

# Oak Park Elementary

## PTA Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date/Time: Tuesday, January 9, 2007 / 7:00 pm

### I. Approved December PTA Meeting Minutes.

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

#### **Kelley Ahrens (Co-President)**

PTA will be paying for each student and staff member to have a \$5 book at the book fair. This voucher can only be used on books. I will get those vouchers out to each class with the student's name on them soon. The book fair will run the week of February 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### • **Jennifer Reynolds (SMAC Rep)**

- Box Tops – Deadline is 2/28/07. Next Eaglegram will have note for all clippings to be turned in by 2/16/07 for this year. Check to be cut 4/15/07.
- Next SMAC event dates are as follows:
  - Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> – Reflections winning Entries to Rising Star
  - Jan 24<sup>th</sup> – Elementary Principals and PTA Presidents will meet to discuss merging of schools
  - Feb 12<sup>th</sup> – KS PTA Conference
  - Feb 28<sup>th</sup> - SMAC monthly general meeting
- PTA Reflections – for information regarding PTA Reflections program, forms, or deadlines, please contact Lauren Meyer at 913-599-0656, or via e-mail at [laurenm@everestkc.net](mailto:laurenm@everestkc.net) or [laurenmeyer@smacpta.org](mailto:laurenmeyer@smacpta.org)
  - Reflections Deadlines:
    - Tuesday, January 9, 2007 - Local unit deadline for entries at each school.
    - Tuesday, January 23, 2007 – Council (SMAC) deadline. First Place winning entries ONLY are due at Rising Star Elementary (front hallway) between 5:00-8:00 pm.

- **Tracy Reynolds (3<sup>rd</sup> VP, Fundraising)** - We will start selling the HyVee coupon booklets for \$5.00 after Martin Luther King Day.

- **Holly Hatfield (Secretary)** – Holly read a THANK YOU note from Mrs. Hare to the PTA for their good deeds, words and acts of thoughtfulness and encouragement “to make OUR days and OUR KIDS days!”

- **Jessica Van Tassel (2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Membership)** – There are three new families from Carpenter that transferred at the new year. She will get their memberships transferred and notify the Welcoming Committee about their arrival.

- **Peggy Andra (Teacher Rep)** –
  - First Grade – Mrs. Chavez’ creative musical juices are flowing as she prepares the final First Grade Musical, “A Sentimental Journey.” It will be May 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 and 7:00 pm.
  - Fourth Grade – Fourth graders are going to Earthworks on Wednesday, Jan 10<sup>th</sup>. They are getting ready for KS Assessments.
  - Fifth Grade – Fifth Graders are getting ready for their hero reports and presentations. The American Hero presentation is February 16<sup>th</sup>. Both classes are studying Colonial America. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade is loving the new technology. Not a day goes by that the students aren’t using the laptops, video on demand, PowerPoint, etc. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers are looking forward to getting their “smart boards.”
  - Lab Computers – There seems to be a computer disease running rapid in the lab. Right now six are non-functional. We are waiting for the Dell technicians to arrive to fix.

### III. **Principal’s Report (Jennifer Gill)**

- Ambassador, Thomas Peterson –
  - No Nat’l or World Disasters - The Ambassador Group is happy to say we have not had to organize any needs because of national or world disasters this year. We hope it will stay that way.
  - Used Book Drive - We will be organizing the Used Book Drive as in the past years. It will be the last week in February. Watch for detailed information to come home with your children.
  - Parkinson 5K Family Fun Run - We will promote and try to get as many families and students to participate in the Parkinson 5K Family Fun Run which is in the spring. Mrs. Dimmel’s husband is an organizer for this event and her family has experienced the challenges that Parkinson’s brings. So, we hope you will watch for information on this event also.
- School Dismissal – We have a better dismissal procedure with the new signs. Thank you for your cooperation with this.
- Recycle Bins – We will need to remove one of the recycle bins because of lack of space. It is difficult to drop off recycles without being able to use the side windows.
- Crosswalk – The City will be moving the crosswalk closer to the new building soon.
- Storage – Storage continues to be a work in progress. They have agreed to move the shed onto the new ground so we can store the Halloween and Carnival stuff in there.
- Demolition Date – There is no date yet for the demolition of the old building yet. I will keep everyone posted.
- KS Assessments – We are preparing for the KS Assessments that will before spring break and finish the week after. Please limit having your child out of school for vacation and appointments.

- Dibels Testing – The primary grades are in the middle of Dibels testing and will be done by the end of the week.
- All Day Kindergarten – An all day kindergarten meeting will be held on Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> with reservations starting on Feb 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Open House – Open House is Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:30 pm.
- Breakfast Program – Just wondering if anyone thinks we need a breakfast program? Consensus at the PTA meeting was no.

#### **IV. Committee Reports**

- Block Parent – Still waiting on background check
- Carnival – Jeanette has a meeting scheduled with the lady to discuss and choose inflatable's. There are meetings scheduled next week and the following week...so things are moving right along. Theme this year is "International Fair."
- Chat 'n Chew – Books arrived and have been dispersed to all students. Stacia Harvey has sent all the leaders their information to start scheduling their group sessions. The leaders will need to call Ms. Dimmel to schedule a room. Students can bring a sack lunch or the leaders can use the pizza coupon for their lunch. It's entirely up to the leaders.
- Family Fun Night – It has been decided to forgo the Science Night since Katherine Carpenter already does this and has it down to a fine art. So, a movie night will be schedule for sometime this spring...possibly 2/16??
- Preschool Fun Time – Approximately 25 kids showed up last Thursday, Jan 4<sup>th</sup>, for the first Preschool Fun Time at 6:00 pm at Oak Park. It was a pizza party. Ms. Gill took the parents into the library and discussed the half-day versus all-day kindergarten. - - - The next one will be during the day and Ms. Chen will be taking them for some fun music time.
- Publicity – Brenda Donnelly will be helping with the publicity for the carnival.
- Reflections – There were five entries from Oak Park. Holly will be having the teachers judge them and will turn in the winner to SMAC on Tuesday, Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Service Committee –
  - *Harvesters* - The first Harvesters trip will be this Thursday, Jan 11<sup>th</sup>, led by Jennifer Reynolds.
  - *Pennies for Patients* – will start on Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, and continue for two weeks. We will be doing the classroom contests again. Last year we were in the top ten of Kansas area schools which is pretty good considering how small our school is. Also, has anyone seen the cans we collect the \$ in since we moved?
- Staff Appreciation – The next luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, Jan 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Teacher's Luncheons – It was decided to change the Teacher's Luncheon from March 16<sup>th</sup> (which is only ½ day) to March 30<sup>th</sup> which is Kindergarten round-up and Parent/Teacher's conference.
- Yearbook – We are still in need of school pictures from the first half of the school year. If you have good ones from the Haunted House, Halloween Party or Winter Party be sure to get them to Laura Bauer as soon as possible. We will start work on the collages right away.

**The next PTA meeting will be held Tuesday, February 6, at 7:00 pm  
in the new Oak Park-Carpenter school library. Please attend and  
bring a friend! ☺**