



## Orchard Elementary General Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 26th 2024

1:00 pm Orchard Elementary School

**Attendees:** Michelle Hoeger, Cassandra Miller, Emma Taotua, Kara Ball, McCall Cannon, Elisha Abreu, Kira Mildenstein, Ali Gowdy, Marie McBride, Becky Dorton, Amber Blackett, Stacia Chavez, Naomi Wastaff, Katherine Knecht, Debbie Winward, Zenni Mejia, Valery Jackson, Cynthia Cardenas.

**Quorum Present:** Yes

**Before the Meeting** - the following items were distributed:

- May meeting minutes
- Annual Financial Reconciliation for the year 2023-2024
- Monthly treasurer's report for August 2024
- PTA Activity calendar the 2024-2025 school year

### Opening

- Welcome & Call to Order - Debbie Winward , President at 1:04pm
- Thought/Pledge - Debbie Winwar, Welcome to new school year, introduction of executive board. As well as the theme "Together we can..."
- Approve meeting minutes from May. - Becky Dorton motioned to approve. Motion seconded by Kira Mildenstein. Unanimously approved.

### Reports

- Treasurer - Becky Dorton presented the Annual Fiscal Report for the year 2023-2024 to be adopted. No questions. Motion to approve unanimously.
- Becky Dorton proposed the year budget for the school year 2024-2025. Motion to adopt budget as proposed. There were questions by members on more specific information for each category. More detailed information was passed around to be looked over before the vote was taken.
- Proposed 2024-2025 Budget
  - **Balance on hand as of June 28th 2024 : \$14,723.13**
  - **Expected income : \$28,098.13**
    - \$7,500.00 Fundraisers
    - \$5,000 Missoula Theatre
    - \$200 Tax Refund
    - \$200 Cash box
    - \$675 Memberships (predicted 90 members)
  - **Budgeted Expenses : \$19,645.00**
    - \$2,025.00 Administrative
    - \$2,375.00 Teacher Outreach
    - \$4,715.00 Education
    - \$800 Fundraiser

- \$725.00 Health & Safety
- \$6,375.00 Individual Development
- \$540 Student Involvement
- \$1,650 Cultural Education
- \$440 Membership fees
- **Expected Ending Bank Balance : \$8,453.13**

| Monthly Treasurer's Report | Amount    | Purpose                                     |
|----------------------------|-----------|---|
| <b>August 2024</b>         |           |   |
| Month Initial Balance      | 14,723.13 |   |
| Total Income               | \$505.00  | Membership Dues                             |
| Total Expenditures         | \$183.54  | Training, back to school night, square fees |
| Month End Balance          | 15,044.59 |   |

- Room parent orientation on September 9th 2:30 pm
- If you haven't signed up/paid your dues please do so. Let the secretary know if you would like to be added to our PTA Groupme account.
- Background checks for parents/volunteers are going to be coming to the school. We will let you know as soon as we get it scheduled. It is free this year for anyone who would like to volunteer at the school.
- Vision screening September 19th 8:15- 10:15 am. Volunteers needed.
- Health night September 12th. Amber Blackett is organizing it. Will have many booths and resources from the community as well as free food.
- Nathaniel Johnson was appointed over advocacy and will keep PTA members up to date on any current issues that we need to be aware of in our area and legislature.
- Principal addressed us concerning what she knows about the District split as well as the Magnet school.
- The reconfiguration of the district is being discussed after the District did its own feasibility study..  
(here is a link to the actual report that was published by Alpine school district, it is on the Alpine School district website front page on the top. Page 47 has scenarios and options and page 352 has findings and recommendations)
  - [Alpine School District Draft Final Report.pdf](#)
  - District did make a plan based on study but was not unanimous and did not pass and was not put on the ballot.
  - The district and school boards can not do a reconfiguration; only inter-locals, citizens of the different cities involved, can vote on a reconfiguration that affects their city.
  - There are plans for either a 2 or 3 district reconfiguration.
  - From Pleasant grove south would stay the same (aka Alpine district or whatever the new name decided will be.)

- North of that there are different options on what cities would be grouped together. Depending if it's 2 or 3 districts and those will be voted on by the specific areas/cities.
- Orem does not have anything on the ballot to vote on.
- There is worry that not a lot of people know about what is going on because there has been so much back and forth and confusion.
- If a split does get passed it would most likely go into effect in 2028.
- "Where to find information?" Stronger together on facebook has good information, however it is a biased group against the split. Also Alpine school district has information on their website.
- Magnet school.
  - Last October the District came up with the plan to possibly make Orchard a magnet school, which means all the DLI programs in the area would attend Orchard.
  - The plan was to make it more equitable.
  - There is concern of low enrollment numbers and of insufficient funding.
  - Originally this would go into effect next year but it was changed who could make the decision. Not the district anymore but the school board.
  - School board has to do their own study to make a decision.
- "What can PTA do?"
  - PTA can not take a stance on the decision, we encourage everyone to get informed and make your opinions known by writing to the school board.
- "Can kids outside the DLI program join after 1st grade? To help boost our enrollment?"
  - Principal stated that in 2nd and 3rd it's possible but they must test in it to show they have some reading and communication skills in spanish.
- "Has lunch time been extended?"
  - Principal stated that they are trying, and it is longer than it was.
- "Will we have an early bird or later gator again?"
  - Not that the principal is aware of.
- "Will we have a battle of the books?"
  - Not at the school. But maybe after school or in partnership with the city library if parents would like to set something up.
- Reflection entries due Oct 3rd. PTA members will be going around this week to "advertise" it in the classrooms. Award night ceremony will be after school.
- After everyone was able to look at budget details Naomi Wagstaff motioned to adopt budget as proposed for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion seconded. Unanimously approved.

## Calendar

### August

- 27th Hearing screening

### September

- 9th (Tue) Room Parent Orientation, 2:30pm

- 12th (Thur) Health night 4-6pm
- 19th (Thur) Vision screening 8:15-10:15 am
- 23rd (Mon) PTA meeting 1-2pm
- 24th (Tue) Zupas- Spirit night

**October**

- 1st & 3rd Parent Teacher Conferences
- 3rd (Thur) Reflections Due
- 4th NO SCHOOL
- 24th (Thur) Reflections Awards Night 6pm
- 25th (Fri) Maturation 1:15pm
- 28th (Mon) PTA Meeting 1-2pm

**Closing**

- Debbie Winward adjourned the meeting at 2:05pm.

**Minutes Approval Date:**

Debbie Winward - President \_\_\_\_\_

Katherine Knecht- Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Becky Dorton - Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_