

OPR PAC MEETING Minutes

November 14, 2013, Start time: 7:09

1. Acceptance of the minutes from October 2013 meeting - A motion was made. The motion passed.
2. Treasurer's Report (Krista Sullivan) - Motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was passed.
3. PAC Business
 - a. PAC Press Newsletter (Beth Doran)
 1. The newsletter will go out quarterly.
 2. Purpose is to focus on what the PAC does for the school community
4. Current School Business
 - a. We Grow Our Garden (Kathi Garvin & Robin Chapell)
 1. The school nurses got together with the goal to plant a garden at each school to encourage the children to eat healthy, learn where food comes from and provide an "outdoor classroom" for them to learn.
 2. Many local businesses donated supplies. The project also received numerous grants and donations.
 3. Each school will get to select what they want to plant. The children will also participate in planting, watering and harvesting the gardens.
 4. The school administration is very supportive of this project.
 5. Any produce left over first used at the other schools and then is donated to the Walpole Food Pantry.
 6. The project is looking for parent, community and teacher volunteers to take ownership of the garden at OPR. If anyone is interested, they should contact Kathi Garvin at kgarvin@walpole.k12.ma.us
 - b. An Evening with Elizabeth Englander
 1. A member of the MA Aggression Reduction Center is coming to do a presentation on bullying and cyberbullying for the parents in Walpole
 2. The session will be held on 11/19 at 6:30pm at Elm Street
 3. All are welcome to attend
 - c. OPR Giving Fund - Principal Fortin discussed the following:
 1. 4th graders will go through the classrooms starting tomorrow through the end of November to collect money for the "OPR Giving Fund"
 2. The "OPR Giving Fund" collects money to buy holiday presents for families in need
 3. Checks should be made out to OPR Sunshine
 - d. OPR MCAS Update -
 1. Principal Fortin reviewed the school's MCAS score in comparison to the other schools in town, the district and state.
 2. Principa Fortin discussed that the 4th grade scores were a relative weakness, as compared to scores from 3rd grade and 5th grade. Mr. Fortin is meeting with the 4th grade teachers to review curricula as well as looking at the current 5th graders to address areas that need improvement.
 - e. Food play Assembly - The program was about good nutrition.
 1. The assembly was held for 3rd-5th graders on 11/14.
 2. The assembly will be held for K-2nd grade on 11/15.

5. Fundraisers

- a. *NStar Fundraiser (Aruna Mandulapalli) - \$2,255 of orders were placed. The Coordinator is waiting to find out what the production costs were to get the final net profit from the fundraiser. The Coordinator will update at next meeting.*
- b. *Photo Fundraiser - 10/19/13 (Ann Walsh) - The fundraiser raised \$787 this year.*
- c. *Bake Sale (Kerry Pitman & Julie Elmhurst) - The fundraiser raised \$570 this year.*
- d. *SCRIP (Lara Huempfner)*
 1. Please consider ordering Scrip cards for teacher's holiday presents this year.
 2. A current list of gift cards available for purchase is on the OPR PAC website (www.oprpac.org)
 3. Scrip cards will be available for purchase at the Gingerbread Bazaar raffle basket wrapping night on 12/5 for any last minute purchases.
 4. Please see the website for the holiday ordering and delivery dates
- e. *Holiday Books (Fran Kelly & Cindy Hughes)*
 1. Order forms are on the PAC website
 2. The order forms will be sent home after Thanksgiving
 3. If you have any questions, please email Fran Kelly
- f. *OPR Spirit/Clothing Sales (Edith Cunningham & Lara Huempfner)*
 1. Pre-orders for the new line of OPR clothing is now available online
 2. Hardcopies of the flyer will go home on Monday, 11/18
 3. Please check out color photos, sizes and prices on the PAC website
 4. If you have any questions, please email Edith Cunningham
- g. *Gingerbread Bazaar (Jenn Tarter, Denise Sullivan) - 12/7/13*
 1. Jenn Tarter will be taking over as the lead Gingerbread Bazaar chairperson next year
 2. Scrip and OPR Clothing will be taking payment via credit cards this year
 3. New this year will be organized activities in the gymnasium. Summer Mattera, 1st grade parent, will be the room coordinator. She is looking for volunteers to help run different activities, eg. obstacle course, timed dashes, freeze dance and more.
 4. Check out the most up to date information on the Gingerbread Bazaar on the OPR PAC website.
 5. More volunteers are needed to help make the fundraiser a success. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Denise Sullivan or Jennifer Tarter
- h. *Stay on the Half Day (Marie Schmidt, Danielle Curitore, Molly Ducker) - 12/13/13*
 1. The coordinators are looking for volunteers to staff 6-7 rooms. They are hoping to have 2 parents per room.
 2. The coordinators will have volunteer high school students from National Honor Society to help run the gym.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:55pm