

OAK RIDGE PTO
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 DATE: 1/14/2026
 TIME: 6:30 PM
 LOCATION: Oak Ridge Elementary
 FACILITATOR: Oak Ridge PTO Board



OAK RIDGE ELEMENTARY PTO MISSION STATEMENT:

The Oak Ridge Parent Teacher Organization's mission is to facilitate the betterment of Oak Ridge by creating an open, welcoming and supportive learning environment, fostering school pride, developing and strengthening the community of advocates that exist to support our students, teachers, staff and families. We appreciate parent involvement in any capacity and invite you to join us in helping our school this year.

Attendees

Co President - Ashley McNairy	Principal - Dr. Cathy Kindem	Nicole Ullman- Social Worker
Co President - Jenny Nordeen	Vice President– Russell Tapper	Alex Helps- Parent
Secretary - Chrissy Schultz	Board Member At Large –Emilie Burgduff	Alan Klein- Parent
Treasurer - Jennelle Johnson	Board Member At Large – Annie Hanson	Amy LimBybliw- Parent
Board Member at Large- Sara Brennan	Jamie Kuitunen- Parent	Teacher- Claire Biolo
Board Member At Large- Katie Lacey	Britta Coyne- Parent	Jamie Barton- Assistant Admin.
Jorja Valandra- Cultural Family Advocate		

TIME	Meeting Topics
	Cathy's Zoom Link created for 1/14/26 Join Zoom Meeting https://district196-org.zoom.us/j/86172815314?pwd=WHDQYumzvmfMuXuxx9u6zLZArvX2lo.1 Meeting ID: 861 7281 5314 Passcode: 900863
6:30 PM	Call to order: Meeting Called to Order by PTO President Ashley McNairy Introduction of attendees, Ice breaker (winter activities)
6:40 PM	Welcome and Introductions Guest Speaker: Jamie Barton and Jorja Valandra Topic: Honoring Indigenous Knowledge Year-Round Presentation Slides

6:55 PM	Principal Update - School Updates: - Camp Wonder Thank you!- PTO funds supported supplies and snacks. Another Camp Wonder will happen before spring break - Fundraiser Celebrations- Dr. Kindem jumped in the lake and the Miss Gadek's class earned a "fancy" meal in the conference room for being a top fundraiser, Kindergarten was the top grade level and gets to go to the planetarium with Dr. Kindem and guests - Academic Progress- conferences coming up to discuss student progress, assessments will be printed or sent home around conference times - Upcoming School Events- field trips coming up are on as planned but will get district guidance on events if there need to be adjustments
7:05 PM	December Meeting Minutes have been approved and posted
7:05 PM	PTO Update - Support for Oak Ridge Families in current circumstances- Neighborly Assistance see ways to help, example of a google form. Social workers and admin will work together to come up with a survey or google form that we can put out to recruit volunteers. A sign up genius will also come out to share with families that lists household/personal care items needed. - Restaurant night (Ashley) - December's restaurant night at Ansari's was well received - \$240.64 - January restaurant night at Panera - February is at Raising Canes on 2/18 - Movie night (Ashley/Sara)- will be rescheduled to a date when all can feel safe attending Planning on January 23rd - from 6-8pm, movie starts at 6:30- this will be rescheduled Equipment needs Volunteers needs - Book Fair and Teacher meal (Jenny & Russell will connect on this) - Feb 4th and 5th - Skateville planning (Jenny will be there to pay and Mr. T will be at the door to verify students) - Tuesday, February 10th from 5-7 Topics for next meeting - School volunteer opportunities - Community Support - Teacher Appreciation - Raffle again? Any items the teachers really liked? - Volunteer to lead this
	Budget Update- will discuss next time - Jennelle - updates - Scholastic dollars balance- \$3120.25

7:20 PM	Teacher/Staff Updates/Requests • Review approved requests- • Any new ones? ○ ACCESS Snacks- needed by the 26th ■ <i>If we can get a total of 340 snacks (all gelatin free) but with a mix of sweet and salty options, that would be great. Some ideas: Costco size Cheez-its, Fruit Snacks, Pretzels</i>
7:25 PM	Parent Comments/Questions • None
7:30 PM	Closing Comments • None
7:30 PM	Adjourn Meeting Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, February 11th, 2026