

Ocean Avenue PTO

Engaging People. Building Community.

OAPTO Board Meeting Minutes

Date: November 14, 2017

Time: 6:00 pm

Called by: Ben Grant

Directors in Attendance:

Location: OAES library

I. Introductions/Welcome

II. Recent Events Recap/Principal Recap

- Teachers are working on new way of teaching math, spending about 75 minutes a day on it
- Three new teachers going away for IB training this week (3 days)
- Walking school bus going strong with help from central office volunteers
- School does at-risk meetings every year, taking a look at every aspect; if it's determined someone is medium or high risk (they hit or plateau or there is concern for some other reason), a plan is formed
- 10% of kids at Ocean are homeless (Bev has joined a homeless work group)
- Curriculum night: discussed if it was successful and if it works toward the goal of more parent engagement; general agreement that getting an overview of IB is always helpful

III. Nominating: Treasurer

- Shannon Belt planning to take over as Treasurer in January

IV. Vote in new members (if quorum)

V. Budget

- Income/Expenditure statement

- Itemize from last meeting
- Enrichment: total of 6200 for instructors
- Request for scholarships is \$815 over what we received
- Should be OK for field trip budget
- Funding requests:
 - 5th grade requested \$850 for a bus, but may have found funding from somewhere else (Molly to follow up). If they still need it, perhaps we can partially fund.

VI. Enrichment Update

- In-School
 - Mad Science offers
- After School
 - 67 slots filled
 - 15 slots of full scholarships requested; 2 partial (donations offset this quite a bit, almost \$600 donated)
 - Consider tracking who received scholarships so if there are more requests than money next session, others might have a chance
 - Perhaps consider a pay-what-you-can option to allow people to evaluate their own ability to pay and give it serious consideration
 - Consider doing two longer sessions instead of three
 - Art classes (and hand lettering) have been the most popular
 - Plan to survey parents to get input about the classes
 - New ideas: cribbage, printmaking, woodworking, computer programming/STEM
 - scholarships
 - scheduling

VII. Fundraising Update

- Phone-Banking Debrief
 - Netted \$1540
 - Would be helpful to have a better donor tracking system or fundraising database
 - Plan to do it again in the spring with defined call sheets
- B Good raised \$75
- Hannaford Gift Card

- Red Claws
 - Paid for 60 tickets but have extra (25?)
 - February 25
 - 50/50 raffle could get us \$350 to \$500
- Designing Women
 - December 9
 - Expect to raise around \$2000
- Grants
 - Molly and Tim to speak with Brenda
- Amazon

VIII. Calendar/Communications

- Upcoming events
 - Crafternoon
- Auction Update
 - January 27
 - Tim to send a list for soliciting donations
 - Would also like names of businesses to solicit
- Community Potluck Update
- Other Comms requests

IX. PTO Classroom Parent Update

- Rosie to attend leadership meeting to get a better handle on what teachers could use help with

X. Announcements/Schedules

- Need volunteers for auction
- Adding Red Claws to newsletter
- *Outdoor classroom