

# Oak Park Elementary

## PTA Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date/Time: Tuesday, February 6, 2007 / 7:00 pm

### I. Approved January PTA Meeting Minutes.

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

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

- I have a signed copy of the Resolution to Dissolve the Oak Park PTA.
  - April 3<sup>rd</sup> - We will have our regular April 3<sup>rd</sup> PTA meeting with the Oak Park PTA.
  - April 10<sup>th</sup> – Joint PTA meeting with Oak Park and Carpenter PTA's. A SMAC Representative will also be in attendance. The new joint PTA Board will be *nominated* and *elected* in this meeting. You can also pay your PTA dues and be on the official KS PTA registry.
- **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.
    - SMAC PTA Update:
      - New 2006-2007 Slate of Officers announced.
      - The Kansas PTA Legislative Conference will be held on Monday, Feb 12<sup>th</sup> at the Capital Plaza Hotel in Topeka, KS. This is an informative day and provides a great time to network with state legislators. SMAC will be inviting all legislators serving SMSD.
      - Book Publishing Workshop – This workshop is scheduled for tonight, Feb 6<sup>th</sup> at McEachen at 7:00 pm. All schools currently doing book publishing and those wanting to find out more are encouraged to attend.
      - Elementary Presidents and Principals Exchange – All Elementary PTA Presidents and Principals were invited to share ideas and ask questions at this exchange. The exchange was held Wednesday, Jan 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am at the Indian Creek Tech Center.
      - Reflections Submittals / Open House – All first place Reflections entries will be shown at the Open House on Wednesday, Feb 7<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the SMWHS bridge.
  - **Holly Hatfield (Secretary)** – Holly read a THANK YOU note from Mrs. Andra thanking everyone fro the soup luncheon and for the \$5 gift vouchers for the Book Fair.

- **Patty Jo (1st VP, Programs)** – Larry Deaton will be here on Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm to lead the discussion on Birth Order. This will be held a hour BEFORE the next PTA meeting.
- **Melisa (Treasurer)** – Please look over the Budget and let me know if there are any monies that don't look right. I will be happy to discuss it with you and make any necessary changes.
- **Peggy Andra (Teacher Rep)** –
  - First Grade – Kindergarten and First Grade are going to see Cinderella presented by the Junior League on Tuesday, Feb 13<sup>th</sup>.
  - Second Grade – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade is studying Asia and Chinese New Year.
  - Fourth Grade – Life is busy in fourth grade as they are busy with tutoring after school, getting ready for KS Assessments in math and reading. They have been studying Kansas and making posters. In math they are studying fractions and decimals and text structure in reading.
  - Fifth Grade – Fifth Graders are looking looking forward to Open House and sharing Hero Essays, Marble Mazes, and various math and art projects. They have a Hero Sandwich Lunch scheduled with both the fifth grade classes for Friday, Feb 16<sup>th</sup>. Each child has been assigned one part of the sandwich for a buffet. The fifth graders will be going to the annual Celebrate American Hero program in the morning and will return to school around 11:30. They look forward to that trip and then to their special “Hero” lunch.
  - Sixth Grade – As a culminating activity to the study of Greece, they presented vignettes from The Odyssey to the third graders. In science they are studying mitosis and traits that are inherited. In math they just finished “boning up” on integers and are practicing for the basic skills test. In reading they are reviewing cause/effect: main ideas: details, sequence, etc. again getting ready for the KS Assessments.
  - Thank You from Staff– to the Teacher Appreciation Committee for the wonderful winter soup luncheon. It was delicious! - - - They are also looking forward to spending our voucher at the Book Fair. Thanks for everything!

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

- Valentine's Parties – Please make sure to call the office to reserve rooms if you are planning on being somewhere besides the classroom. Contact the teachers and let them know what the plans are for the parties.
- Book Fair – Thank you to the PTA for the vouchers for the students and teachers. I know the students look forward to using it. The Book Fair will be open during Open House on Thursday, Feb 8<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.
- Open House – Open House is scheduled Thursday, Feb 8<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.
- Crosswalk – The City has *temporarily* moved the crosswalk closer to the new building to increase visibility. It will be moved back when the construction is

complete as the original entrance is still slated to be the entrance to the new grounds.

- Demolition of the old building – They have started putting up the construction fence and demolition will begin the week of Feb 12<sup>th</sup>. They have said that the back walk-way may not be accessible?? They will also be making a pile of bricks for people to pick up.
- WIRELESS – The building is completely wireless. The sound system is up and running on the wireless network as well.
- Recycle Bins – I have asked to have one of them removed since there is no access to the side openings and the tops are too heavy to lift.
- Tile Project - \$315.00 is the cost for the whole school to each student complete one tile. I am requesting approval from the Wish List for this dollar amount. Approval given by PTA.
- Spelling Bee Winner – Sam Landes won the Spelling Bee last Saturday with the word “ambiguous.”

### III. Committee Reports

- Block Parent – All but two of the background checks have come back and stickers have been delivered.
- Baking – 80 dozen cookies have been assigned to be baked for the Open House this Thursday.
- Carnival – Meetings are scheduled and things are moving right along. Theme this year is “International Fair.”
- Clothing Drive – Oak Park’s day was scheduled for yesterday, Feb 5<sup>th</sup>. I don’t think anyone volunteered or showed up to help sort clothes.
- Compassion in Action – This committee has been a wonderful committee is very busy.
- Dad’s Club – Jamie Riley has volunteered to assist with the Dad’s Luncheon with week before spring break. We need to find someone else to assist with the car races. - - It was noted that we really wanted to ramp up this club for the next school year since both schools will be combining.
- Family Fun Night – “Over the Hedge” will be shown on Friday, Feb 16<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the cafeteria. The usual popcorn and pop will be served. We will let Katherine Carpenter know about it was well.
- Hospitality – Is gearing up for Open House.
- Preschool Fun Time – Approximately 10 kids showed up today for the event. Mrs. Chen was great and the kids had lots of fun. The attendance was a tad less probably due to it being during the day and not in the evening, as last month.
- Room Parents & Volunteers – All the Valentine’s party money has been distributed.
- School Picture Days – Spring pictures are scheduled for March 29<sup>th</sup> for 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Graders and on April 2<sup>nd</sup> for Kindergartens.
- School Supplies – We will be combining our school supplies event with Carpenter. You will hear more about this in the weeks to come.

- Service Committee – Pennies for Patients needs volunteers to assist counting monies after school. Fundraiser ends Friday, Feb 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Skating Party – was held last Friday, Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>. It was a big success as usual.
- Staff Appreciation – They hosted a Soup Luncheon in January. The next event is the Chocolate Fest which is scheduled for Feb 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Welcoming – We have a new student in 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade. Paula will get them their welcoming packet.
- Yearbook – The cover contest will be starting soon. We will provide paper and it will have the school name and year pre-printed at the top. Any type of artwork can be entered using any creative idea related to Oak Park Elementary. Runners up will be features on the back cover. The whole school can submit for the contest. Yearbooks will be on sale from Feb 15<sup>th</sup> through March 15<sup>th</sup> (day before spring break)
  - i. Special Activities pictures – scheduled for afternoon of February 16<sup>th</sup>. Timestamp Media will be coming to take them w/ Shawn Fowler coordinating.
  - ii. Class pictures - March 9<sup>th</sup> is the class pictures.

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