

March 22, 2022 PTA Meeting Minutes

President called a meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

Meeting Attendance:

Kristin Flynn, Karin Ryan, Krista Harris, Tyler Anderson, Anna Tierney, Chris Abrahamson, Jess Abrahamson, Melanie Hendrickson, Kristy Anderson, Elizabeth Kamberg Griebel, Kelly McDevitt, Paul Meyer, Tanya Schefers, Emma Burns, Jevin Pinske, Courtney Rykken

1. Introductions and President Report

a. Past Events

i. Kindness Rocks Boxes

1. The boxes made the teachers' days.
2. The boxes or the kids dropping notes were not a distraction.

ii. School Nurse Appreciation Day – March 16th

1. Flowers, Lindt truffles, and a sweet note

iii. Teacher Conferences

iv. VEAP Food Drive – March 21st – 25th – Goal: 3,333 pounds of food

b. Current Events

i. Yearbooks for sale!

1. OLE ID Code: 1872022
2. ybpay.com
3. Basic \$20.00
 - a. Package A \$29.00, Package B \$28.00, Package C \$27.00, Package D \$21.75
4. Send 5th Grade Baby Pictures to olsonyearbook@gmail.com
5. Order yours today by April 8th
6. Final week to turn in pictures
7. 198 sold! Need 201 to hit next price point

ii. Variety Show!

1. Virtual
2. 3 minute or less video
3. Send to Mr. Arnold - sarnold@isd271.org
4. May try out as solo and group act
5. Due April 7th
6. 15-20 acts will be selected
7. Please be thoughtful about language and content

2. Guest Teachers

a. First Grade Teachers

i. Kristy Anderson, Tyler Anderson, Emma Burns, Susan Duffey

1. Kids are busy. They found their voices after the masks came off
2. Looking forward to "A Fieldtrip in a Box" arriving in mid-April

3. Treasurer Update – Krista Harris

- a. Not a lot going on, still sitting around \$45,000 in our bank account
- b. Finalizing teacher's lounge proposal and will send over to Paul to review in the next few days

4. PTSA Update – Jevin Pinske
 - a. The City of Bloomington is looking to hire more staff so they can continue to run additional summer programs. Currently facing a staffing shortage
 - b. VEAP food drive is going on right now
5. Principal Update – Paul Meyer
 - a. Students are not where they typically are academically at this time of year
 - b. MCAs and MAP testing for 1st and 5th coming up soon
 - c. Starting to think about and prepare for end of year celebrations
 - d. Staffing for next year
 - i. 4 sections of K-2, 3 sections of 3-5
 - ii. Mrs. Duffey will retire at the end of this school year
 - iii. Mrs. Meyers will return to second grade
 - iv. New 1st and 3rd grade teachers
 - v. Specialists will remain the same
6. PTA Liaison Report- Mrs. Hendrickson
7. New Business
 - a. Principal Appreciation Day
 - i. April 8th
 - ii. Ideas?
 - b. Proposal for Treasurer in Student Council
 - i. PTA provides them with \$250 annually
 - ii. Will vote next meeting to finalize
 - c. Flower bed project
 - i. Group or volunteers to plant perennials
 - ii. Budget \$250
 - d. Earth Day
 - i. Anita Smithson
 - e. Scholastic Book Fair
 - i. Week of May 2nd to 6th
 - ii. Eid al-Fitr (end of Ramadan, the Muslim holy month) May 2nd and 3rd
 - iii. Actual days of sale Wed, Thurs, maybe Fri
 - iv. Can we do an evening?
 - f. Teacher Appreciation Week
 - i. May 2nd to 6th
 - ii. Theme or choose each day?
 - g. BINGO night and Dance
 - i. May 20th (27th is start of Memorial Day)
 - ii.
8. Open Forum
 - a. Do we have any restaurant nights scheduled for April?
 - i. Tanya Schefers is working on some ideas for April
 - b. Kelly McDevitt expressed her gratitude for being allowed to come into volunteer in the lunchroom
 - c. Anna Tierney also thanked everyone for a great year despite all the challenges
9. Connections
 - a. Contact Information
 - i. PTA via email at olepta@gmail.com

- ii. Follow OLE PTA on Facebook Olson Elementary – PTA
 - iii. Send pictures to olsonyearbook@gmail.com
 - iv. Watch for Signup Genius ways to help
 - b. Donations
 - v. Smile.amazon.com: PTA Minnesota Congress 004945 Hubert Olson PTA
 - vi. Olson PTA's TAX ID # is 41-1383279
 - c. Become a member of the PTA
 - vii. Become a voting member of the PTA! Why?
 1. The number one reason to join the Parent Teacher Association is to benefit your child. In doing so, you also help your school.
 2. But there are many more PTA advantages:
 3. Get Connected. There's no better way to know what's happening in your school.
 4. Discover Great Resources. The PTA offers a variety of programs designed for parents as well as students.
 5. Tap into a Network. PTA functions are opportunities to meet other parents and teachers, building rapport and discussing issues that are on your mind. You can share ideas, concerns, and experiences.
 6. Go online! <https://olepta.myschoolcentral.com>
 7. Please send us your email by sending us an email at olepta@gmail.com
10. Open Volunteer Positions
- a. PTSA Council Rep -Jevin Pinske
 - b. Book Fair -Anita Smithson, Erin Evans
 - c. Box Tops for Education
 - d. Grandparent/Special Person Day - Anna Tierney
 - e. Bulletin Boards -PTA Board
 - f. Carnival
 - g. Donations/Grant Request
 - h. School Directory
 - i. Kindergarten Registration -PTA Board
 - j. Learn Green/Earth Day
 - k. Olympic Day
 - l. Parent Social
 - m. Fundraisers
 - n. Recognitions/Appreciation -Jackie Martin
 - o. Reflections -Tanya Schefers
 - p. Room/Grade Volunteers -Courtney Rykken
 - q. School Dance
 - r. School Pictures -Jess Abrahamson and Leah Baroun
 - s. Spirit Wear
 - t. Toolboxes -Courtney Rykken
 - u. Yearbook - Katie Cox
 - v. Wednesday Packets -Jess Abrahamson
 - w. Restaurant Nights - Tanya Schefers and Christine Knutson
11. Closing
- a. President adjourned the meeting at 7:32 pm
 - b. Next PTA Meeting: April 19, 2022 @ 6:30pm