

OCES PTO Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2019

OES Café

❖ **Introduction/Welcome:** Jen-Hope Belis and Heather Dinkel, Co-Presidents, Jeannette Blaustein, Vice-President, Janet Blanco, Treasurer and Ashley Faulk, Secretary. Jen-Hope and Heather welcomed all to the meeting.

❖ **President's Report:** Jen-Hope and Heather spoke regarding the following:

➤ **Past Events** -

- Welcome back staff luncheon - Firehouse Subs were provided to the teachers and staff members. This event was led by Michele Hildebrand.
- Kindergarten Boo-Hoo breakfast - This event was led by Lindsay Lukas and committee.
- Miracles baseball game - This event was led by Ashley Faulk. Unfortunately, due to inclement weather circumstances this event has been canceled. If you had purchased tickets, the Miracles have confirmed that they will honor them for any future game next season.

➤ **Communications** -

- *OES Families Facebook page* - Please "Like" us! All upcoming events, volunteer opportunities and school information are posted on this page.
- *Panther Press* - This is sent out on Sunday afternoon and is updated on the Oasis Elementary Charter School website.
- *Oasis Charter Elementary School Facebook page* - Administration school Facebook page.
- *SignUp Genius* - SignUp Genius is used for all PTO sponsored events. Volunteer opportunities are on a first come first serve basis. Please follow the directions provided on each signup.

➤ **New Business** -

- Approval of Bylaws
 - First motion: Rita Krzos
 - Second motion: Tina Mellot
- Wreath Fundraiser - material is provided to those interested in making a wreath for the PTO to sell at PTO sponsored events.

➤ **Upcoming Events** -

- **Box Tops** - Box Tops has gone digital! Download the app, add our school, scan your receipt! It's that EASY! First collection is October 10th.
- **Watch D.O.G.S.** - The kickoff meeting is Thursday, September 12th at 6:30pm in the OES cafeteria. Pizza will be provided! This meeting is for D.O.G.S. and children only. Any questions can be directed to joey@oasiswatchdogs.com.
- **Restaurant Cards** - Cards can be purchased for \$10.00 until they are all gone!
- **Boosterthon** - Our Superhero fit challenge is scheduled for September 20th. If you will be attending this event to watch your student complete their challenge, you must RSVP no later than September 16th. No volunteer opportunities at this event.
- **Trunk or Treat** - This is our 4th year doing this event. It will be held on Thursday, October 24th led by Jess Marshall. Your student's teachers will be sending an email for volunteer opportunities.
- **Charleston Wrapping** - NEW! This fundraiser starts November 1st and runs through December 22nd. This fundraiser replaces the Yankee Candle sales and is an online order fundraiser only.
- **Fall Festival** - This event will be held on Saturday, November 16th and is led by Jeannette Blaustein. More information coming soon! Please look for a SignUp Genius to be sent out for this event.

- **Frosty's Factory** - This event will run December 9th - 17th during your student's scheduled Media day.
- **Breakfast with Santa** - This event will be held on Saturday, December 14th from 9:00am - 11:00am. This is a family free event. PTO will be providing breakfast.
- **Staff Appreciation Breakfast** - Led by Michele Hildebrand.

➤ **Foundation Update** (www.CapeCharterFoundation.org):

- **Flash with the Foundation 70's Disco** - This event will be held at Dixie Roadhouse on Saturday, October 5th from 6:00pm - 10:00pm. Tickets can be purchased at www.CapeCharterFoundation.org. Tickets purchased prior to September 15th will save \$10.00!
- **Smile.Amazon.com** - \$.5% of every order goes toward our Foundation or the non-profit organization of your choice. By selecting Cape Coral Municipal Charter School Foundation, the percentage will go to the Cape Coral Charter Schools.

➤ **2019 Budget Approval** - Total budgeted income is \$95,450.00; total budgeted expenses are \$91,370.00.

- First motion: Katie Keezer
- Second motion: Bree Cherry

❖ **Treasurer's Report** -

- **Income** - Fun cards and Smencil sales at open house raised \$2,228.66.
- **Expenses** - Boo-Hoo breakfast was an expense \$149.13, the deposit for the Fall Festival inflatables was \$922.50, teacher reimbursement is currently at \$1,700 and staff appreciation is at \$456.21. We are currently at \$3,227.84 for total expenses.
- **Escrow** - Mr. Christopher Cann requested last year that the PTO start an escrow account for school improvements. Last year we kept a spreadsheet of all the expenses that were incurred. Ms. Grecsek has asked for that money up front to purchase the smart boards for the classroom. A check has been written out to the school and is being given to Ms. Grecsek tonight in the amount of \$28,223.06 to purchase the smart boards. Once Boostheron is over, a \$15,000 check will be made out to the school to cover the rest of the smart board purchase.

❖ **Governing Board Representative Report** - Christopher Jackson introduced himself as the Parent Representative.

- The charter schools will be put together to be more cohesive. The names of the schools will be changing from OES to Oasis South and CME will be Oasis North. Approval is still pending from the Lee County school system.

❖ **Principal's Report** - MaryBeth Grecsek, Interim Principal introduced Carrie Abes, Interim Assistant Principal and thanked her for the hours and hard word she has put in. Carrie came to OES from CME.

- **Branding Process** - This will be overtime, it will not be an overnight change. There will be a change in uniform colors. This is still pending a few different levels of approval.
- **PE teacher Introduction** - Ms. Esmeralda Arroyo is a Certified Personal Trainer. Her passion is teaching children and educating them on understanding their body and how it works. Stay tuned for Family Fitness nights!
- **Boards for Classrooms** - We are still looking at a couple of different brands but leaning towards the Promethium boards. They are a lot like the smart boards. Lee County School District uses the Promethium boards so we are going to try to piggyback off their negotiated price.
- **FSA Points** - This year we have the most points in Lee County for any elementary school in the district at 533 out of 700 points! CME is in second with 513 points!
- **MindUP** - Teaching students about focused awareness. This lesson focuses on teaching them to relax their minds and be mindful of what is going on in their day.
- **PBIS app** - If you are struggling with downloading the app, come into the office for Carrie to assist you.
- **Internet Safety** - Ms. Grecsek, Carrie, the School Counselor and the school SRO have started a taskforce and created a presentation to educate our 4th and 5th graders of the dangers of electronic devices and social media.

❖ **Open discussion:**

- **Morning news room** - Ms. Grecsek explained that any Gmail account that is a branded (school) account has been shut down by Google for posting on YouTube. The news is currently being announced on the overhead. We have purchased something to resolve this issue but have not gotten it up and running yet. The only way to post to YouTube currently is by using a personal account which we do not feel is appropriate.
- **Changes to lunches with students** - Administrative was concerned with student safety as parents were leaving with their child without signing them out last year so to try to prevent this, we created a schedule with certain days (2 days a week) for certain grade levels. Each Quarter the days will be switched that each grade level can come to lunch. Having the door leading into the office will help.
- **Background checks? What website are they ran through?** - 5-year checks are sent to our administrative office to run a more thorough check on the individual. The yearly search is done by an arrest search through Lee Clerk, a sexual predator search and 2 other searches (Ms. Grecsek was not 100% sure of the websites). Carrie confirmed that they go to 4 different websites to put in the information and complete the search on the individuals.

❖ **Adjournment:** – Jen-Hope Belis

Submitted by Ashley Faulk, Secretary