

Orchard Primary General Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2016

4:00pm

Meeting called to order by Erin Campbell at 4:00pm

Motion to accept April 11th, 2016 meeting minutes by Mrs. Ruhala, 2nd by Mrs. Jones

Treasurer Report:

Motion to accept by Mrs. Howden, 2nd by Mrs. Ruhala

Principal Report:

STEAM and the Outdoor Classroom: Our STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics) special is quite a success this year. Students recently made cider; incorporating listening, writing, engineering, and science concepts into the activity. It was fascinating to watch the kids as they were highly engaged the entire time. Students learned how a cider press works and the role that nature plays in how we get the final product in our glass, they dug deeper into pollination and the mechanical systems that make a cider press work. Students are also currently working to build a second mud oven and are working on completing the stage that was started by adult volunteers on our OP Construction Day a few weeks ago. A big thank you to Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Meeker, Mr. Feys, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Bresinski, Mrs. Schapman, Mrs. Weigand, as well as Cooper and Rhyland Schapman and Nicholas Bresinski for volunteering their time. Another big thank you to Mr. Tencza for building the shed for our Outdoor Classroom. The materials and supplies needed to construct the stage and shed were generously donated by Lowe's.

Fall Conferences: We had a great turnout at our OP Fall Parent Teacher Conferences with 96% participation - this is fantastic!! We also provided parents the opportunity to take our AdvancED parent survey. We had over 120 parents take the survey during conferences - this is amazing. Everyone who took the survey filled out a raffle ticket for a \$10 gas card. Three winners were drawn from each conference session time - with a total of 9 gas cards given away. The results of the survey were very positive and will help us to make our school an even better place for our students to learn and grow!

Reading with Baron: Retired teacher Sigrid Grace is volunteering her time once a week to bring her dog Baron in to read with students. Students are chosen by teachers to spend time reading to Baron, this is a fun activity for students but also serves a much bigger purpose - giving them the opportunity to increase their reading fluency and comprehension. These reading skills are essential for student success. By making it a fun activity students gain a more positive outlook on reading and the joy it can bring to simply sit down and read a book.

Raider Rep - Student Council Group: Our Raider Rep group, made up of 3rd/4th grade students, is working hard to create fun and meaningful activities for all OP students. They held a Michigan/Michigan State Day, a Camo Day, and a Food Drive for our local food pantry. Helping students to have fun and see the bigger picture on how they can help others is a great

life skill - it really is about educating the whole child academically, socially, emotionally, physically!

Building PD Day: Our second PD day, the afternoon of Nov. 16th, was a great success. We covered topics including: M-Step = Michigan Department of Education Representatives shared information and support for upcoming M-STEP online tests (3rd - 8th grade teachers), Technology Time (Lexia, RAZ Kids, Front Row, etc - K-2nd grade teachers) and AdvancEd External Review (district mission, vision, standards for quality schools, ELEOT (Effective Learning Environments Observation Tool). As a building team we are going to begin Learning Walks to not only prepare for the AdvancED External Review coming in May but also to support and learn from each other. It was a productive & informative day for all!

Upcoming Events:

OP Family Movie Night - Friday, December 2nd 7:00

3rd Grade Music Concert - Tuesday, Dec. 13th

OP Santa Shop - December 6th, 7th, and 8th

Finished Business:

Morley: Pick up will be held on Nov. 11, 2016 from 3:50-7pm. Set up will begin at 1:30pm.

Approximate earnings, without internet sales is \$12,901.70!!! Thank you!

Current Business:

Spirit wear: Orders due by Nov. 19, 2016. Samples are in the hall. A corrected form was sent out on 11/8/16, the previous form did not include smalls for the youth apparel.

Movie Night/LuLaRoe: December 2nd, 2016. Several suggestions of Christmas movies were given. We will make a decision on 3 of them to be voted on by 11/14/16. LuLaRoe will be held in the library. Unsure of the percentage of sales that will go to the school at this time, but should know soon.

Schwan's Cares: We were able to get brochures to give to each family. Mrs. Jones suggested sending out monthly flyer to order by date with out school number. Possibly do a mass mailing to the community as well to support the school.

Santa Shop: Dec. 6-8, set up on Dec. 5th. Lauren Rienas is chair, please contact Lauren to volunteer, 586-453-6365, or lj3am@yahoo.com.

Winter Carnival - Dates? This is planned by the PTA, Jennifer Szalewicz volunteered to be on the committee! Possible dates are Feb. 24, or March 3, 2017. We will verify with the school calendar and make a final decision next week.

Suggestions: Jennifer suggested alternating meeting times for more parents to be involved. 7pm alternating with 4pm. Also, sending out an agenda ahead of time and getting suggestions on how to spend the money.

The decision was made to move Decembers meeting to 7pm provided there are no conflicts.

Motion to close by Jennifer, 2nd by Mrs. Jones