

Orem Elementary PTA

Meeting Minutes
August 9, 2011
9:30am

Volunteer Hours:

75 plus Karen's hours

Attendance:

Jen Nielsen	Eva Riser	Shannon Jenks	Melissa Breiter
Serena Wixom	Alissa Hartley	Amy Chariton	Heather Stewart
Bunney Schmidt	Nicole Brittain	Lori Sanders	Toni Carlson
Jeselyn Peery	Cathy Ambrose	Rebecca Tayler	Karina Ruvalcaba
Jennifer Card	Carolyn Kuehne	Melanie Holdaway	Karen Wynn
Amy Chariton	Angela Seegmiller	Rachelle Bolingbroke	

Reverence: Karen Wynn

"Listen to the Mustn'ts Child" by Shel Silverstein. Despite all the negatives, the positive last line "anyone can be" is what we need to remember.

Karen's running analogy: She never thought she could run a marathon. She started by walking and then small runs and built up and eventually ran her marathon – but she had to take that first step to make it.

Approval of Minutes:

Approved by:
Melissa Breiter, 1st
Jennifer Card, 2nd

Budget Review: Karen Wynn, Rebecca Tayler

Budget is in good shape. More detailed review and approval at next month's PTA Meeting

Motion to Confirm 2011-2012 Board as Follows:

Karen Wynn, President
Shannon Jenks, President-Elect
Cathy Ambrose, Secretary
Rebecca Tayler, Treasurer
Jennifer Nielsen, Assistant Treasurer

Approved by:
Toni Carlson, 1st
Lori Sanders, 2nd

Back to School Night:

Volunteer Sign-up Sheets: Discussion on volunteer signup sheets for table in cafeteria and the sheets for individual classrooms for classroom help and carnival helpers. Mrs. Heather Stewart recommended making sign-ups available during first parent teacher conference also to get more parent volunteers. Also, email contact field needed to be added to sign up sheet.

Volunteers: Volunteers are needed to man tables and cash box during Back to School Night. A list was passed around to get volunteers' names. Volunteers should plan to help for one hour.

T-Shirts: Shannon Jenks and husband are designing the shirts. The theme will be based around "We are all on the same team".

Rebecca Tayler would like looking into getting smaller sizes for Pre-k, etc.

We will have samples to show and take orders at BTSN. Toni Carlson suggested we have some to sell that night because there will be parents who will want to get their shirts right away and won't bother getting one if they have to wait. It will be looked into to see if Dana Wise, the T-Shirt vendor, can manage it.

Carnival:

Punch Cards: Jennifer Card is working on a new punch card idea instead of tickets, this will save time at ticket sales and in lines. It was suggested instead of punching the cards, a marker can be used to check off a game. Also, a piece of yarn will be used to keep card around the neck to prevent lost cards.

Inflatables: Need to look around and contact a few businesses to see if we can use their inflatables for free. We need to ask Jenna Wood if Ken Garff has any still. Cathy will send out an email to see if anyone has their own they will let us use. Also, Cathy referred Ultimate Inflatables at 801-341-8494. They offer half off to PTA's with free delivery and pickup.

Golf Cart: Cathy Ambrose will ask Randy Pyne if he will come back again this year.

Ponies: Nicole Brittain (or someone from that end of the table) will call about pony rides. Thanksgiving Point and Gardner Village were suggested as possibilities.

Food Chair: Amy Chariton has volunteered with Jennifer Card assisting. Texas Road House is generously giving us 300 meals at no charge (pulled pork, beans and salad). Karen needs numbers from Rebecca from past years to give an actual count to TRH.

Prize Committee: Lori Sanders will order prizes; Melanie Holdaway, Jeselyn Peery and Melissa Breiter will organize and run the prizes booth.

Signup Sheets: Be sure to have carnival volunteer spots on the room parent volunteer sheets in the classrooms.

Baskets: Toni Carlson requested help to collect, assemble and transport baskets. A signup sheet was passed around the room for those willing to volunteer. It was suggested we invited Orem Police to the carnival for extra security to basket theft in the past – maybe Officer Wakamatsu.

Cotton Candy: Rachele will provide and run the cotton candy this year.

Game Booth Volunteers: Anyone with connections to Young Single Adult Wards should ask if they would like to provide service manning game booths for a Family Home Evening activity. Also, YW/YM groups can be asked. Having other groups run the games allows PTA volunteers to enjoy the carnival with their families.

SCC:

The school needs new computers to comply with new State testing to be done on computers only.

Suggestions: table for donations at back to school night, change school gift from digital marquee to computers, search for grants, endorse Target Redcard/Debit card and designate proceeds to OES, send out donation request with shareholders report.

Discussed possibly having a donation table at carnival or giving all extra PTA donations at back to school night to the computer fund.

Teacher Gifts: Karen would like to expand on the method started by Adria Howse last Christmas for gifts for teachers – a page with the teacher's likes was sent home with students.

Lori Sanders suggested a year round "Giving Tree" for classroom supply donations. She could use her Cricut and laminate them to be used year after year.

Principal's Report:

Staff changes: Mrs. Jensen is new 6th grade teacher, looking for a PE and Special Ed replacement. Hired a new resource teacher.

OES is now hosting special-ed preschool through ASD.

Hired a full-time speech pathologist to accommodate new pre-school.

Media specialist, Shelly Mortimor is moving to school in AF, hiring replacement.

Parking Lot Safety: Don't use supply loading zone for student drop off. Kids need to be using sidewalks and stay out of parking lot. Front drop off is two lanes, not three. More visitor spaces added to help parents check-in and check-out preschoolers.

Need volunteers to enforce rules first few weeks of school to help drivers adjust. Wendy Olsen was suggested as a parking lot monitor and our Watch DOGS dads.

Jen Nielsen asked if construction on 400S will be completed by the start of school – Ms. Bolingbroke said she would check into that and make necessary changes to maintain safety depending on what she finds.

Kindergarten: Start and dismissal times changed so class begins and ends on the “tens” on the clock.

School Theme: Team theme - We are all in this together

Bucket fillers: continuing this with this anti-bullying program

Class list: will be posted on August 12

Renovations: District is behind on work orders, but upgrades are coming. Several Eagle Scout service projects have been carried out, including painting of world on asphalt.

Flags: the school has three flags that need to be retired if you know of any scout groups having retirement ceremonies.

Flex: More volunteers are needed. Adria Howse is most likely to head the program again. Eva suggest that the PERC come and run a few sessions of Flex.

School Fundraiser: Selling coupon cards to raise money for computers. Card features a code that you can access deals across the nation if you are going on vacation, etc. Suggested that there should be a table at BTSN for the school to feature and hype the upcoming fundraiser.

Misc.:

Karen : Reminded everyone that check request forms are in the PTA Box as well as sheets for the procedure book.

Karina Ruvulcaba: 50 free books available from the Mexican government for school library. \$15 to ship or she can pick them up at the Mexican Consulate in SLC. A letter requesting the books is needed from the school.

Adjourn: 11:45

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 6 at 9:30a