has ordered 20 cars and has had 16 students sign up. He can order more cars if he needs too.
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- Reflections – Brock Brethour received 3rd Place in the 2nd Grade division of the Shawnee Mission School District. Congratulations, Brock!
- Refund – Jennifer Reynolds
 - Box Tops – next deadline for Box Tops is October 31, 2006. I will be making a mailing at the end of the school year and another one next October. Late amount submitted on 02/22/06 netted \$200.00. I’m waiting to hear of certain items were accepted for cash or not. So the totals for this school year are as follows:
 - \$374.40 – received so far
 - \$200.00 – estimated check to be received
 - \$574.40 – estimated TOTAL for this school year.
 - Labels – total balance on labels is 6,773. I have over 2,500 labels still to be submitted but they need to be resorted. Certain labels are worth 5

points versus 1 point. This was not discovered until the newest banking form was downloaded. This will be completed over spring break.

We are still receiving Double Label Bonus Offer certificates from the email generated from The Star coupon. I have held back the necessary labels to redeem with them. They expire on 6/1/06.

- Class Challenges – this will not happen until next year due to carnival preparations and we're running out of time until the end of the school year. I will put a note in the last Eaglegram for students/parents to save over the summer. Also planning a flyer to go home with youngest child at the end of the year with envelope or baggie to collect over the summer.
- Yearbook – March 30th is the deadline to submit for the yearbook cover contest. All grades can participate in this contest. Use lots of colors.
- School Pictures – April 13th is the date for spring pictures.
- School Supplies – The flyers to purchase school supplies will be going out in backpacks after the break.
- Staff Appreciation – Paula Schwabauer - There will be a breakfast for the staff on Thursday morning, April 6th.
- Welcoming – Paula Schwabauer – Working on Kindergarten Round-Up which is Friday, March 31st.

Next PTA meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 4th, 2006 at 7:00 pm