

**Orem Elementary PTA Minutes**  
**January 10, 2023**

In Attendance: Elisa Smith, Angela Draper, Brittany Przybyla, George Pierce, Paige Gibson, Stephanie Harris, Allison Winget, Reina Hall, Cristina Hunsaker, Ashlie Mann, Ryan Roque, Jessica Bauer, Delaina Whimpey, Sheila Trout, Julie Taggart

Welcome: Elisa Smith

Pledge: Ryan Roque

Reverence: Delaina Whimpey: "Success is the sum of our small efforts day in and day out."

Budget: Angela Draper: Print-out of November & December expenses and income attached. Balance \$20, 607.05.

Angela Draper proposes adopting the budget. Reina Hall seconds. a vote is called. motion passes.

Emergency Buckets: Tamara Bahr: The granola bars and fruit snacks are usually purchased in August, but it didn't get done last year. Should she buy them now or wait until next school year? PTA votes to wait until next August. If they are brought in before school starts the teachers can pick up their own and fill their buckets. We will use up this year's snacks at field day. How often should we change the water? Every 2-3 years. Paige Gibson volunteers to be in charge of the snacks for next year, with Cristina Hunsaker's help if she needs it. Sheila says she can get the water through the district if it's ordered at the beginning of August.

Principal's Report: Mr. Roque: Welcome to Tamara Bahr, our new computer teacher. Thank you to the Feed the Kids Foundation who came and paid off \$2000 in lunch fees. They are a great place to donate to help local families. This year has seen a ton of support for families and kids, with the food drive, sub for Santa, gift cards from the district and Walmart (15 families were helped) - there has been lots of giving.

The Utah County Health Dept. is looking for volunteers at age 55+ to read with students and work at the school. Flyers will be available at the school office.

The school is focusing on its 3 priorities for the year:

- 1) Academic Achievement - reading improvement. The middle of the year check-up has shown improvement in every grade level. This is attributed to solidarity among the teachers in training and their desire to see the kids improve, the 95% program, their goals that were set in June to focus on changes and the coaches efforts. Each grade level has an online dashboard where each student can be evaluated and checked.
- 2) Find what sub-group is in need of the most help - The ESL students. How can we help them? We currently have a paraeducator being specially trained to help, and more training for the teachers.
- 3) Connections - Every month the school focuses on a value, and soon, students will have the opportunity to take a value they choose further with a special project. They will have

a special focus, possibly a service project, going above and beyond with the value.

There will be an awards ceremony for participants.

Megan and the teacher's report everything is going well, and thanks to the PTA for their support. They will need lots of volunteers for field day in May.

Nominating Committee: Paige Gibson, Ashlie Mann, and Allison Winget. Reina Hall volunteers to be secretary next year. The committee will find a president elect and a treasurer.

Bylaws: Time to renew ours. They have been posted for a month. The only change is changing the PTA dues from \$5 to \$6. Cristina Hunsaker motions to accept the new bylaws. Stephanie Harris seconds, a vote is called, the motion passes.

Spelling Bee: Julie Taggart: School spelling bee will be February 10, 2:30pm. It will be a school assembly. Participants include 1 winner each from 1-2 grades and 1 winner from each class 3-6 grade, 15 students total. Pronouncer will be Allison Winget. Brittany Przybyla and Ashlie Mann will be judges. The student council will set up.

Teacher Supply Drive: Melissa Garza: Everything digital this year. Delaina will send the info to the room moms to text to the parents and Sheila will send out an email to the whole school. Should we add favorites to the list? Yes, why not. If they don't need many supplies they could get gift cards instead.

Classic Skate Night: February 6-7, 4:30 - 8:30pm

Parent Teacher Conference Dinners: Stephanie Ellis: she will contact Sheila

Walk to School Day: George and Krystal Pierce: April 26. They will line up cheerleaders or a college mascot. Gifts for the crossing guards. This would be a great time to use the police dept. to educate drivers about crossing safety. This is also a great time to use the PTA to push for more safety for our crossing kids - contact the city council. How can we fix the drop-off and pick-up congestion in the parking lots and on the streets?

Storytelling Festival: Kaelyn Earl needs a partner - Allison Winget volunteers. This usually happens at the end of February. Mr. Roque will book Randy to do the kick-off assembly February 3, 2:30pm.

Battle of the Books: March 6-9

PTA Day at the Capital: January 27, virtual, register for free to get the zoom link.

Elisa motions to adjourn the meeting. Ashlie Mann seconds, a vote is called, the motion passes.