

Orem Elementary PTA

Meeting Minutes
March 5, 2013, 9:30am

Volunteer Hours:

Attendance:

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| Amy Chariton | Rachelle Bolingbroke | Melissa Breiter | Ashley Bailey |
| Cathy Ambrose | Katie Anderson | Toni Carlson | |
| Karen Wynn | Mimi Petty | Karli VerHoef | |

Reverence: *Karen Wynn*

Abundance is such a wonderful word. We live in a society where we constantly hear about the scarcities and the related fears; we need to realize we do have enough and instill this into our children.

Approval of Minutes: *Cathy Ambrose, Secretary*

January Volunteer Hours: 719 plus 50 reported today

February 2013 minutes approved

Motion: Karen Wynn

Approved: Katie Anderson

Treasurer's Report: *Karen Wynn*

- We are looking great. All adjustments are in place.
- The banner's budget: ask Liz Holdaway to proceed with her connection to a WatchD.O.G.S. banner.
- Carnival Closet space issues. Need to determine what kind of ceiling is in there and how to make adding ceiling storage feasible.

Principal Report: *Rachelle Bolingbroke, Principal*

- Thanks to everyone who have helped with parties and related activities.
- *Techno Update:*
 - Wifi is almost updated and passwords are almost ready. We are the first elem school to have wifi upgraded and since it went over budget, the district covered the overage. Teachers will be using Apple tv as soon as the glitches are worked out.
 - *Minimal Day Prof Development 3/4/13-* App training: Bev Miner came and shared Bugbrained.com. Gave teachers free access to phonics awareness app. Also features assessments online, etc.
- *Safety Week:* Last week in March. Will have a drill everyday - fire, earthquake, etc. Will transition to hosting it in the Fall. Working out how to have a parent pickup evacuation drill on the 29th - this will be a common day.
 - Cathy talked about setting up the Twitter texts for parent notification in true emergencies.
 - Ashley Bailey asked that USD will be informed and included.
 - The Orem PD will perform active shooter training tomorrow with the entire faculty.
- *Walk and Jump-a-thon School Fundraiser:* Friday, April 26. Aligns with Teacher Appreciation Week. Will use fundraiser event to replace traditional Friday assembly that treats teachers to student free time.
 - Will try to have random prize drawings for participants.
 - Cathy suggested a challenge to request 5 - 10 friends/relations of the family with an official letter asking for \$5.00 or more in flat donations.
- *MVHS Cluster Attendance Policy:* will be fine tuned and connect to all the schools in the cluster. Students transferring between cluster schools attendance will not reset at new school.

President's Report: *Amy Chariton*

- *Procedure Book:* requests for updates.
- *Check Requests:* Please submit
- *Excellence in Education:* Teacher nominee is Sandi West and volunteer is Michelle Herbert Morris for running the Home Reading program.
 - Amy questioned if it the policy to not give the recognition multiple times to deserving parents was a good one. It was then questioned if that was a council policy and not up to us. Teacher Rep Heather Stewart actually likes the idea of spreading it out.
 - It was suggested to help honor the teachers more frequently we could add a teacher spotlight to our monthly newsletters. This would also help parents feel more connected with the school.

Strengthening Families: *Karli VerHoef*

- Last month's even was a fiasco. No supervision, not enough food to feed the estimated 70 people, custodians and administrators had no knowledge of the event. Rachelle will call Grant (he headed it last year) to see what he knows and get some answers.
- White Ribbon week and boxtops week: 19-22nd. White Ribbon Week assembly on the 19th and challenges for kids each day.
- Book Fair. Bunney doesn't like all the eye candy her kids came home with. Is there a way to request not so many toys be made for sale or does that bring in the bulk of the money for the teachers/media center? Rachelle said that would have to be looked into. Katie said she liked the teacher donation board.
- Beautification Day is taken care of. Another scout has selected it as his Eagle Project.
- Kindergarten registration begins Thursday the 7th. Spread the word. There are too many late registrations each August. Parents need to bring a birth certificate and current immunization record. It was suggested to announce registration on the marquee and ward bulletins.

Pres Report Cont:

Changes to Executive Board: Melanie Holdaway will be our 2013-2014 President. Still looking for a 2013-2014 President-Elect. Will either hold a special meeting to nominate her or do it via email.

WatchDOGS: *Cathy Ambrose*

- Would like to use the budget next year to buy a WatchD.O.G.S. reserved parking sign for the west lot to honor our volunteer dads and spread awareness. Also would like to honor our "Top Dogs" at year end assembly with WatchDOGS swag (t-shirt, water bottles, etc.).
- Should use old empty marquee to advertise that we are a WatchD.O.G.S. school.
- Need to order banners with banner budget as discussed earlier.
- Amy Chariton was recognized by the Alpine School District (nominated by School Board Member JoDee Sundberg) for her work in the WatchD.O.G.S. Program this past February. She received a nice plaque and was featured on the ASD website.
- Cathy and Heather discussed a WatchD.O.G.S. skit by the dads at the end of the year assembly or participate in StuCo's Orem/s Got Talent showcase.

Moms and Muffins:

- We are needing evening volunteers, would like dads to fill in so moms can participate.
- Cathy will host the book swap

Misc:

- *Family Skate night*: March 19th. Trying a Tuesday to appease the traditionalists in our peculiar homocentric community.
- *Community closet*: Cathy Ambrose. Thursday, April 11th during the last Parent Teacher Conference. (Will need volunteers to help sort clothes, keep tables organized and questions answered during the evening. Will need to advise Chris we will need access to all the tables and will begin sorting after cafeteria is cleaned post lunch),
- *StuCo Service/Charity Project*: Mrs. Heather Stewart. StuCo is trying to put together something for Campbell family who has had 4 of 5 (?) children diagnosed with a rare genetic disorder.
- *Spirit Day Suggestions*: Mimi Petty. Vineyard Elem has a school colors contest held weekly on Fridays. The class with the most participants win the honor of having their mascot in their classroom for the week. OES could use their Build-a-Bear plushes in the front office for upper and lower grades or it was suggested the ginormica bear at Costco could be purchased.

Adjourned: 10:40

Next meeting: April 9th at 9:30am