

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

Tuesday, May 9, 2017 - Location: OV ES (Library)

### ***Minutes of the Meeting***

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

#### **PRINCIPAL REPORT**

*NHE — Mr. Geiger*

- School-Wide Family Reading Night has been rescheduled to Wed May 31 - CANCELLED
- Thurs & Fri, 5/4&5 – Kindergarten Orientation, *no school for Kindergarten students*
- Reading testing coming up
- Field trips this month:
  - Wed 5/3 — 1<sup>st</sup> graders visit the American History Museum
  - Thurs 5/4 — Pre-K and 3-year old Head Start classes visit Brookside Gardens Nature Center
  - Fri 5/5 - HS visit to Brookside Gardens rescheduled to Fri May 19 due to heavy rain
  - Thurs 5/11 - Kindergarten Zoo Field Trip
  - Fri 5/18 - annual trip to Sandy Spring State Park which is a statewide green and recycling event, sponsored by SERT
- Thurs 5/11 — 2<sup>nd</sup> graders Salad Party
- Wed 5/17—PTA's Staff Appreciation Luncheon
- Wed 5/17 — Head Start Training, *no school for Head Start students*
  - 2nd graders 1 & 2 – Spring Concert and Art Show
- Thurs 5/18 — Registration Day HS and Pre-K
- Mon 5/29 — Memorial Day, *schools and offices are closed*
- Tues 5/31 — Last Principal's Coffee
- Thurs 6/1 — Field day and for all grades
- Mon 6/5 — 3<sup>rd</sup> graders visit OV
- Fri 6/9 — Career day

Past parent coffee offered our vision role model of a multicultural learning community. These are all different kids from different classes. Some racial incidents have come up this year, all towards black students. Mr. Geiger nor Mr. Ryan have not encountered this in the past years. NHE has always celebrated our diversity, and how we should treat people that are different from ourselves. Have not heard from the students in the past 3-4 weeks so possibly that what Mr. Geiger has been working on has helped it to improve the environment at our school. Mr. Geiger and Mr. Ryan both met with people today with a group called the Equity Initiatives Unit to get some info on experiences some other schools have had and send some suggestions on the next steps. We want to do some work with our staff and there are issues around the context of our families that our staff are not familiar with. Bob Everett, Supervisor with Linkages, gave a presentation about how the human brains work and how we as people can stop and question, if this stereotypical scenario makes any sense.

Lora Alexander suggests an evening program that the PTA can sponsor for adult participation. She referred to an initiative going around where a small group of 9-10 adults get together for Sunday dinner. Reaching out is the harder part. It is small enough we can do it often and these people are invited. Larger groups make it easier to go into our shells...multiple different groups. The less people that know each other the better adding that 6 separate groups at once could meet in the cafeteria, explained Mrs. Alexander.

Ms. Bumblis recalled when a larger Vietnam population came to the school in past decades teachers cooked their native food which make them feel accepted. A meeting over food runs deep into the human experience, and this made sense for some that we start off with the new school year.

#### *OV — Mr. Cline*

Parent Engagement Meeting met at the school, the opportunity just to have a social event and just to have time together. That piggy backs off of that and would like to be part of that.

- Has not experienced any racially biased comments at OV. Very sensitive to the fact that we are a very diverse community and the richness that it adds to our school.
- Fri 5/12 5<sup>th</sup> grade panoramic photo. They are really excited to move onto Middle School next year.
- Fri 5/12 Volunteer Appreciation Lunch including the Buddy Program with the church program who worked with individual students during lunch
- Mon 5/15 PTA's Staff Appreciation Luncheon
- PARC testing
- Parent coffee is up 62 percent this year
- 5/24 band and orchestra concert
- TED TALKS wax museum and will take on the persona of those people
- Adding a 5<sup>th</sup> grade section of highly gifted center and 2 portables next year
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade will still be at 30 students/class
- June 1 career day
- June 2 field day
- Will bring home OV bag (2ng grade NHE visiting OV field trip)

#### **Nominating Committee—Erin Taylor**

- Officer Nominations are currently being accepted for all positions
- Ms. Bumblis thinks that people need to know what they are taking on. A clever idea is to bring this up at the Kindergarten Orientation with a small portion of what each position requires.
- Elections at Tues June 6<sup>th</sup> PTA meeting

#### **Budget—Erin Taylor**

- Used book sale raised \$944.25
- Donated by Walt Whitman HS and Wood Acres ES
- Some used books were left in each teacher lounge, and the remainder will later be donated
- Mr. Cline confirmed that yearbooks will be sold at OV this year
- \$150 Chuck E Cheese at April Fundraiser

- Last 2 El Golfo 2 Fundraisers checks will be followed up on to obtain and deposit
- No MCCPTA dinner since the fundraising situation in the news
- A good trip for the PTA to underwrite is 2<sup>nd</sup> grader field trip to OV
- June 9<sup>th</sup> Dance Party. They have requested \$150. *Motion Approved*
- Mr. Ryan had a pizza party with Blair students who help with the NHE kids and would like to print them all t-shirts with each school's logos on them as a thank you

**Fire Victims Fund—Erin Taylor**

- Gift cards or camps are the 2 options. Linkages will meet with the parents and get back to PTA on which option each chose and we hope to get that wrapped up by June 30, end of the PTA fiscal year.

**Audit Committee—Erin Taylor**

- Need 3 to serve on the audit committee. Usually the incoming treasurer, and 2 officers or others who are not signatories
- NHE Kate Waterfall will volunteer to help with NHE luncheon; still need an OV parent to take the lead

**Other Committee Items**

Fri, June 2<sup>nd</sup> Outdoor International Potluck Picnic—Lora Alexander has volunteered to take the lead. This includes potluck styled donations from families. PTA will provide water, hotdogs and chips for purchase, a healthy foods sample area and a staff vs. student soccer game. We will send flyers home a week before the event, and reserve the space. Mr. Heron, Mr. Meyers, Ms. Corona and Mrs. Hernandez are active soccer players and might help with the soccer game

**Adjourned 8:02**

Attendees

Robert Geiger  
 Vernon Jones  
 Kristy Wright  
 Erin Taylor

Thomas Ryan  
 Jebby Rasputnis  
 Judith A. Lese  
 Ginny Bumblis

Jeff Cline  
 Lora Alexander  
 Kate Waterfall  
 Tracie Holley