

OCES Meeting Minutes

September 1, 2011 18:50-19:45

OCES Cafeteria

Board Members Present: Jean Ricciardella, President, Sharon Lee, Vice President, Stephanie Williams, Treasurer and Dyane Rodriguez, Secretary

President's Report: The purpose and goals of the PTO were reviewed and can be found in poster form at every meeting. The vision of the PTO Board was also shared with the members including a renewed focus on the children, families and our community. Some past PTO accomplishments were mentioned including electronics/wireless technology, IPAD for Speech, IPAD and Nook for ESE, Nook Color for Media, A-Z Kindergarten Guide development, playground funds, drums for Music, supplies for Art classes and the 1st Annual Fall Festival. Also mentioned as a successful event was the Boo-Hoo breakfast which occurred in August 2011.

The goal of open and clear communication was verbalized. Two forms of communication are up and running. There is a PTO link on the schools website www.capecharterschool.org. There is an email for the PTO OasisE.PTO@capecharterschools.org.

Treasurer's Report: The proposed budget was reviewed. A motion was made by D. Schoep to pass the budget it was seconded by H. Lovejoy and passed with majority vote. Please see attached.

An update on the uniform shirts was provided. All questions were answered. Orders will be taken throughout the year.

M. Casey, School Nurse spoke about her yearly health fair. She requested \$600.00 to be budgeted for supplies for the annual health fair. A motion was made by T. Patrick to allow this money to be budgeted. The motion was seconded by J. Keezer and passed with a majority vote.

Principal's Report: Mr. Hook spoke of his support for the PTO. He spoke of future events including The 1st Annual Peanut Butter and Jelly Walk on the Oasis campus.

Box Tops Committee: The Box Tops Committee is presently being organized and many new volunteers are joining to assist. Contests have started so families are encouraged to send in their Box Tops. An email flyer was sent home and is also being posted on the PTO link.

Fall Festival Committee: The fall festival committee has started planning the 2nd annual event. It promises to be bigger and better than last year. This is a family event not a PTO fundraiser. The grade levels, clubs, teams etc. have been provided the opportunity to raise funds at the event. PTO facilitates the event. Many volunteers will be needed to set up/assist during the event/clean up after the event.

Membership Drive: Mr. Hook has challenged to PTO to obtain 100% compliance with PTO membership. Incentives for class and grade levels to get their memberships turned in have started.

Water Drive: The water and soda drive was started at this meeting. Starting tonight and each of the next four Friday mornings 08:00-08:30 families can donate cases of water or soda to earn volunteer hours. The drop off site is in the breezeway.

Yankee Candle: Yankee Candle selling period to start Friday September 2nd and continue through Monday September 26th. Volunteers will be needed for organization and distribution of the merchandise. The turnaround time once the complete order is sent out is approximately three weeks.

Back to School Socials: Back to school socials for the different grade levels are being organized. More information will be forthcoming.

Peanut Butter and Jelly 5K Walk: The 1st Annual Peanut Butter and Jelly walk will take place November 5th 2011. Students are encouraged to participate for health and community awareness. Donations of Peanut Butter and Jelly will be collected for our families in need and families in the community.

Holiday House: Holiday House will run December 5th through December 9th this year. Volunteers will be needed to help run this PTO service for the students.

Open Discussion: Open discussion yielded no further comments/concerns.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by J. Bice. It was seconded by J. Keezer and passed with a majority vote.

Respectfully submitted by Dyane Rodriguez