

OUES PTO Meeting

Wednesday, January 14, 2009 9:15a.m.

OUES Cafeteria

The meeting started at 9:20 am.

Welcome

Jennifer Winter opened the meeting at 9:20 with a welcome.

Campus Update/News (Mary Johnston)

- Mary talked about the feedback she is soliciting from staff regarding programs (provided by PTO) as well as School Tool Box for next year.
- She discussed the process of updating our school's master calendar and the correction needed to the Book Fair parent volunteer sign up sheet.
- She reported about our 4th grade choir singing at the Board meeting on Monday night, January 12th. The song was Heroes and it incorporated all of our district's core values.
- Kids Rule the School is tomorrow.
- She updated us on the upcoming field trips for 4th grade and a program for 2nd and 3rd grade on 1/23.
- The next PTO meeting will be on Feb. 11th at 6:30. This will coincide with the kick-off of Rachel's Challenge (a new district-wide initiative promoting kindness and discouraging bullying) as well as the Book Fair.
- K-2 will learn about stranger danger in February. Positive Proof will be a service offered to parents soon (the creation of child ID cards.)
- January 23rd is the next cafeteria winners' kick ball game with Mrs. Johnston and Mrs. Homan.
- 1st grade is starting a pilot spelling program for the district.
- Mrs. Johnston took a group of teachers to visit Rockenbaugh to view their readers/writers workshop this week to look at implementing many of these ideas at our school and district-wide.
- She discussed her dissertation defense which will take place on good Friday.

Fundraising Update (Tobin Osterberg)

- Tonya had a meeting with the fundraising homeroom moms last week and each grade level will have \$670 to spend on their basket contributions.
- The digital presenters/projectors have been ordered (Jan. 6) for 2-4th grades (16 classes). The remaining cameras will be ordered in March.
- Our final number was \$40,311 for Boosterthon.
- The Barbed Wire Ball will be our next fundraiser at Colleyville Community Center on 2/27/09. Tickets will begin to be sold next Friday at Donuts for Dad. The tickets will be \$45 in advance. There will be a party board (as a fundraising venue), a live auction board (4-5 great trips), a silent auction, possibly a wine pull,

- and the grade level “baskets”. The admission charge will cover dinner, wine and beer. Admission for teachers and a guest will be provided.
- If we have parents with businesses that would like to donate any items, we have forms available for them to help with this.
 - The focus for spending for our next fundraiser will be student and teacher development opportunities (such as teacher training, an increase in student programming dollars for next school year, etc...)

Programs Update (Nancy Tsay)

- Nancy discussed the variety of programs which are offered this year:
 - Old Union Day will have programs with Tin Roof Tango and Tin Cup Adventures.
 - Skyrocket Press, Uncle Chris, does a 4 day writing workshop with the kids.
 - Brian Burns is a Texas singer and songwriter and he will add to the Texas history curriculum for 4th graders.
 - Morris Brothers program (anti-bullying).
 - Stranger Danger (Officer Roderick Page) (K-2)
 - Dan Henry the weather man for channel 4 (3rd-4th grade)
 - High Tech High Touch (customized by grade level to provide many hands on experiences) See the Student Program Summary for details of which programs were provided to students this year.

Volunteer Update (Suzanne Newell)

- The volunteers of the month are Lori Perkins and Joanna Grayson. They worked incredibly hard last month with Christmas Is For Children. We appreciate them!
- Our copy room volunteer schedule for the spring is needing help, especially in the month of May. If you can volunteer during this month, please let Katy Hintze know. (Katyhintze@yahoo.com)

Nominating Committee

- This group will soon form to find parents to serve on PTO leadership positions next year. Kirsty Gelberd is getting a head start on the process this year.

Important Dates:

January 15th – Kids Rule the School

January 30th – Donuts for Dads (7:15-7:45)

February 11th – PTO General Meeting (6:30 p.m.)

February 24th – Coffee with the Principal (9:00 a.m. at Sally Ruff’s home)

February 27th – Barbed Wire Ball (6:30-11:00 p.m.)

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.