

ROYAL OAK PTA COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, November 3, 2104 Oak Ridge Elementary

Present at the meeting: Lisa Liu, Candi Drouillard, Amy Gaynier, Jeff Eisenberg, Mary Ann Campbell, Laura Brewer, Susan Hedge, Jenni Tracy, Megan O'Shea, Kara Vos, Elizabeth Czarnik, Julie Cameron, Clyde Esbri, Shawn Lewis-Lakin, Jason Parrot, Maryanne Van Haitsma, and Cindy Stanley

Welcome and the Pledge of Allegiance – 7:03 pm.

Jeff Eisenberg motions for approval of the minutes from the October meeting. Lisa Liu seconds the motion. There is no discussion and the motion passes.

Treasurer's Report – Julie Cameron

- The council invoices are available for the presidents – take yours tonight and mail Julie a check. Each school will be paying council dues, money to support the Donald M. Currie scholarship, and RO Chamber of Commerce dues for a total of \$700.
- Jeff Eisenberg motions to budget a line item of \$305 for AIM liability insurance. Clyde Esbri seconds the motion. There is no discussion and the motion passes.
- We currently have a total of \$8760.41 in checking and savings. We are still holding some checks for Parent U, and some deposits are in transit. There is also some Parent Café series money to be paid out.

Superintendent's Report – Shawn Lewis-Lakin

- Tomorrow is Election Day – Vote! Be sure to go to the bottom of the ballot for all school and non-partisan items.
- Teachers have professional development. At the elementary level, teachers will have records day also. PD is currently focused on math, vertical integration of subjects, and special education.
- Friday is the end of the first marking period. Report cards will go home the 17/18th.
- As mentioned last month, there is an Advocacy Day sponsored by Oakland Schools at Bloomfield Hills Middle School on December 1.
- The Board will be at its new offices at Churchill after the break – by January 6 for sure.
- Regarding the Smart Snacks in the schools: New York Bagel is OK. Question: Has ketchup been removed from the cafeteria at Addams? Shawn will check with the food service providers.

Administrator's Report – Jason Parrot

- Teacher professional development is focusing on math expressions Wednesdays at the elementary level. Having extra time to devote to this has been great.
- Grades 4, 5, and 6 have new report cards this year, so conferences have been scheduled to come after the report card comes home.
- Here at Oak Ridge we've had a character building assembly with Jim "Basketball" Jones, and Baffling Bill visited on Halloween.
- Kindergarten welcome nights have all been scheduled – please encourage parents to attend.

Council President's Report – Maryanne VanHaitsma

- Parent U has 95 parents signed up to attend. Presidents, please send one more email blast to invite parents and circulate the sign-up genius link for volunteers.
- Advocacy Day is coming. Do we want to move the meeting? Show of hands who would be willing to attend AD. Yes, we will have our next meeting at BHMS at attend AD.
- There is a McDonald's Restaurant Night coming November 12 3-7pm. Please show your support at the 11 Mile and 13 Mile/Rochester Road locations.
- We are hoping to schedule some guest speakers soon.
- Toyology has opened in downtown Royal Oak.
- December 2 another Parent Café series is coming – be on the lookout for details.
- FYI to all: We have access to the Chamber of Commerce Monday Memo. Keep this in mind for promoting events.

Presidents' Reports

Keller – Megan O'Shea

Our most recent Restaurant Night was at Blaze. We earned \$185. Also, we have earned \$1100 from Box Tops. We have 280 members, which is a 10% increase over last year. Book Fair and Trunk or Treat went well, and Staff appreciation is coming up. Reflections is on-going.

Northwood – Laura Brewer

We currently have 441 members. Our Fun Run earned \$25,000 and our school earned a pajama day for every class meeting its goal. Restaurant nights are on-going and Trunk or Treat went well. This year we sold spirit wear at T or T, which was a good idea. In-school assemblies are next week for Science Olympiad and our Mom-Son Sports Night is also coming. November 15 is our community build for the new equipment on the north playground. We received matching funds from the school board. Sparty is coming to our Book Fair on December 18

Oakland – Amy Gaynier

Our Pixie Shop needs crafters for December 18. Please help get the word out and have interested parties contact oaklandpixieshop@gmail.com. We are selling pies for Thanksgiving. We earned \$270 at our Chuck E Cheese restaurant night; our next night is at Blaze. We had a representative come to our last PTA meeting to talk and answer questions about the Common Core. We had a very nice turnout. The Watch Dogs program is going very well; all parties are enjoying themselves and appreciate each other's efforts.

Oak Ridge – Kara Vos

We raised \$13,000 from our Fun Run. We offered prizes and our principal was covered in Silly String. Next week we have Restaurant Nights all week at Rene's in Troy. We are having a roller-skating night next Wednesday. December 11-12 is our Holiday Fair/Craft Fair/Book Fair.

Royal Oak High School – Mary Ann Campbell.

Oklahoma! Takes the stage November 14, 15, and 16. Visit Rodrama.org. The Homecoming game and dance went well. Graduation is on Friday night at 7pm. Freedom Hill is firm on the date. Girls varsity swimming has league meets this Wednesday-Friday. We are looking forward to our Veterans Luncheon; let me know if you have anyone who might be interested in attending.

ROMS - Susan Hedge

We currently have 405 members. 6th grade goes to camp November 10-12. More students are going than ever have before. November 17 – 7th grade parent support group meets before the PTA meeting.

ROMS had the top score in the state for the Leukemia/Lymphoma fundraiser. ROMS hosted a Men's Choir event in the morning on October 24. Book Fair was very successful. The football team went undefeated this year at 6-0. Congratulations, boys!

Upton – Jeff Eisenberg

Trunk or Treat was a big success. We had a DJ and it was great. Our Restaurant Night at Shield's in Troy brought in \$180. We are having a Yankee Candle Fundraiser. There is a Pancake Dinner in the works. Our next Restaurant Nigh is at Olga's. We are feeding the staff dinner during conferences for Staff Appreciation.

Addams – Jenni Tracy

Our Book Fair had over \$8000 in sales. Noodles night is this Wednesday. Our Auction is coming up. This is the first time it stands alone as its own event. It is open to the community: November 14 from 6-9pm at the school. Tickets are \$7 at the door and \$5 for child care. Our Pixie Shop is December 5. The Red Wings assembly earned us \$1300.

Committee Reports

Scholarship – Lisa Liu

Representatives are still needed for Oakland Elementary. The committee will be meeting soon to finalize the application process, etc.

Old Business

Jodi Tillander has hired a student to take some pictures at Parent U, plus there will be other adults taking photos.

New Business

None

Meeting is adjourned at 8:03pm.