



Old Mill Elementary PTA Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2018
Teacher's Lounge

Members present: Jill Kowalski, Casadi Peterson, Julie Ward, Jeff Peterson, Heidi Korberlein, Brittney Jones, Stephanie Discher, Ana Maruri, Amber Peterson, Kara Berkley, Chrissy Shakespeare, Amanda Noyce

Meeting Conducted by: Jill Kowalski

Thought: Jill Kowalski

Pledge: Chrissy Shakespeare

Minutes Approved: Casadi Peterson, Amber Peterson

Treasury Report:

As of August 31, 2018, OME PTA has \$16, 555.42 in the bank. Throughout the month the PTA will have money coming in and going out with the upcoming fun run.

Electronic Payments: Utah State PTA has decided VENMO can no longer be used in the PTA. The PTA will respect this new policy and not accept VENMO unless the policy changes.

District PTA Update

Collin Kartchner, who does screen time research with children, spoke to the district. The district PTA is wanting to have more restrictions on cell phones in school. Collin recommended books for parents raising kids in a technology world. Glow Kids, I GEN, and How to Raise an Adult. The message Collin is speaking is that technology is not the problem, it is the time spent on devices that is the problem. The average Utah teen spends 9 hrs a day on screens. Recommended is 1.5-2 hrs. Studies have shown when you are on screens more than 5 hours a day there is a 71% increase in depression and anxiety. The district PTA is hoping to sponsor Collin's program for the community at large. It would include meetings with staff and parents to spread knowledge about the issue. All schools in the district have been asked to contribute \$200 to support the program. OME PTA approved the \$200. To fund the program district PTA will also be looking for private donors.

Principal Discher

Principal Discher is very proud of the work OME parents, students, teachers, and PTA has put in to support better academic performance. As a school we made 19% improvement in Reading last year and 17% improvement in Math over the past 2 years. In comparison to schools like ours, we went from 15th to 6th in the state in Reading and from 10th to 5th in the state in Math. Our 5 year plan was to be top 5 in 5 years and we accomplished that in 3. Principal Discher credits our partnerships with parents, teachers, and community. On top of wanting OME students to have academic achievements the school is creating essential behaviors the kids can develop all the way up through 5th grade. These skills will help the kids interact socially. Mr. Mangrum heads these essential behavior classes. The first class taught the kids to make eye contact, and how to greet people. The goal is to have these skills mastered by 5th Grade, so OME kids can be socially well rounded and academically smart.

Danny Labrum started a program for the teachers. He will be giving away a free 1 year lease on a car as well as gas for a year. Rebecca Height won last year. Teachers receive "cool care cards" which are put in a drawing for the car. Principal Discher gives these cards out but parents are welcome to nominate as well. One winner from each school will be put in a final drawing with all the other winners in the district.

Principal Discher wants to do something for the paras since they do so much for our school but are not part of the car drawing. A free night stay, or dinner were suggestions. She is asking help from the PTA to put together something for the Paras.

Community Council is separate from PTA. It's a group of parents who help make decisions for the trust land funds. OME get about \$50,000 from this fund.

Student Council – It will cost \$35 a student to support student council in participating in a leadership training. This is on the current budget for 2018. If the PTA fun run money comes in as expected, the PTA will gladly pay to send the student council to this leadership training.

Fun Run – Last year the fun run brought in a gross \$29,000, and net \$25,000. This year so far it has brought in a gross \$22,000 as of today. The fun run committee is expecting these numbers to climb in the next 2 days. The committee feels ready! The committee has a lot of volunteers, and are confident the run will go smoothly. The time of the run is shortened this year. It will go from 9:00-11:50. PTA will be putting fun run bags together September 26th starting at 9:30am. Everything will be set up on the stage. PTA will announce winners over the intercom on Friday, September 28th. Prizes will be dispersed at this time. The PTA has decided to use the gift basket from American Craft as raffle to the teachers for participation. The Fun Run has seen a big increase in corporate donors.

Calendar Review/Volunteer Holes – Appreciation days are coming up. Crossing guard appreciation/National Walk to School Day is October 3rd. The county and health department are coordinating Green Ribbon Week. Last year there was a drawing for bike helmets. PTA will talk with the health department about doing bike helmets again this year.

Reflections – We do not have a reflections chair. Audrey Moulton who has experience is willing to help but does not want to be the chairperson. Chairperson's are responsible for getting out flyers, setting up the exhibit, and finding judges for the contest. We have a committee, we just don't have a chair person. We will send out an email after the fun run.

Photographer – We don't have a photographer signed up, Stephanie and Mrs. Mellon take pictures and are willing to take them during the fun run.

Book Fair – September 27th is set up. The committee will have the tables set up beforehand. The committee will need help setting up books and carts. A sign-up genius will be sent out. The PTA makes up to 50% of what we sell at the bookfair. The money from book fair is generally used to buy more books.

Teacher conference dinners – Heidi Korberlien is heading the committee on this. The PTA has asked to have the food there by 2:45. Heidi is considering doing a panini press. Committee needs to plan on feeding 50 teachers.

Red Ribbon Week – October 8th-12th. The focus of Red Ribbon Week has changed and is focused on more making healthy choices. Focusing on things like staying active and having less screen time. The theme is, "Heathy choices make the best me." Sunni May is heading the committee. Student council would like to help with anything the PTA needs help with for Red Ribbon Week. A sign-up genius will be sent out for people to volunteer to help.

Box Tops – Next week or the week after we can do flyers for the fall collection. The committee will have incentives before then.

Meeting adjourned at 11:12 AM

Date Accepted: 10/11/2018

OME PTA Secretary: Chrissy Shakespeare