

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

Tuesday, November 1, 2016 Location: OV ES (Library)

Minutes of the Meeting

CALL TO ORDER (7:10pm)

- Introductions
- Minutes for October 2016—Motion Passed, minutes were approved

PRINCIPALS REPORTS

NHE—Mr. Geiger

- There is a new main phone number at NHE which is 240-740-1580. The old number will stop working on November 18th.
- Headstart/PreK, 1st and 2nd grades had field trips. There were 55 Headstart/PreK chaperones that had taken the Child Abuse/Neglect. NHE is offering additional training in the upcoming weeks.
- The monthly Principal/Parent Coffee for October included a teacher presenter and had 55-60 parents which is one of the larger turnouts so far.
- T-shirt sales are at 160 from students and teachers combined, and the 14 students affected by the fire will receive donated T-shirts from teacher donations.
- Staff members are leaving and we need additional help in the cafeteria. There is also a media assistant position and paraeducator position available. This announcement does not include any teachers.
- Upcoming Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on November 10th and some on the 11th. PTA traditionally provides dinner to teachers who stayed for the conferences.
- The NHE Scholastic Book Fair is Nov 4-1^{1th}. Friday, November 1^{1th} is also the end of the quarter.
- Our policy on Halloween is that we do not celebrate it. Mr. Geiger noted a considerable drop in attendance that day.

OV—Mr. Cline

- 451 requests for clubs, and 340 were filled and every child got at least 1 club which is a considerable increase from last year. All the student requests for paid clubs were fulfilled, but might not have gotten a free club to ensure that all students could participate in clubs. Including Girls on the Run, this count goes up to 375. There are 2 after school buses at \$60/bus, per night and the buses are jammed packed. The Baton teacher has won National Awards in the past.
- The Parent/Teacher Coffee is a Q&A, upfront. Parents write on cards and those cards are reviewed during the meeting. It was useful to parents.
- Attendance is up from last year. 13 rooms with perfect attendance this past week. There is a standing room assembly each Monday morning to encourage all students to work on keeping up the work in areas such as attendance, bus behavior, school behavior, etc.
- Mr. Cline noted that Parent/Teacher conference food is already covered for OV.
- Mr. Cline has implemented a system which begins the 1st full week of school in December. Each student will receive individual lanyards and have opportunities to earn additional tags to attach to them as a school spirit engagement for them to improve behavior and performance during the school year.
- And OV teacher was enthusiastic in regards to her love towards the goals of these awards and achievements that the kids can acquire. “The display is in the cafeteria for the school to view to see whose class received which awards for the week and celebrate because we earned that as a group. It’s all positive and we are happy for them.” Some of the awards highlighted are: perfect attendance, bus and school behavior.

- Students wanted ID cards, and Mr. Jones facilitated that. This will help teachers learn names quicker.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer—Erin

Paid out (\$100) for eyeglasses for a student in need from JMB Fund. The request came from the NHE nurse. There is \$3300 in this account.

\$12,726 donated to the fire victims fund, and \$4545 in gift cards for a total of \$17,000 in giving. Thank you notes will go out in November so people can include with their 2016 taxes. \$174 was collected on movie night selling pizza and lemonade. There are 113 members, up from 108 last month. A Fall newsletter is forthcoming. Annual plan is attached which includes insight on fundraising and membership goals.

NHE T-Shirts order was made, but not paid out yet. OV Book Fair made \$2100, more than the past. OV Spiritwear money was received but not paid out yet.

Upcoming Events and Volunteers needed—Tracie

- Presidential Election Day Bake Sale—Jen Hinrichs
 - Seeking volunteers and bake sale donations
- Fall Art to Remember will be at NHE only this fall, OV in the Spring —Mercedes
- Crossing Guard/Bus Driver Thank You Breakfast—Mr. Jones/OV and Ms. Bumblis/NHE each volunteered for this during the meeting. These will be given out before Thanksgiving break.

OTHER ITEMS

- Thanksgiving baskets to include \$25 meat item with all the fixins’ for Tuesday, the week of Thanksgiving, per Rosa in Linkages to Learning—Erin stated. PTA will take on 10 of those baskets. Wood Acres (sister school) did a warm clothing drive. 39 Linkages and 10 fire victims’ families= 49 baskets total. A thought is to use a portion of the Healthy Foods Grant to buy the perishable food items for the Thanksgiving baskets.
- Linkages/Mr. Geiger are thankful for the gift cards they received. Jackie, Victor and Rosa are still currently working with the families. We are considering an adopt the family approach (Wood Acres). The 2-month anniversary of the fire is upcoming and families will be moving into permanent housing. If you are interested in helping with baskets, please contact Erin. Jen H. thinks a staff person at each school should give some insight and parents who have personally been effected on what items they want/need and how much. Mr. Cline brought up that the media may contact PTA on how we have been helping.
- College Savings Campaign--\$250 match per year if annual household income is less than \$75k. With a \$25/month contribution, CSC will match \$250 per year. Lora will check to see if and when we could get a speaker to come in. Possibly request a speaker to talk at a Principal/Parent Coffee in January. This benefits families down the line. Jan-June 2017 contributions must be made. Submitting applications beginning of the year and is income based.
- The Chuck E Cheese mascot will not come to NHE but rather OV and instead of the end of the day, Mr. Cline and Mr. Jones prefer that Tracie check to see if CEC can show up between 2 lunch periods.

8:24 adjourned.

ATTENDEES

Zaida Jocson	Lora Alexander	Jebby Rasputnis
Erin Taylor	Ginny Bumblis	Judith A. Lese
Jeff Cline	Bob Geiger	Mercedes Vargas Lugo
Vernon A. Jones	Delia Aguilar	Tracie Holley