

Agenda: Oak Hills Elementary Parent Teacher Organization

February 8, 2016 – Oak Hills School Library, 2:50 pm

- 1) Welcome/Call to Order - Wendy Turinsky
- 2) Principal's Report - Principal Hagseth
 - a) 3pm start time for all further afternoon meetings
 - b) Kindergarten Registration is open now
 - c) New Safe Routes to school from Lynn Mutrie
 - d) Future Ready School FY'16-17 – due to the funds from the bond we will have a increased amount of Chrombooks and Ipads for our students to use which brings our rations down significantly. Great News!
- 3) Treasurer Report – Melica Ellerbrook – Introduced new report format
- 4) Committee Reports
 - a. Conference Meals – New Organizer Needed
- 5) Old Business
 - a. Barn Dance – New Parent Coordinator - Heather Lambert
 - i. Propose we choose charity Book Collection for New Community Library. This would greatly benefit community library for kids of the Beaverton school district who are in great need: Each child would bring a book, puzzle, dvd, audio books...new or used. Heather Lambert Makes a motion for this to be the donation opportunity for the Barn Dance.
 - ii. 2nd Kristin Hamman
 - iii. Cheryl re-proposes the OH Food Pantry & Clarifies that this would be currently taken on by the staff volunteers
 - iv. Motion proposed by Heather Lambert does not pass.
 - v. Lark Asbury Motions to collect both books and food snack items for both charities for the Barn Dance admittance “fee”
 - vi. Mandy seconds the motion
 - vii. All in favor please
 - viii. None opposed
 - b. Resume Discussion of PTO Budgeting Practices – Kim Douglas see attached presentation
 - c. Kim states the PTO proposal through her presentation : *“What we are proposing is to change our fundraising & forecasting style for the current year and only carrying over spending needs from July to November which on average over the last two years has been \$25K. With a note that the PTO Board reviews current years budget in January and adjusts according to cover the reaming year. With the “surplus” that we will carry over the PTO would slowly spend down based upon the requests and needs of our students and teachers.”*
 - d. Lark Asbury Makes a motion to change our fundraising & forecasting style for the current year and only carrying over spending needs from July to November which on average over

the last two years has been \$25K. With a note that the PTO Board reviews current years budget in January and adjusts according to cover the remaining year. With the “surplus” that we will carry over the PTO would slowly spend down based upon the requests and needs of our students and teachers.

- e. Mandy 2nds
- f. No further discussion
- g. All in favor
- h. None opposed
- i. Motion carries

6) New Business/Motions

- a. Bussing cost \$180 total through the district
 - i. Wendy Makes a motion for \$600 for transportation costs for the 5th grade
 - ii. All in favor
 - iii. None opposed
- b. Anti Bullying Class motion made by Lori White– discussion of types of bullying. Covering all grades. Instructors based on class-by-class budget. No second on the motion. Does not pass
 - i. Motion on tabling the above motion to find out further information.
 - ii. All in favor
 - iii. Motion carries
- c. Review of new volunteer policy – Lark Asbury
 - i. Kim Reads letter from Cheryl.
 - ii. Heather Lambert – speaks on choosing volunteer options that works for her teachers and her family. Addresses what this new policy does for young parents and volunteers. Worried about alienating families with young children – we will lose our community and volunteer impact. Request this to be brought to a discussion as teachers and parents and work on a case by case bases.
 - iii. Melica – reports through our current volunteer base 25% Work parties wont continue due to younger siblings
 - iv. Teachers Speak – this is “based upon a liability issue, not about alienating younger children of siblings.”
 - v. Kim speaks on her personal experience with volunteering in the school with Max as a younger sibling. Her 5 hrs a week are down to 1 hr due to the new policy.
 - vi. Kristin Haman Speaks on the overall message that the parent community received through this abrupt communication “parents not welcome”

- vii. Ben Porter speaks to not going case by case...he supports the mommas/daddies who need to stay home instead of volunteering.
- viii. Jen Anderson – “if the spirited kids could be the exception rather than the rule”...
- ix. Teachers speak up and ask for “Co-op Style” – Teachers speak on “managing” their work load if their volunteer hours from parents drop due to the new policy.
- x. Wendy reads email from Lisa Richards.
- xi. Ms. Musser – comments on how this feels really abrupt and understands the parents voice and reaction.
- xii. Cheryl Reviews what she learned at Beaverton school Dst. Mtg in regards to what other schools polices are. “We were operating out of district policy.”
- xiii. Heather Lambert notes that there is no district policy from the research she did. It is up to each Principal/School to make their own policy.
- xiv. Jen Cooper – continues to ask for teacher-by-teacher basis.
- xv. Discussions continues between Staff & Parents on the way that the policy was communicated, abruptness, request for Case by case basis and the reasoning behind the policy due to this impacting the Teachers in the classroom during instructional time.
- xvi. Mandy Requests for clearer clarification for volunteering sibling policy’s for coming school year
- xvii. Conversation/Dialogue end with the new policy still in place and Cherly understanding the way that the communication on the policy could have been made different for future needs.

d. Safety Committee

- i. Student/Teacher/Classroom/School
- ii. Motion to table discussion until next mtg since this was not on our original agenda and we have gone over our current hour.

7) Other Parent Concerns/Comments

- a. New volunteer policy: Parental concern for no siblings: See notes above for Review of Volunteer Policy.

Announcements

- b. Next Popcorn Friday - 02/19/16
- c. Space Pirates Musical – 02/19 + 02/20
Shows at 5pm and 7pm at Meadow Park Middle School
Ticket Sales online only

- d. Battle of the Books Final Battles – 02/23 at 1:15pm
- e. Community Emergency Preparedness Meeting - 02/25
at Oak Hills Community Church 7 to 9pm

In Attendance:

- 1. Lark Asbury
- 2. Cheryl Hagseth
- 3. Wendy Turnisky
- 4. Michelle McGhee
- 5. Jennifer Pernella
- 6. Tom Caldwell
- 7. Lori White
- 8. Jenn Cooper
- 9. Lynene Hanson
- 10. Heather Wadia
- 11. Loretta Ramm
- 12. Chelsea Arrasmith
- 13. Heather Hoxie
- 14. Jacqui Watson
- 15. Jen Anderson
- 16. Jim C?
- 17. Rebecca Moon Leibowitz
- 18. Dennise Herrington
- 19. Cynthia Benfield
- 20. Dominique De Spain
- 21. Kristin Hamann
- 22. Melica Ellerbrook
- 23. Mandi MacAskill
- 24. Sarika Mosley
- 25. Rachael Smith
- 26. Joanne Moran
- 27. Ben Porter
- 28. Pamela ?
- 29. Kelli Blake
- 30. Krisi Guerra
- 31. Karen Jeffry
- 32. Katy Janoega