

OAK HILLS ELEMENTARY PTO MEETING

March 18, 2025

Meeting called to order: 7:04pm

Oak Hills Gym and ZOOM Audio

In Attendance: Andrea Seidman, Tami Rothenfluch, Miriam Ortiz, Leah Morris, Larissa Boylan, Jessie Gagatko, Raina Gangwal, Katherine Weitzel, Laura Piipo, Sarah Gradis, Mollie Zeuthen, Thao Do-Gwilliam, Erika Hansen

Attendance Via Zoom: Jennifer Brinkerhoff, Jennifer Arguinzoni-Ward

Principal's message,

Thao Do-Gwilliam

1. Start of Friday assemblies once a month to build community
2. Thank you STEM Night volunteers and attendees
 - a. Proud of our students' work and showcasing their contributions to their community
 - b. Inquiry based learning is important and we're always looking for ways to foster that
3. Thank you to club volunteers, it is a beloved opportunity
4. CONSTRUCTION
 - a. Updates will be sent via ParentSquare
 - b. Starting Saturday March 22:
 - i. Fencing and construction zone will be coming up
 - ii. Undercover and basketball court will eventually be closed
 - iii. Playground will remain open
 - iv. NORTH gate will be closed because it will be a construction zone
 - v. Library project starting over spring break
2. Summer school will NOT be held at Oak Hills this year
 - a. This may affect whether Kinder Academy happens at Oak Hills or another location, Or if it happens at all

Erika Hansen

1. Walk and Roll March 19, 2025
2. Parent Question: There are student reports that running is not being allowed on bark chips/playground structure at all. There is also no running on the blacktop and fields are closed. What are current recess rules; when can children run; if these report are accurate, why was this change implemented?
 - a. RESPONSE:
 - b. Yes, they have stopped allowing running on the bark
 - c. Students are allowed to run while actively playing basketball or on the fields (which have been closed)
 - d. There was an uptick in health room visits due to unsafe play happening. Some of this is related to a greater number of kids concentrated on the bark as fields are

closed. Some of this is due to students engaging in activity that has always been against the rules (eg, jumping from swings and jumping off playground structures).

- e. Staff ask for parent patience as they use the next couple weeks to implement a reteach of recess rules

PTO News

Andrea Seidman

1. Movie Night April 11, showing Inside Out 2
2. Crayon Drive to coincide with Earth Day at the end of April
3. Staff Appreciation Week week of April 28 to coincide with parent-teacher conferences
4. OtterFest scheduled for May 9 but we need volunteers!

Alina Horrocks

1. Lunchtime clubs for all grades will be arts and crafts
2. Potential for after school craft club for grades 3-5 in May, reach out to Alina to help make this opportunity happen

Katherine Weitzel and Miriam Ortiz

1. Fifth Grade Celebration
 - a. Planning to run concession for movie night and OtterFest with 5th graders
 - b. Fundraiser with The Meeting Place in April. You can purchase gift cards, and they are very generous with profit sharing

Tami Rothenfluch

1. RFFs for spring came in within budget. Most requests able to be approved by board
2. Request for \$750 new play kitchen set for a kinder class
 - a. Motion to approve by Leah Morris, seconded by Miriam Ortiz, approved.
3. Request for \$550 for above budget field trip tickets for kindergarten zoo trip
 - a. Motion by Andrea Seidman, seconded by Miriam Ortiz, approved
4. Request for \$400 for above budget field trip tickets for second grade zoo trip
 - a. Motion by Katherine Weitzel, seconded by Andrea Seidman, approved

Motion to approve February PTO meeting minutes by Andrea Seidman, seconded by Raina Gangwal, approved.

Meeting Close: 8:07pm