

OPR PAC MEETING Minutes

February 25, 2014 Start time: 7:08pm

- 1) Acceptance of the minutes from January 2014 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) Open Positions for 2014-2015
 - (1) All positions are open for the next school year.
 - (2) If you are interested in running for the board, contact any current board members.
 - b) Fundraising
 - (1) Fundraisers are currently not earmarked unless the earmark is put up for a vote at a PAC meeting and then principal approval on an annual basis.
 - (2) Meredith discussed the potential issues with earmarking fundraisers for a specific cause, e.g. Conflicts of Interest
 - (3) A vote was taken that the funds from specific fundraisers can be earmarked if a PAC vote is taken and passed and then with OPR Principal approval. A motion was made. The motion passed. The new policy will be effective immediately.
- 4) Current School Business
 - a) PJ Drive for Cradles to Crayons Fundraiser - through February (Cindy Hughes)
 - (1) Last day for collection will be Friday, 2/28
 - b) enVisions Math Program -
 - (1) The envisions program is based on Common Core
 - (2) Nancy Golden and Carolyn Kelly gave the group an overview of the program for both 2nd and 5th grades.
 - c) Make-a-Wish Spelling Bee
 - (1) Well over 50% of the children participated in the spelling bee
 - (2) The event raised about \$5,200
 - d) MCAS - The MCAS will start being held next month
 - e) St. Jude's Math-a-Thon for 4th graders
 - (1) The letters for the Math-a-Thon will be sent home in early March
 - f) Update on Kindergarten enrollment
 - (1) As of now, there will be 3 full day kindergartens and 1 half day.
 - (2) There is no waiting list.
 - (3) There is room for additional students.
 - g) After School Math Enrichment Program for 5th graders in preparation for MCAS
 - (1) The program will have activities to prepare the kids for the Math MCAS in fun and stimulating ways
 - (2) It will be free of charge
 - (3) It'll be either 5 or 6 Tuesdays starting sometime in March
 - (4) All 5th graders are encouraged to attend
 - (5) Teachers and Principal Fortin are volunteering their time to run this program
 - h) Family Survey
 - (1) Approximately 60% responded to the survey
 - (2) Principal Fortin thanked everyone that participated in the survey
- 5) Current School Needs
 - a) Technology
 - (1) Chrome books for 3rd grade (\$279/ea)

- (2) Ipads for kindergarten and 1st grade (\$500/ea)
 - (3) FM system for each classroom (microphone) (\$1,000/ea)
 - (4) It is OPR's year to get new technology through the Capital Budget on the rotating system.
- b) Playground
- (1) Playground improvement is always needed. There are items that are needed for both front and back playgrounds.
 - (2) The last time any improvements were made in the front playground was about 4 years ago.
 - (3) Typically, the playground needs new items about every 6 years.
- 6) Events
- a) Math & Science 4th Grade (Francine Aspinwall, Chris Weylman, Elisa Blando)
 - (1) Approx 50% of the grade attended
 - (2) The event was a big success.
 - b) Math & Science 2nd Grade (Amanda Capozzi, Aruna Mandulapalli)
 - (1) The event is to be held on February 27, 2014.
 - (2) Volunteers should arrive at 6:15pm. The event starts at 6:30pm.
 - c) Cultural Arts assemblies (Kerry Pitman, Molly Ducker, Fran Kelly)
 - (1) OPR was awarded the Walpole Cultural Arts grant of \$900. Thank you to Fran Kelly and Molly Ducker for writing up the application.
 - (2) An assembly was held for Alastair Mook - A Parents' Choice Gold Award Winner & 2014 Grammy Nominee for Best Children's Album
 - (3) The upcoming assemblies are:
 - (a) Author Presentation to 2nd graders on 3/11/14
 - (i) Scott "Skip" SanGiacomo, local author/illustrator
 - (b) Irish Step Dance Performance on 3/14/14
 - (i) Harney Academy performs Irish Step Dancing in honor of St. Patrick's Day
 - (4) The following events will be held:
 - (a) Ocean Life for 1st graders
 - (b) Siemens for 4th graders
 - (c) Mother Goose for Kindergarteners on 3/21/14
 - (5) The coordinators are looking into the following:
 - (a) A meteorologist presentation by one of the local TV channels' meteorologist
 - (b) Rainforest/Reptile show for Field Day
- 7) Fundraisers
- a) SCRIP (Lara Huempfer)
 - (1) The SCRIP program has profited approximately \$500 this year.
 - (2) Next order will be due March 10th
 - b) Box Tops Drive (Francine Aspinwall)
 - (1) The drive has raised \$815.
 - (2) The total is expected to meet the goal of raising \$1,500 this year.
 - c) Big Y Program
 - (1) The program has been discontinued indefinitely.
 - (2) The majority of benefits from this program were used in the media room.
 - d) Stop & Shop Program - This program ends 3/16/14.
 - e) Pancake Breakfast (Kerry Pitman, Cindy Hughes, Teresa Dolan & Caty O'Brien)
 - (1) The event will be from 8am-12noon. Seatings will be 9-10, 10-11 and 11-12.
 - (2) Volunteers are needed. Caty O'Brien is coordinating the volunteers. So if you are interested, please contact Caty directly or through the PAC website. www.oprpac.org
 - (3) Coreen Jackson will be photographing the families this year and sending the photos home.
 - f) Mixed Bags 3/10/14-3/24/14
 - (1) Online orders will gain 40% proceeds to OPR; Catalogue will give 50% to OPR.

(2) Display at front entrance

(3) Suggested to be present at pancake breakfast for purchases

Meeting Adjourned: 8:45pm.