

Owego Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization

Meeting Minutes

March 1, 2016

7:00pm

**Parkview
Restaurant**

Meeting called by President Tami Steele

Attendance: Kasey Chobot, Kristin Barton, Buffie Arhbal, Danita Brooks, Tami Steele, Lisa Boehme, Heidi Higgins, Alicia Sherman, Michelle McLaren, Laurie McKeveny

■ **Welcome-Introductions**

- **Review PTO Meeting Schedule & Timing** – The PTO has a goal to keep meetings to 1 hour. In order to do this, each meeting will follow the agenda. If there is not time to discuss additional topics, they will be saved for the next meeting or handled through subcommittee.

■ **Review minutes from PTO officers meeting**

■ **Treasurer's Report**

■ **Old Business**

- **T-Shirts** – We sold 64 shirts. They turned out great and have all been delivered.

■ **New Business**

- **Square 1 Art** – We have decided to do a fundraiser with Square 1 Art where each student creates a picture and then various items (keychains, magnets, mousepads, cups, etc) can be purchased with the artwork on it. Each student also receives stickers with their art regardless of whether a purchase is made. Danita has offered to chair this fundraiser. Laurie will talk to the teachers about this next Thursday.
- **Box Tops** – We have raised over \$1900 from Box Tops so far this year, and the April check should be about \$1200. Mrs. Barton's morning UPK class won the February contest. The treasure chest is now in the lobby. Sam's Club is running a promotion where you can earn 100 eBoxTops by purchasing 3 or more Box Tops items.
- **Umbrellas** – Tami would like to get umbrellas for the 4th and 5th grade students that stand outside to help during dismissal. We would need about 10 umbrellas.
- **Choral Festival** – We had a request for \$250 from our vocal teacher, Mrs. Merges, to cover our 4th grade choir working with a composer. We voted in favor of providing them the money.
- **Teacher Appreciation** – National Teacher Day is May 2nd. We hope to provide the luncheon that week. Laurie will look into the dates.

■ **New Business Continued**

- **Field Days** – Field Days will be on Friday, June 17th (rain date June 16th). Tami has been in touch with Bobbie K and has 2 blow-ups on reserve for us. We need to decide if there's enough room as the ground is currently very wet.
- **Nominations** – Tami (President) and Danita (Secretary) are completing their 2nd terms in their positions and cannot rerun for the same position according to our bylaws. The following nominations were made:
 - Danita Brooks was nominated for President by Stefanie Wieckhorst (via email).
 - Buffie Arhbal was nominated for President by Kristin Barton.
 - Kasey Chobot was nominated for Secretary by Lisa Boehme.

Elections will be held at our next meeting on Tuesday, April 5th. To vote, members must either be an OES parent/guardian or staff member, and also have attended at least 3 meetings since September. Election results will be finalized in May.

- **Holiday Shoppe** – Michelle has started moving the Holiday Shoppe items into the storage closet in the school.
- **Book Fair** – We will have the books between May 19th and 26th. We would like to do an evening event on Friday, May 20th with the book fair and other family events (Lifetouch pictures, etc). We will also have the book fair open during the school day for a few days.

■ **Principal Topics** – As always, we are very thankful to Mrs. McKeveny for attending PTO meetings.

- Laurie provided us with a sheet from a different PTO to give some ideas for new events/fundraisers.
- **Father's Day Breakfast** – some people have been wondering if we will bring this back. We will probably wait until next year but might include something during the May 20th evening event.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm

Minutes submitted by D. Brooks