

Orem Elementary PTA

Meeting Minutes
October 1, 2013, 9:30am

Volunteer Hours:

1461

Attendance:

Adelia Esseltine
Vicki Wiesenberg
Anna Steadman
Amy Chariton
Lori Sanders
Bunney Schmidt
Mimi Petty
Sybil Zurith

Cathy Ambrose
Karen Wynn
Toni Carlson
Melanie Holdaway
Rachelle Bolingbroke
David Farmer
Amy Madsen

Reverence: *Toni Carlson*

In Queen Creek, AZ, a sophomore girl (Chy Johnson) with special needs was being bullied at school. Her mom went to a neighbor, the QB (Carson Jones) at on the Football Team to help. Instead of just giving the mom the names, Carson rallied the football team and they all made sure that Chy was never alone during the school day. They accompanied her to class and sat with her at lunch. The bullying stopped. Chy became a friend of the Football team. The point: There are still good people out there. Be nice, you can make a difference. "The Starfish Story"—there were a lot of starfish on the beach; but it made a difference to that one starfish that got thrown back.

Approval of Minutes: *Adelia Esseltine, Secretary*

September 2013 minutes approved

Motion: Lori Sanders

2nd: Cathy Ambrose

Treasurer's Report: *Karen Wynn*

No questions

Carnival Report—"Holy Cow". Each year is better than the previous one.

Student Council Teacher Advisor: *Heather Stewart*

Student Council is a lot of work and the kids are good and enthusiastic. There is a yearly Student Council Leadership Retreat at BYU. The practice is to only have the SC Officers attend the Retreat because of the cost. The Officers then come back and present the information learned to the rest of the Council. SC would like to have all the students attend the Retreat at BYU but don't have the funds. The Retreat is \$30 per student. SC suggestion: Have students pay \$10, SC pay \$10 and PTA pay \$10.

PROPOSAL: \$450 from PTA for Student Council Leadership Retreat at BYU
Proposal passed unanimously

Principal Report: *Rachelle Bolingbroke, Principal*

- Thank you to the PTA for funding the SC Retreat
- Thank you to PTA for the Carnival—great feedback from parents

- Only complaint was about 10 minutes without meat, but that was taken care of very quickly!
- Everything was so smooth and flowed well; not too crowded
- Awesome weather ☺
- Train was great—keep for next year
- Rachelle served 400+ bags of cotton candy this year
- Introduced Bridgette Funk as Teacher Rep at PTA
- Cookie Dough Fundraiser
 - Starts October 15th. Dough will be ordered and back by Thanksgiving
 - Funds will go to teachers and classroom supplies/a new copier for the school
 - Need to clarify funds—PTA vs. School
 - Earned \$638 in Target money
 - Need to get the Target info in the Newsletter

President's Report: *Melanie Holdaway*

- Carnival was sooo amazing!! There were so many willing to help. A special thank you to Shawna Boles for her part. Thank you!!
- Walk to school—cancelled due to weather; Having the crossing guards come at 8:20 to honor them in the school. We are encouraging kids to walk to school this week.
- FLEX; We have the money from Carnival to fund the supplies instead of having parents buy stuff and come volunteer; the money would be used for supplies for and owned by the school; We already have some games thru a grant from the GT program. The money from SCC must be academic focused.

PROPOSAL: Use \$500 to fund enrichment activities/FLEX. This is a one-time amount. Items purchased are to be owned by the school (not FLEX). Proposal passed unanimously

Misc:

- Bunney Schmidt
 - Needs volunteer hours from Carnival to determine classroom winners. Winner is hard to determine because it is split into a per/student amount and smaller classes have an advantage. Can we have two pizza parties instead of one because of this? Also, we need to recognize the teachers that are supportive and encourage their students to contribute, etc.
 - Carnival feedback—need lights at the end for cleanup. It is dark by the time the Carnival is over. Also, for next year, let's get YSAs from 5:30pm – 8pm instead of two separate shifts. **Make sure the lawn is not mowed the day of Carnival and that the water does not go on that night.

PROPOSAL: CHANGE TIME OF CARNIVAL TO 4PM – 7PM (instead of 4:30 – 7:30pm). Proposal passed unanimously.

- Amy Chariton—Watch DOGS Kickoff Event had 200+ people. The Calendar is full for the next couple of months. Need to get Calendar online (Adelia). This year's Kickoff was the same night as Lakeridge's. (Lakeridge moved theirs because of the Football Game at MV on Friday)
- Bunney Schmidt—What movie should we show for Movie Night? Decision: Turbo
- Melanie
 - After School Programs; need info out. Stephanie Ellis to get info to Melanie. Signups will be next week (October 8-10).

- Book Fair is this week. Need Volunteers. See signup sheet from emails to Volunteer.
- Red Ribbon Week--- Karli VerHoef in charge of this. Waiting for information.
- Vicki Weisenberg
 - Box Tops Drive October 21-25
 - Reflections—Awards on November 6th. (Projects due October 25th)

PROPOSAL: CHANGE DATE FOR MOVIE NIGHT TO NOVEMBER 14th (because of Reflections Award Night).

Proposal passed unanimously.

- Amy Madsen
 - November is Family Month
 - Saturday, October 19th is Fun Run. We had a great assembly and getting good support. Report on the Campbell girls: their health is declining pretty rapidly
 - Go to Facebook to like Family Fun Run.
- Melanie—Grandparents Day
 - Pie only for the Grandparents? What about donuts? Krispy Kreme? Daylight Donuts?
- David Farmer—October 15th is the “Scripts Spelling Bee”. This is shown on ESPN. Need \$90 to sign up. Could this be a FLEX activity? It is for Grades 4-6 in January.

PROPOSAL: HAVE SIGNUP FOR SPELLING BEE DURING FLEX; WATCH ‘AKEELAH AND THE BEE’ DURING FLEX (use CleanFlix to show movie)

Proposal passed unanimously.

Adjourned: 10:51am

Next meeting: November 5th @ 9:30am

Minutes submitted by Adelia Esseltine, OES PTA Secretary