

OUES PTO GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, February 20th

9:00 a.m. OUES Cafeteria

MINUTES

➤ Welcome – Angela Weisgarber, President

➤ Campus Update – Dr. Andra Barton, Principal

The OUES sparkle lights will be shining beginning Monday, February 18th through Friday, February 22nd to celebrate the creative writing of our 3rd and 4th grade students! One of the OUES purple traffic cones was found at the intersection of Byron Nelson and Continental. The cone had been run over and dragged down the street. Dr. Barton challenged the third and fourth grade students to write a story about the "Life of the Cone" during the previous 24 hours before it was found and safely returned to OUES.

The cone's life was certainly one of adventure! The theme of most of the stories centered around the perils of the cone and its family while performing their responsibilities at OUES! As the cone was trying to keep drivers in the proper lane, it was bumped, run over and finally dragged off the school grounds by cars who did not care. The cone was found by Dr. Barton and returned to the school where Ms. Jordan's class cared for the cone by bandaging its wounds and keeping it safe. Please make sure to enjoy the sparkle lights while celebrating the creative writing skills of OUES' talented authors! These stories along with the cone are available in the front office if you would like to stop by and receive a chuckle.

Third grade will take the TAKS Reading on March 5th. Fourth grade will take the TAKS Writing that day. OUES is at capacity and CISD is compiling staffing numbers.. Facilities & Long Range Planning Committee is looking at future growth. Open House is scheduled for March 25th from 5:30 to 6:30. February 25th will be Staff Development Day in which the focus will be math.

➤ Internet Security – Jennifer Johnson

Jennifer is spearheading the fight against Internet pornography for Southlake, Requesting that we send emails to Representative Vicki Truitt and Senator Kim Brimer to get legislation introduced in Texas to limit access to Internet pornography. The government controls Internet ports with 80 being the one used currently for all website via http. Other ports exist and the goal is to have a separate port be opened for questionable material. A rally in March is being planned to support the fight to protect our children, families and communities from pornography.

➤ Budget Update – Becky McDaniel, Treasurer

Becky presented the PTO Fund Balance. See attached spreadsheets. Current balance is \$85,590.16. The remaining funds for possible disbursement are \$26,884.64. There is one other line item not presented; summer school scholarships totaling approximately \$2,000.00. This would leave the balance at approximately \$24,884.64.

➤ Disbursements Vote – Erika Gardiner, VP Disbursements

As we have been reporting in the last few editions of Dragon Tales, the extraordinary spending decisions are made through the annual disbursements process. The FY08 process began last November when Erika Gardiner, VP of Disbursements, began collecting Disbursement Requests. A total of 16 requests were received. In January, a Disbursements Committee was formed including three parents, three teachers and Erika. Each request was reviewed and recommendations were made to the PTO Executive Board. Any request under \$500 can be approved by the Executive Board. All others must be presented to the PTO and voted on at a PTO General Meeting.

<u>Request</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Objective</u>
1. Independent Level Readers	\$3,500	To provide books for different reading levels & supplement the current reading program
2. Books for C.A.R.E. program	\$1,367	To provide 6 packs of leveled texts, both fiction & non-fiction, that will be used in the C.A.R.E. program
3. Listening Centers	\$6,100	To replace the old cassette listening centers in all classrooms with stereo listening stations that play both CDs & cassette tapes with headphones – 27 total
4. How Green Is Your Dragon	\$1,190	To reserve funds that may be necessary to implement & maintain recycling at OUES for the remainder of this year
5. Little Hands, Big Hearts	\$1,862	To obtain equipment necessary to implement a charitable program whereby purchased, unopened manufactured food items from the Café may be contributed to local shelters
6. Math Conference	\$1,000	To send 14 teachers to the CAMT Math Conference July 9 – 11 in Dallas
7. Cafeteria & Stage Mural	\$1,500	To enhance the environment in the OUES Cafe
8. 2 Elmos & Projectors	\$3,890	To improve the visual learning for all students. The Elmos and projectors

		would be available for all teachers for check out through the library
9. Grade Level Supplies	\$3,000	To provide each grade level team (PK – 4 th grade), library, enrichment, learning lab & C.A.R.E. program \$300 to be used for classroom supplies
10. 2 Prestige Pro Machines	\$790	To replace the 2 die cut machines in the volunteer workroom

Each of the 10 disbursements was voted on individually.

<u>Disbursement</u>	<u>Motion made by</u>	<u>Motion seconded by</u>	<u>Discussion</u>	<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Opposed</u>
1.	Christine Hart	Tonya Meyer	None	All	None
2.	Jennifer Devine	Pam Francis	None	All	None
3.	Tina Howell	Christine Hart	None	All	None
4.	Kathleen Monaco	Marlene Eldred	None	All	None
5.	Tina Tedeschi	Joanna Grayson	None		2
6.	Jennifer Winter	Becky McDaniel	None	All	None
7.	Angela Weisgarber	Tobin Osterberg	None		2
8.	Jennifer Winter	Tina Howell	None	All	None
9.	Tina Howell	Tina Tedeschi	None	All	None
10.	Tonya Meyer	Tina Tedeschi	None	All	None

A disbursement request for \$2,500 to support Digging for Dragons was tabled for the next PTO General Meeting. A representative will be asked to speak about Digging for Dragons initiatives.

➤ Operations Update – Jennifer Devine, VP Operations

The PTO would like to thank Joanna Grayson for a great job of communicating to the OUES public via Dragon Tales. Jessie McCabe and Laura Lester will be completing the OUES PTO financial audit.

➤ Nominating Committee – Pam Francis, Vice President

How do we find volunteers to fill all the many PTO board positions each year? Through the nominating committee. Each year, the PTO forms a nominating committee made up of two parents from each grade level for a total of ten members. The PTO Vice President serves as chair of the committee.

The committee usually begins meeting in February and tries to complete its work by Spring Break. The full slate of new PTO board members is presented to the general membership at the PTO meeting in April and is officially voted into office at the May meeting.

The process of finding volunteers follows many paths. The nominating committee typically talks to current volunteers to see if they are interested in continuing in their position, sends out school-wide e-mails and flyers looking for volunteers, and also recruits parents who they think would be an asset to the PTO.

Each position is open to anyone who would like to volunteer. If two or more people volunteer for a position, the committee typically sees if they would like to share the position or if one volunteer is interested in a different position.

➤ **Approval of Minutes for December 13, 2007 – Jennifer Winter, Secretary**

Tonya Meyer motioned to approve the minutes. Becky McDaniel seconded the motion. All approved.

➤ **Close**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:23 a.m.