

**Orem Elementary PTA
Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2014, 9:30am**

Attendance:

Melanie Holdaway	Michelle Herbert-Morris
Cathy Ambrose	Anna Steadman
Karen Wynn	Leanne Olson
Bunney Schmidt	
Amy Chariton	

Welcome:

Rachelle Bolingbroke is excused.

It is Leanne Olsen's last day assisting Rachelle at our school. We thank her for her service.

Reverence: Amy Chariton

Thought from FB's Hands Free Revolution thoughts "Why Not Today?"

Today I will not measure my success by the amount of money I earned, the square footage of my home, the size of my waist, or the number of awards on my wall.

Today I will measure my success by the strength of my hugs, the time I take to say goodbye, and the number of things I learn about the people I love.

Today I will not fill my schedule to the point that I am in a constant state of hurry and too busy to smile at the people who make my life worth living.

Today I will make time in my schedule for the most important invitations—yes to walking along the edge of the curb, yes to one more bedtime story, yes to face-to-face conversation and connection.

Today I will not seek fulfillment in material items that only add more junk, more stress, and more worries to my life.

Today I will seek fulfillment in activities that add years to my life or someone else's life, like creating art, making music, or building up another human being.

Today I will place what matters at the top of the priority list.

Because that which can be checked off a list, bought in a store, or displayed in a trophy case eventually fades.

But what we feel in our heart endures,

lasts,

sustains,

and comforts

long after we are gone.

In order to grasp what really matters, we must let go of what doesn't.

So why not today?

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Approval of Minutes: Karen Wynn motioned for approval, Bunney Schmidt seconds.

Treasurer Report: Karen Wynn

- The budget now reflects the adjusted family movie night budget.
- Bunney Schmidt became aware of harbor freight canopy sale. Will ask if she can still get the sale price and other members told her of the 25% coupon that is frequently published.

Family Movie Night: Bunney Schmidt

Review of Flyer for movie night. Flyer approved

President's Report: Melanie Holdaway

Box Tops contest. Ms. Anderson and Mrs. Griffith classes won the contest.

Legislative VP: Cathy Ambrose

PTA against school grades. And over 300 bills for education.

Nomination Committee Review

Potentials: Katie Romrell treasurer - Cathy will talk to.

Adelia Esseltine: will return as secretary

Potential president: Liz Holdaway or Karen Madsen

Moms and Muffins: Jill Judd will chair

Discussion:

We are losing awesome families due to Chinese immersion programs. We need our own immersion program, something to woo the awesome families back. We could do sign language... Leanne Olson said that is a good one - kids learn sign really quick because they already think in English. The only conclusion made is that we need something to retain our OES families - something awesomer than Chinese... Karen Wynn requested that I record my mockery of the Chinese Immersion parents in the minutes, but it just seems fake now to recreate the banter regarding the gift of tongues and the Chinese government calling the US loans, forcing us to be under their dominion. I love you Karen Wynn.

Story Telling Festival: Melanie Holdaway.

It was a success. Reese Conrad and Gentry Bradford were our winners.

Adjourned 10:15ish