

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

Tuesday, January 10, 2016 Location: OV ES (Library)

Minutes of the Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

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

PRINCIPALS REPORTS

NHE—Mr. Geiger

- Cultural Arts Assembly, Andres 1,2,3 which is a musician/singer who speaks English and Spanish involved the kids in its presentation, brought in part by PTA. Songs with instruments and music from Latin America really had the students engaged.
- Mr. Geiger would love parents to come see these types of events and is asking for input on how we could offer is at different times of the day. Suggestions included a lottery of parents who replied to attend was suggested since space is limited. Maybe offering it during different times of the day was another idea, possibly during the parent night and/or during the parent coffee.
- December learned from OV positive experience from Bob Everett on how to identify and monitor stress-parent feedback was great.
- School-wide unity and diversity to show solidarity in wake of the election. Bulletin board right now has a flag with everyone's nationality at the school on it.
- Staff changes in December include PT special education teacher Mrs. Schauffer (shares with OV). Mrs. Fockage the music teacher is retiring February 1st and we are interviewing for a new music teacher. Also retiring is Pre-K/HS Pathologist, Vivian Marcena Beatty. Congratulations to Mrs. Jenna Romero-Cruz will be transferring to OV in 2 weeks and we will be hiring a new Secretary. NHE needs recess Aides, between 11-1:30 during the middle of the day, it's most needed. Para-Educator Volunteers for Pre-K classes. We also need more substitute teachers.
- Parent Coffee is January 31st and a rep will be there to show parents how to write a resume and prepare for an interview. Math Night is also the evening of Friday, January 31st.

OV—Mr. Jones

- In midst of Winter Administration (all grades 3-5) used Chromebooks for MAP-R and MAP-M testing through the end of the week. Preliminary results looking good.
- Significant point gains and encouraging parents to let students know it's important to do their best. Results will be back soon. Students who hit or achieved the benchmark on both reading and math will be recognized with Achievement Tags.
- ESOL students WITA assessments month of January.
- Parent Coffee is January 17 from 9-10:30 and the topic is feedback from earlier meetings.
- Dreambox Math is an online adaptive math program and info will go home this week in regards to students using the program at school for 45mins each week.
- New Attendance Secretary, Mrs. Romero-Cruz is coming from NHE. Filling Para-Educator vacancies are former OV Secretary, Mrs. Hassett and Kimberly Coleheim starts on January 3rd.

TREASURER'S REPORT —ERIN

- Fire Victims Fund contributions have stopped. The total amount contributed is approximately \$13,000 and to date we have spent very little of the money. The gift cards were used during the Holidays but there are some left to use as needed. Erin is working with Linkages now to identify needs and share that back next month. There is a church

who has funds that they want to give directly to these families, not through the PTA. There are 19 students who were displaced.

- NHE's Fall Art to Remember fundraiser sold \$811 of which we will be given a portion of. The invoice has not yet arrived. OV will do it in the Spring just before Mother's and Father's day.
- \$4600 currently that we can spend on things at school that are in the budget
- Surprise \$1000 contribution was given under general contribution this month.
- Capital Campaign is upcoming and will generate additional money without a need to do a fundraiser. Capital Campaign is our Annual Fundraising Campaign. Last year raised \$3k. Celia Zuniga will continue to be in charge of the Campaign and a donation flyers will go home late January.
- 126 members to date from 118 last month (+6).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- The Used Book Sale will be held during the last week of April. Walt Whitman and Wood Acres are helping with donations. This usually raises about \$1000.
- Lora Alexander encourages parents to register now for College Savings Campaign. She discussed having a representative come down and speak to parents.
- March there will be a choir concert following the PTA meeting.

Upcoming Events and Volunteers needed

- Bingo Night—Tracie, will need to solicit donated gift cards and donated gift items. It is on February 10.

OTHER ITEMS

- OV teacher Mrs. Lese has raised ½ of what is needed for all the 3rd grade students to go on a field trip to the Baltimore Museum of Industry. \$1000 more is needed and would use that to make a deposit in Jan or Feb. This museum is all about changes in technology. The group rate is \$10.50 per child. *We will add this on the Feb agenda for possible motion.*
- An International Potluck Night is an idea after the Inauguration to bring families together, to feel less worried and less concerned. A Festival of Cultures/Cinco de Mayo Picnic was planned already. Do we think we need to hold two? On the flyer, we will say to bring food for the celebration.
- PTA is considering a Friday movie night in March at NHE.
- Chuck E Cheese Spring Fundraiser date to be decided at the February Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33pm

ATTENDEES

Felinda Galiz	Edgar Perez	Judith A. Lese	Virginia Bumblis
Vernon Jones	Thomas Ryan	Marina Garcia	Carmen Quinonez
Darryl Gray	Lora Alexander	Kate Waterfall	JP Goldman
Jen Hinrichs	Robert Geiger	Erin Taylor	Tracie Holley