

BLUE OAKS PTC

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PTC General Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Cindy Mastro at 6:37 p.m.

Suki Eaves led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introductions: Round robin introductions were made by all in attendance.

Business Items:

Elections – There was a call for nominations for our open Treasurer position for the 2014-2015 Blue Oaks PTC Board. Secret ballot voting was conducted. Acting Treasurer Rachel Ashe was voted in unanimously.

There was also a call for nominations for open committee chair positions. Box Tops and eScrip will be Tiffany McElery, Tiles for Technology will be Amber McNinch, and Skate Nights will be Caroline Sbabo.

Past Minutes – The previous meeting minutes were published online. A motion was made by Nicole Owston to approve the minutes from May 8, 2014 "as presented on the PTC website." Gina DiBlasio seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Review Financials - Diane Hillburn presented and explained the past financials, including profit and loss sheet and balance sheets. No questions raised.

Budget Approval - 2014-2015 tentative budget was presented. The income was actual versus projected. This working budget was discussed as being voted on with a final budget with revised income projections being presented at the next general meeting in October for approval. Field trips for all students will be funded by the PTC, parents will still be required to pay for admissions to events that require per person fees, i.e. 5th grade RiverCats game.

Floor was then opened for discussion. No questions raised.

Motion to approve the working budget with the final projected income presented in October made by Nicole Owston. Motion seconded by Rachel Ashe. Motion carried unanimously.

Additional Funding Items – The idea to replace the current five wood tables on the primary playground with metal tables and umbrellas at a cost of up to \$4,000 was presented.

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A third chrome book cart containing 36 chrome books to be purchased at a cost of up to \$11,000 by the PTC was discussed. Currently 4th and 5th each have a cart to share among the classes. This would enable us to have a cart for 3rd grade as well.

The need to purchase items to stock the new science lab was presented at a cost of up to \$7,500 was discussed. Discussion was raised as to what would happen if we no longer had a docent. It was discussed that the items and room would be available to classes to use even if there was no longer a docent available.

Motion to approve all of these expenses from savings was made by Nichole Owston. Motioned was seconded by Mrs. Gerald. Motion passed unanimously.

Program Updates:

Dinners Out (Heidi Cser) – The first Dinner Out will be at Baskin Robbins on 9/18/14. Dinner Out will be less frequent this year, so as not to have too many events in a month. Dinner Out and Skate Night will rotate for the most part. November's dinner out will be 11/5/14 at Johnny Garlics. 25% of proceeds will go back to Blue Oaks PTC. We will continue to offer the Round Table Pizza discount cards. Last year, we earned \$1,800. This year's cards will be distributed soon, in the meantime families can ask for the Blue Oaks meal deal.

Skate Night – The first skate night will be 10/23/14.

Book Fair (Amber McNinch/Nicole Owston) – The upcoming book fair theme is Magical Castle: Kingdom of Books. The book fair will take place from 9/29 to 10/3. Families will see a link to volunteer through sign-up genius. As in previous years, many volunteers are needed to make the book fair a success.

Spiritwear (Nicole Owston/Beth Wells) – Spiritwear had strong beginning of the school year sales. In fact, many are on back order, but they are working to get orders out as soon as items are received.

Staff Appreciation (Myla Herbert) – Gearing up for our staff appreciation.

Bear Jamboree (Katie Menear/Melissa Nori) – Planning for the Bear Jamboree, our biggest event of the year, is well underway. Favorites like Pumpkin Walk, Inflatables, Food Court, DJ, Bake Sale etc. will be returning along with adding items like a Photo Booth.

Volunteer Needs (Lisa Primavera): Many volunteers are needed for our first fundraisers of the year, the Bear Jamboree and the book fair. A sign-up sheet was passed out as well as a link to sign-up genius.

Teachers' Reports:

TK/K: working on establishing routines. Literacy for Common Core was started. Working on color, shapes, and writing name in TK.

K/1st: working on reading comprehension, math skills, and literacy.

2nd: building a class community, classroom rules. Informative text with common core. AR reading , number bands, and fact families are being introduced.

3rd: Rules and procedures are being discussed and put into practice. AR goals and levels are being assessed. Informational text and informational writing are being introduced to the classes. Math concepts in multiplication and division are also being presented.

4th: Establishing routines. Classroom DoJo as management tool. Children are working on place values. Working on units about Earth Science, Geography, and poetry.

5th: Started unit on math operations in base 10. Working on first three math standards for the upcoming year. Will take their first unit test in the next few weeks. They are working on informative essays about diseases, which the children find very interesting. They are starting a unit on US history and Native Americans. Making their own totem poles in class.

Principal's Report:

Continued work on parking lot safety. Will have 5th grade provide parking lot ambassadors on a volunteer basis.

Safety on campus continues to be a topic of importance. The students will again participate in fire drills, off site evacuations, and lock down drills throughout the year.

The district has a new superintendent this year, Dick Garcia. His goal is to be more visible on campus, so will be seeing him this year.

Chrome books will be used in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades. The school will continue to look at and assess the needs and usage for younger grades. The goal is to increase the use and access of technology throughout the school year.

Extended kindergarten is new this year, and staff is rising to the occasion.

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To increase our students exposure to the visual/performing arts, the children will be participating in a dance show. They will be learning routines in PE and will perform the finished numbers for parents at a special performance February 4th or 5th.

Our first round of students through the science lab was a great success. The kids are still talking about how much fun they had making silly putty. A special thanks to Sarah Wilk for all her hard work getting the lab ready and teaching the class.

Otter pops will be given out on random Fridays to all kids wearing Blue, Gold, or spiritwear.

School sings will be once a month and moved from Mondays to Fridays at 9:50 a.m.

Open Floor:

No new items raised.

The meeting was adjourned by Cindy Mastro at 7:40 p.m.