

April 19th, 2022 PTA Meeting Minutes

President called a meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

Meeting Attendance:

Kristin Flynn, Karin Ryan, Chris and Jess Abrahamson, Melanie Hendrickson, Elizabeth Kamberg Griebel, Paul Meyer, Jenny Dixon, Courtney Rykken, Stephanie Meyer, Cindy Hobbs, Kamini and Daryl Quam, Jevin Pinske, Joel Sandi, Carol Low, Katie Cox, Kelly McDevitt Smith, Simeon Ongoi, Zeke Anderson

1. Introductions and President Report

a. Past Events

i. Principal Appreciation Day – April 8th

1. Jackie Martin interviewed students and compiled sweet video for Mr. Meyer

ii. VEAP Food Drive

1. We met our goal!!

b. Current Events

i. Secretary/Clerk Appreciation Day – April 22nd

1. Celebrating Mrs. Farhmann, Mrs. Hauer, Mrs. Janssen, Mrs. Ott (media center clerk)

ii. Teacher Appreciation Week

1. May 2nd to 6th
2. Rainbow in the clouds theme
3. Volunteers needed:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4DAEA629A1FE3-teacher>
4. Kamani Quam offered to help decorate for teacher appreciation week

iii. Book Fair!

1. May 4th to 6th
2. 4th Teacher and student walk through
3. 5th & 6th Students purchase during day
4. Thursday the 5th Family Night!
 - a. Shop 4:30 to 7:30
 - b. Bingo 6:00 to 7:00
5. Food truck lead – Kamani Quam offered to pursue food truck options
 - a. Dominoes pizza slices were thrown out as another option
6. Volunteers needed:

iv. Kindergarten and 5th Grade Graduations

1. Wednesday June 8th
 - a. 5th Grade Graduation and Honors 9:30am
 - b. Kindergarten Graduation 2:15pm
2. Volunteers Needed!
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4DAEA629A1FE3-5thgrade>

v. Spring Spirit Wear

1. Order online by April 21st
2. <https://olepta.myschoolcentral.com>

c. New Business

- i. Proposal for Treasurer in Student Council
 - ii. Each year the Olson Elementary PTA will provide \$250 for the student council.
 - iii. The Student Council Executives must vote on how to spend the money.
 - iv. The following information will be presented to the OLE Principal, Mr. Meyer for approval:
 - 1. Item(s) we wish to purchase, total cost, what it will be used for, how will it benefit the students, treasurer signature, principal signature, date
 - v. After approval and signature from Mr. Meyer, give this form to the Olson Elementary PTA treasurer for purchase (must provide 2 weeks).
 - vi. The money does not accumulate from year to year, funds must be spent by May
 - d. Voting for student council funds
 - i. Jevin Pinske made a motion to approve adding a line item on our PTA budge which would give the student council \$250 annually
 - ii. Joel Sandi made a second motion to approve adding a line item on our PTA budge which would give the student council \$250 annually
 - iii. PTA members who approved the motion: Kristin Flynn, Karin Ryan, Chris and Jess Abrahamson, Melanie Hendrickson, Elizabeth Kamberg Griebel, Paul Meyer, Jenny Dixon, Courtney Rykken, Stephanie Meyer, Cindy Hobbs, Kamini and Daryl Quam, Jevin Pinske, Joel Sandi, Carol Low, Katie Cox, Kelly McDevitt Smith
 - iv. Nobody was opposed to this vote
 - e. New Business
 - i. Flower bed project
 - ii. Group or volunteers to plant perennials
 - iii. Budget \$250
 - iv. Barb Sharpe volunteered
 - v. Rock project with Ms. Mason
2. Guest Teachers
- a. Fabulous fifth grade teachers – Carol Low, Jenny Dixon, Cindy Hobbs
 - i. Working on the MCA's right now and have another 5 weeks of standardized tests ahead
 - ii. Looking forward to:
 - 1. Valleyfair on May 25th
 - 2. Staff vs. student kick ball game
 - 3. End of the year party
 - iii. Kids loved the variety show video
3. Connections
- a. End of the year celebrations:
 - i. Kindergarten graduation
 - ii. 5th grade graduation
 - iii. 5th grade honors program
4. Treasurer Update – Krista Harris
5. PTSA Update – Jevin Pinske
- a. Superintendent discussed plans for a staff and student wellness program. More to come.
 - b. The community survey results were released. The survey was favorable for teachers, staff, and administration, but not the school board.
6. Principal Update – Paul Meyer
- a. Currently doing MCA testing. MAP testing will follow

- b. Covid numbers are increasing again
 - c. Working on preparing cards ready to send out to families for placement for next year
- 7. PTA Liaison Report- Mrs. Hendrickson
- 8. New Business
 - a. 2022-2023 Board Members
 - i. President
 - ii. Vice President
 - iii. Treasurer
 - iv. Secretary
 - b. Sharing experience
 - i. Current Treasurer
 - ii. Current Secretary
 - iii. Current President
- 9. Open Forum
 - a. Jevin Pinske – Do we have a nomination deadline for board positions?
 - i. We will vote on May 3rd. Karin will investigate this.
 - b. Jess Abrahamson – Are we doing an end of year party for the younger grades?
 - i. Paul will check at principal's meeting this Thursday and circle back at our May meeting.
 - c. Katie Cox – Will we be doing the end of the year drive through parade?
 - i. Paul will talk to staff and see where we are at with this.
- 10. 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
- 11. 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

12. Closing

- a. President adjourned the meeting at 7:32 pm
- b. Next PTA Meeting: April 19, 2022 @ 6:30pm