

**Oakerest PTA Board Meeting
September 11, 2008
Minutes**

In Attendance: Kim Foster, Jennifer Higley, Rebecca Hammond, Amanda Hamblin, Jamie Logue, Jerusha Buckner, Leo McCormick, Ninette Tigner, Cindy Charilee, Holly Winn, Bethany Blackham, Melissa Parra, Michelle Moulton, Pat Buske, Aaron Larson

Called to Order: Aaron Larson, PTA President

Aaron Larson motioned to approve the minutes as amended from the August 14th meeting. Amanda Hamblin seconded the motion. The minutes stand as amended.

Treasurer Report: Michelle Moulton

Beginning checking account balance as of 1 Aug 2008 was \$12,077.30

Ending balance August 31, 2008 was \$11863.03

108 members in PTA

Aaron mentioned that there are 13 more online members that will be added to September's total.

Administrator's Report

Please excuse both Norm Emerson and Rebecca Bibo, who were unable to make it. It was passed along by Aaron that Norm, Rebecca and Katie all appreciate what the PTA is doing for the school

Teacher Report: Pat Buske

She has not heard the teachers complain, which is a good thing!

The Olympics went well

President's Report: Aaron Larson

Back To School Night

Everyone did a great job, especially the new commissioners

Aaron used the leftover wristbands to attract kids and parents to the membership table

Fundraiser

Completed for A&B Tracks rough numbers in from Michelle are that we made between \$10,000 and \$12,000 (which still needs to be split with the company)

Conflict of Interest Policy

We need to be aware and abide by local ethics and conflict policies.

Aaron read the policy that we all needed to sign . It will also be emailed to us and available to read from Aaron

Board Meeting Structure

Officially if we miss up to 3 consecutive meetings we may be asked to leave our positions

Aaron does not have the expectation for us to be at every meeting as long as we are fulfilling our positions

We will continue to have Board meeting at the regular time of 5:30 p.m.

PTA and Pancakes

Aaron suggested having a pancake breakfast for teachers on track off day. This would fall under the direction of Teacher appreciation and Hospitality. The event is scheduled for Oct 15th at 7:30 a.m. Aaron will check with Mr. Emerson to make sure there is no faculty meeting scheduled for that morning.

President Elect: Michelle Moulton

Kudos: Jerusha Buckner for Green ribbon week, Jennifer Higley for Birthdays, Alyssa for fundraising

Newsletter

Michelle plans on educating the PTA general membership through the newsletter on what the board does. She hopes that this may spark interest in the general membership to join the board next year.

If any board member would like their position highlighted, please let Michelle know.

Membership: Bethany Blackham

Rough number 124 members

Is busy inputting membership into OMDR, will hopefully have numbers by next week.

Felt like numbers are down because Back to School Night was after school started Will have list by next month of all teachers and Board Members who have not joined

Reflections: Ninette Tigner

Needs list of volunteers from Amy

Needs deadline, judging and award dates

Possibly have someone (Aaron?) do morning TV spot to advertise

This year's theme is "WOW!"

Education Commissioner: Leo McCormick

Leo passed out a paper with all of the dates for article deadlines for the newsletter

Also, a parent had requested a more nutritious breakfast for Breakfast with Books, other than donuts. The idea was shot down unanimously by the board to change that. The breakfast stands as is!

Box Tops: Holly Winn

Box Top Bonanza is coming up. She needs help Sept. 26th and Oct. 3rd to collect Box Tops from the classrooms.

Target has a program where we fill a sheet with Box Tops and send it in, they send us 30 more Box Tops.

Holly is having a household contest this year. They are giving away movie tickets as prizes

Melissa Parra

Hearing Screening

Thurs Sept. 18th C&D Tracks

Vision Screening

Weds. Sept 17th C&D Tracks, Oct 22nd A&B Tracks

If a teacher needs the screening done for referrals, they can have it done with the earlier tracks

Maturation Night

Sept. 25th 6:30 and 7:00

Mr. Emerson has been working with Melissa on this. There are 230-250 people expected.

She has volunteers, might need more.

She will be collaborating with Hospitality for the dinner

Safety: Jerusha Buckner

Safety Committee Meeting was held

Issues discussed included pick up and drop off zone.

Parents, please don't get out of car, pull forward

Parents are crossing in the street in front of school instead of using the crosswalks, kids are not looking for cars.

City code states that streets with 25mph speed limit don't need flashing yellow light, but they are going to be looking into one. There may be speed strips in front of the school soon to check on the speeds parents are going.

Remind children that safety drills are silent

No talking while exiting and entering school during drill

Bully Blocker Kickoff Week Oct 6-10

Instead of Red Ribbon/ Purple Ribbon Week

Mr. Springer will be assisting in the program. He will be going into the classrooms starting next week. There will be webisodes on the morning announcements, with follow up material available to the teachers.

Bully Blocker coupons will be handed out to students who are caught going out of their way to be inclusive to others and being an "anti-bully"

Drawing will be on Friday for each grade

Prize ideas

IPOD shuffle or MP3 players

Family Life: Jamie Logue

National Family Week Nov23-29

Encouraging families to eat dinner together and talk

Also noted was that the vote was in on school shirts, the winning color was Navy Blue, two toned. The price will be between \$6-\$7. We cannot make more than 50 cents per shirt.

NEXT MEETING THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9th 5:30p.m. IN THE MEDIA CENTER

Minutes Approved _____

Signature _____