

**Orem Elementary PTA
Meeting Minutes
October 1, 2014, 9:31am**

Attendance:

Jill Judd	Paige Gibson	Julie Taggart
Adelia Esseltine	Ryan Albiston	Amy Chariton
Nicole Brittain	Anna Steadman	Tamara Bahr
Melanie Holdaway	Bunney Schmidt	Delaina Whimpey
Katie Romrell	Adria Howse	Klea Harris
Laura Giles	Lori Sanders	

Reverence: Paige Gibson

Quote by Pablo Picasso: I am always doing that which I cannot do, in order that I may learn how to do it. Quote by Louis E. Boone: Don't fear failure so much that you refuse to try new things. We can all remember and teach our children that it is ok if we are not good at something the first time we try it. We all have to start from somewhere, and as long as we continue to try to improve that is what matters.

Approval of Minutes September: Lori Sanders motioned for approval. Ryan Albiston seconds.

Treasurer Report: Katie Romrell

- Carnival made less than last year but still more than what we had budgeted.
- The after school programs are doing better than last year.

Teachers Report: Laura Giles

- Most of the teachers came together for summer collaborations. They talked about Parent/Teacher conference. They discussed the school goal of helping at least 2 students in each grade who are below standards to get to standard or above. One thing many of the teachers decided to focus on is reading. In the second and third grades the teachers gave each student a beginning of the year assessment to see what areas need review or extra help and the areas that have been mastered.
- In Monday collaborations they not only discuss students who need extra help but those who are excelling and need to be challenged. One thing the teachers do is try to make sure there isn't just one way to do things and they encourage and remind the students they can always do more than what they have been asked.

SCC-Anna Steadman

- The SCC (School Community Council) helps support teachers in the school goal. They have funds to assist where needed such as sending teachers to conferences.
- **The next SCC meeting is Oct. 15th**

Principal's Report: Jill Judd presented because Rachelle Bolingbroke was unable to attend. We are really trying to focus on literacy. Reading levels in grade school can be an indicator of results in later life.

Carnival: Bunney Schmidt

- Working on classroom totals and volunteer hours. **May need help with classroom parties.**
- There will be a shakedown meeting soon to discuss all the details.
- We made less than we did last year but still more than budgeted.
- We discussed the likes and dislikes of carnival this year and why we made less and what to do better next year. Some ideas were the weather, PA system was not loud enough, hire a real auctioneer and do the auction earlier in the day, change that we can buy small food items i.e. cotton candy/drinks/popcorn with cash or tickets, **Bunney is going to look into taking credit cards at the ticket booth next year.**
- We already have plans for the PA system next year.
- The set up went great because we started at 7:00 AM and the new time of 4-7 was great!
- VOLUNTEERS-We need more volunteers next year!
- Teachers help by stressing the donations in the classroom.
- **Thank yous need to go out. If you were over a project please send them a thank you. We can't be successful without their support. Jill Judd was going to work on the business thank yous.**

Make-A-Wish/Family Fun Run: Adria Howse

- They are still looking for help contact Adria. Don't forget it is Saturday October 11th at 9 AM

President's Report: Jill Judd

- Evacuation drill-We discussed the concerns we had. The R-S line takes too long to get through. Parents would like to know where the teachers are going to be. Ideas were to have a map, send an email with that info, and have better teacher identification. The idea of having two exits was also brought up.
- Red Ribbon Week-It is Oct. 13-15th-**We need volunteers! Contact Jill to volunteer and with ideas. Bunney is looking into having MV cheer and football come that week.**
- Friday Flex-We need more ideas for enriching flex time activities and for volunteers. **Jill will ask for ideas and volunteers in a weekly email or contact her directly.**

Miscellaneous

- Ryan Albiston told us about the My Coke Rewards program. **He is going to check with Miss Bolingbroke to make sure we can go forward** but it sounded like a good opportunity for the school.
- If you would like something on the newsletter it needs to be emailed to oremelementarynewsletter@gmail.com by the 25th of each month.
- The gray home reading cart is missing. Return it to the home reading room if you find it.
- Two bikes have been stolen. Remind your kids to lock their bikes and use the kick stand.
- **Since Bunney is looking into taking credit cards at carnival, Jill is going to get an update from her to see if we want to accept them at back to school night as well.**
- We had a short presentation by Klea Harris from School of Life about a video time capsule proposal.

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