

## October 12, 2021 PTA Meeting Minutes

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

### Meeting Attendance:

Kristin Flynn, Karin Ryan, Krista Harris, Paul Meyer, Melanie Hendrickson, Kim Mason, Lynn Huber, Elizabeth Kamberg Griebel, Scott Arnold, Courney Rykken, Stephanie Olson, Tanya Schefers, Jess Abrahamson, Chris Abrahamson, Anna Tierney, Lamin Trawally, Nichole Olson, Stephanie Meyer, Aleena Isqq, Katie Cox, Joel Sandi, Crystal Anderson, Leah Baroun, Savion, Beth Keating, Allison Welshinger

1. Introductions and President Report
  - a. Past Events
    - i. Read-A-Thon
      1. Dress up days, Read-a-loud, Books & BINGO
    - ii. New fall pumpkins and mums in front entrance planter boxes
  - b. Connections – Learn about OLE
    - i. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Positions
      1. Kindergarten Buddies
      2. Teacher's Assistants
      3. News Crew
      4. Safety Patrol
      5. School Store
    - ii. Students took their oath at the last White Tiger Rally
2. Treasurer Update – Krista Harris
  - a. Read-A-Thon was wildly successful -surpassed \$8,000 goal – grand total \$10, 191.00
    - i. Small portion of proceeds will used to pay fee from fundraising site
  - b. We sold \$1,700.00 in spirit wear
  - c. Raised \$611 on BINGO night
3. Principal Update – Paul Meyer
  - a. Great Read-A-Thon week and Books & BINGO event
  - b. Kids are happy. Teachers are tired, but happy. Starting to get into a rhythm.
  - c. Finishing up MAP Testing (results used for guided reading & math groups
  - d. Working on after school math support program for grades 2-5
  - e. Families will be getting results from a student survey on climate of school (self-reporting). This will help identify student who are struggling.
  - f. Fall conferences will kick off on Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup>
  - g. Student council will happen this year after two-year break
    - i. 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will run for office
    - ii. Student will elect Secretary, Vice President, and President
      1. Primary elections will take place on Friday, October 15
      2. 2 reps from grades 2-5, 1<sup>st</sup> grade will vote from classroom
      3. Kindergarten will not participate in election
    - iii. Grade reps will vote on top three candidates and winners will go on final ballot
    - iv. Formal assembly and speeches will take place on October 19, 2021
4. Guest Teachers – OLE Specialists
  - a. Lynn Huber – Gym

- i. Recently completed mile run in class. Fitness testing will be next (push-ups, pull ups, sit and reach, mile run, and sit ups)
    - ii. Karin Ryan asked, "Do they still do the Presidential Fitness Awards?"
      - 1. Lynn answered, "We still do the formal testing, but we aren't able to give out awards anymore."
  - b. Scott Arnold – Music
    - i. It's been an enjoyable start to the year with our student teacher. She has now left to complete student teaching at Kennedy High School.
  - c. Kim Mason – Art
    - i. Current lessons by grade
      - 1. K- Sunflowers
      - 2. 1<sup>st</sup>- Pattern turtles
      - 3. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Australian art design
      - 4. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Radical design
      - 5. 4<sup>th</sup>- Mexican folk art
      - 6. 5<sup>th</sup> – Line, shape, and intuitive drawings
    - ii. Reflections will happen this year beginning in November
- 5. PTA Liaison Report- Mrs. Hendrickson
  - a. 3<sup>rd</sup> graders are in the middle of their 1<sup>st</sup> ELA assessment
- 6. New Business
  - a. Volunteers
    - i. Must be approved
    - ii. Complete background check
    - iii. Fully vaccinated
    - iv. If interested, start process now
  - b. Room Volunteers shifted to Grade Fun Coordinators
    - i. Moving from parties to days of play
    - ii. COVID protocols
    - iii. Courtney Rykken will oversee fun coordinators
      - 1. Fun coordinators will be sending out a letter requesting small donation to help fund days of play
  - c. Restaurant Nights – Tanya Schefers and Christine Knutson
    - i. Chipotle Monday October 25<sup>th</sup> (33% proceeds go back to OLE)
    - ii. Northstar is Monday November 15<sup>th</sup>
    - iii. Snuffy's is Tuesday Dec 14<sup>th</sup>
  - d. New Website
    - i. <https://sites.google.com/isd271.org/olepta>
- 7. Book Fair
  - a. Do fall and spring
  - b. Fall fair pushed back to first full week of December
    - i. Books will be delivered to school
    - ii. Students will have "book buying experience"
    - iii. Students will be able to purchase books using "e-wallets"
    - iv. Every kid will be given opportunity to purchase a book with Scholastic dollars
    - v. Teachers will be able to create a wish list through Scholastic website
  - c. Spring
    - i. Hopefully can run full book fair

## 8. Open Forum

- a. Nichole Olson asked, "Can we look into getting a laminator for teachers now that we made some extra funds from the Read-A-Thon?"
  - i. Krista Harris said, "This is something we could definitely approve after surpassing our Read-A-Thon goal."
- b. Jess Abrahamson made a proposal for a new 27-inch laminator for teachers
  - i. Laminator cost is \$2000.00 on Amazon and comes with two extra rolls
- c. Jess Abrahamson made a formal motion to approve purchase of laminator
  - i. Courtney Rykken made a second motion to approve
  - ii. All PTA members who voted in favor of laminator purchase: Katie Cox, Joel Sandi, Tanya Schefers, Jess Abrahamson, Courtney Rykken, Leah Baroun, Eliabeth Kamberg Griebel, Stephanie Meyer, Anna Tierney, Krista Harris, Melanie Hendrickson, Karin Ryan
  - iii. No one opposed to purchase of laminator
  - iv. Jess Abrahamson will purchase laminator on Amazon and submit form for reimbursement
- d. Stephanie Meyer offered to make a flyer to distribute to help promote Amazon Smiles
- e. Allison Welshinger asked if we could post restaurant nights to our OLE Facebook page or add dates to an events calendar

## 9. Connections

- a. Contact Information
  - i. PTA via email at [olepta@gmail.com](mailto:olepta@gmail.com)
  - ii. Follow OLE PTA on Facebook Olson Elementary – PTA
  - iii. Send pictures to [olsonyearbook@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 7:27 pm
- b. Next PTA Meeting: November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 @ 6:30pm