

Oak Avenue Elementary School

PTA Minutes

June 3, 2009

CALL TO ORDER: PTA President, Elizabeth Maciag, called the meeting to order at 8:40 am with 22 members present.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Presented by Anne Gumm
The minutes stand as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Presented by Martha McClatchie, See Attachments.
The PTA currently has a cash balance of \$225k. We expect to end the year with \$126k in cash. Our 2008/09 fund raising events were very successful. Additionally, many of our programs under-spent this year.

Check Ratification: Betsy Fitch motioned to ratify check numbers 15139 through 16020 for March through May 2009. Paula Lau seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Release of Funds (for summer expenditures): Carolyn Call moved to approve the release of funds from the 2009/10 budget in the amount of \$22k to be spent over the summer as needed for items such as teacher and garden supplies. Jill Webster seconded the motion. The motion carried.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Presented by Dave McNulty
The year is winding down. They are planning for next year and all the classes are set. The staff is meeting with Starting Arts today (potential art program for the primary grades). The new math materials for next year are being ordered. The old materials are being donated. A physical count of the desks and chairs is underway. The teachers are placing their orders for supplies.
Dave thanked everyone for the book (gift) from the kids.

TEACHER'S REPORT: Presented by Heather Cavanagh
Several Oak teachers piloted the new Scott Foresman math program (K-4th). It was unanimous – they loved it. The program is standards based, hands on, interactive and uses technology. It meets the needs of all learners. It addresses problem solving and critical thinking – which was not the case with some of the programs we have been using. It is consistent throughout the grade levels and the district. The teachers are excited about it. The district committee's decision to implement the program was unanimous. The district is working on setting up a web site with information about math program. The math books are available for review in the boardroom at the district office.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Hot Lunch: Presented by Lisa Schafer
Lisa Schafer and Beth Levy will be chairing the committee for the 2009/10 school year. We will use a new vendor: Children's Choice. Children's Choice uses foods that are

locally grown, hormone free, organic (when possible) and made from whole grains. The containers are compostable (not recyclable). An on-line ordering system will be used. Parents order directly from the vendor. Orders can be changed and the vendor has a good cancellation policy. The price will be \$5/lunch and there will be a multi-kid discount. There will also be a “drink only” option (water, milk, choc milk and juice). Hot lunch will be offered 3 days per week (at the beginning of the year). The Company would like to eventually move to 5 days per week.

Back-to-School Packets: Presented by Paula Lau

The back-to-school packet will be on-line for the 2009/10 school year. A beta test is going on now. Parents will be able to pay via Paypal for a small fee.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Presented by Elizabeth Maciag

The back to school social will be held on Sunday, August 16th.

Elizabeth “passed the gavel” over to the 2009/10 PTA president Trish Fairbanks.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

OPEN FORUM ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:51 am. The next meeting will be held on September 9th at 8:35 am in the library.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Gumm
Oak Avenue Elementary PTA Secretary