

## NHE/OV ES Parent Teacher Association Meeting –Reunion de Padres y Profesores

Tuesday, February 7, 2017 Location: NHE ES (Library)

### *Minutes of the Meeting*

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

- Introductions
- Minutes of the January meeting—Motion Passed, *minutes were approved*

#### **PRINCIPALS' REPORTS**

##### *OV—Mr. Cline*

- Math Night on Feb 2, 142 in attendance; event was broken into smaller groups
- Report cards go home tomorrow
- Next parent coffee at OV. Mr. Cline's first question is, "What's on your mind? Asking, What topics do parents want to discuss?"
- Winter/Spring round of clubs. 363 club total slots filled. 272 students have at least 1 club. 69 requests for Art last time, this time 172 students wanted Art. 9 students could not get something due to conflict of schedules or individual student interest.
- Feb 22 is Family Fun and Fitness in the gymnasium
- March 2 Family Reading Night (Dr. Seuss' Birthday)
- Student achievement progress Map-M and Map-R: 82% of students went up. Same assessment again in May. Typically, schools have shown a decrease, but not at OV! During the follow-up Monday morning celebration, every child will end up standing, whether they went up in scores or not which is to motivate and get them all excited.
- \$4,000 Bose brand sound system was donated to OV by the Volunteers at Washington Gas on behalf of the Junior Achievement.

##### *NHE—Mr. Geiger*

- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade piloting outdoor classroom, in order to do that needed to buy things. A teacher at NHE fundraised over \$900 via help from parents and PTA sharing the project online
- Each 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class has 6 Chrome books and tablets are in the other classrooms. We are finding that tablets don't work that well. So county is giving more Chrome books. 240 Chrome books arrived at NHE today, this way, children are better prepared going in to OV.
- January Parent/Principal Coffee's topic was Guidance for parents on resumes and tips on interviewing, well attended
- Fantastic math night. 288 pizza dinners were passed out. This was full house and a great success. Meaningful math learning and the 100<sup>th</sup>'s chart was a hit with the kids!
- Report cards going out tomorrow
- After-school enrichment club, 30 participants in Lego Learning Club
- Sherwin Collette, Chief of Technology for MCPS says there is a need for children and families in the county to get internet and devices in their homes. Looking to business partners to provide to those who have a need. Trying to gauge what needs exist. Outreach might happen in March parent coffee.
- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teachers are going to OV to debrief with teachers
- March 2<sup>nd</sup> is family reading night (Dr. Seuss' birthday)

#### **Treasurer's Report**

- Current budget on track, basic budgetary report
- 46,316.31 in receipts
- 27,451.40 in expenses
- 18,864.91 over budget but 12,000.00 in fire fund

- 3,613.97 in JMB Fund
- PTA members, Linkages & NHE/OV parent outreach staff has a meeting to discuss how to share fire funds with NHE/OV affected families. The following requests and suggestions were made:
  - From Mr. Herron for approx \$75 for an art mural and complete it with a dedication to Debbi, the NHE student who died in the fire, so the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders can participate this year
  - Linkages has 5 fire affected families who do free ballet classes at NHE. Requested we contribute approx \$125 to buy tix for parents to attend ballet with kids with fire funds.
  - Members voted to allocate funds from the fire fund to these two projects.
  - In addition, the idea to provide a worksheet of options to the families of how they would like to receive the funds, i.e. gift cards, summer camp/YMCA payments, etc. (and Linkages gets a reduce rate at YMCA). Options other than cash...suggested by 2 members. Families are working thru Linkages and the schools, so PTA to families communication is limited.

**Membership Report**

- 128 membership total, can still accept new members thru end of March

**Committee Reports—President/VP**

- Need to appoint the Nominating Committee which includes a minimum of 3 PTA members to find new parents to run for offices next year. Two volunteers offered to serve: 1) Ginny Bumblis and 2) Jebby Rasputnis and Mr. Geiger suggested that we include a Spanish-speaking member to participate on the Committee and reach out to the parent community for officer volunteers. The PTA decided to wait and appoint the Committee at the March meeting for reporting of a slate of new officer candidates to the PTA members at the April meeting.
- There was group that reached out to the PTA in regards to a Shakespeare play that could be brought to our schools. After some conversation, the Principals came to a conclusion that the play would be a way to bring together our 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students for this in-school event but that we wouldn't do it this year. It's cost is \$1000.
- Do we allocate for the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Baltimore field trip? We have \$1000 and teacher was concerned about getting field trip money from parents could be difficult. Buses \$590 each \$400 entrance fees. \$10.50 entrance fee each child. Would be a 2-day trip so pay four buses total. Mad science OV owes \$80. Set it to the side for now. \$2748 is grand total for this trip. Decided not to do it this year.

**Upcoming events**

- Capital campaign is ongoing during the month of February, please donate
- El Golfo restaurant night is Thursday, Feb 16
- NHE Movie Night on March 31 at 6pm
- March 7<sup>th</sup> PTA meeting at OV and will combined with an OV Chorus Concert, start at 7pm
- Lora—college savings speaker coming for April 4 meeting, questions whether to have 30mins presentation or just 15 mins during PTA meeting. We decided to have them speak for 15 mins.
- International/End of Year Picnic for May 5<sup>th</sup> which is a Community Potluck at OV and will have be a mixture of different foods, as an end of the year event. Suggested entertainment includes a soccer game, teachers vs students or vs parents, music.

***Meeting adjourned***

**ATTENDEES**

Marina Garcia	Jebby Rasputnis	Erin Taylor	Kate Waterfall
Jeff Cline	Florencia Gabosi	Ginny Bumblis	Bob Geiger
Jocelyn McCarthy	Judith A. Lese	Tracie Holley	