

**Orem Elementary PTA
Meeting Minutes
April 1, 2014, 9:39am**

Attendance:

Melanie Holdaway	Tamara Bahr
Christy Luque	Anna Steadman
Karen Wynn	Maria Wood
Bunney Schmidt	Katie Romrell
Amy Chariton	

Reverence: Maria Wood

Thought from Erma Bombeck's poem "If I Had My Life To Live Over". We need to enjoy every minute.

If I had my life to live over, I would have talked less and listened more.
I would have invited friends over to dinner even if the carpet was stained and the sofa faded.
I would have eaten the popcorn in the 'good' living room and worried much less about the dirt when someone wanted to light a fire in the fireplace.
I would have taken the time to listen to my grandfather ramble about his youth.
I would never have insisted the car windows be rolled up on a summer day because my hair had just been teased and sprayed.
I would have burned the pink candle sculpted like a rose before it melted in storage.
I would have sat on the lawn with my children and not worried about grass stains.
I would have cried and laughed less while watching television - and more while watching life.
I would have shared more of the responsibility carried by my husband.
I would have gone to bed when I was sick instead of pretending the earth would go into a holding pattern if I weren't there for the day.
I would never have bought anything just because it was practical, wouldn't show soil or was guaranteed to last a lifetime.
Instead of wishing away nine months of pregnancy, I'd have cherished every moment and realized that the wonderment growing inside me was the only chance in life to assist God in a miracle.
When my kids kissed me impetuously, I would never have said, "Later. Now go get washed up for dinner."
There would have been more "I love you's" .. More "I'm sorry's" ...
But mostly, given another shot at life, I would seize every minute... look at it and really see it ... live it...and never give it back.
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Approval of Minutes: Melanie Holdaway motioned for approval, Bunney Schmidt seconds.

Treasurer Report: Karen Wynn

Budget is up to date. Nothing to report. No questions.

Teacher's Rep: Bridgette Funk

Two teachers are retiring: Lynn Walker and Deanne Williams. Shawna Boles wrote a thank you to the PTA for the notes, etc. for Teacher Appreciation Week. Leanne Vitters was also very impressed with Teacher Appreciation Week.

Principal's Report: Rachelle Bolingbroke

- There is a Robotic Competition for the 5th and 6th Graders on April 1st and the District Competition is April 14th. SCC and the District made it possible for ALL 5th and 6th Graders to participate in this program.
- Buddy Bench; There was an article in the paper about a Buddy Bench. Is this something that OES PTA might be interested in? The benches are expensive—give as a gift? **would need to have a plaque if so. Could this be an Eagle Scout Project? Doesn't need to be fancy.
- Battle of the Books; Would we like to start this at OES? Cherry Hill does this and has information if we need. There is a pretty significant start-up cost but then there isn't much cost to keep it running. Would

there be teacher support? Also, this is a lot of work for the Librarian. She would need a lot of parent volunteers.

President's Report: Melanie Holdaway

- Moms & Muffins was a huge success. In spite of the very rainy weather, there was a HUGE turnout. We ordered the same amount as last year but had to go get more. Suggestion: Can we have books available in the morning session for those who forget/don't know to bring books for both Moms & Muffins and Dads & Donuts? Rachelle said she would talk to Lisa Tanner (librarian)
- Pizza & Movie night—Suggestion for next year: Have a specific time that pizza will be served. (e.g. 6:30 – 6:45). There were people who showed up at 7:00 expecting to get pizza. Had a few technical difficulties, but thanks to Melanie's phone being used as a hotspot, it all worked out. **Need to find out Melanie's overage for using her phone.**
- Family Skate Night went well
- Teacher Appreciation is this month. Stephanie Ellis is in charge of it. Christy Luque is doing Flower Sales. Flowers will be sold on Tuesday, April 22nd.
- PTA Next Year: Katie Romrell has agreed to be the Treasurer. Yay!!! Still need a President.

Discussion:

SAGE Spring Community Meeting during P/T Conferences. It will be upstairs in the Computer Lab. This first year of testing will be baseline. Suggestion: need to have the kids practice. Need to get links for practice website. Question: What happens if the kids opt out? Answer: No results, just get a fail.

What is the PTA involvement in the Retirement Parties for Mrs. Walker and Williams? The school does this.

Rachelle: The Teacher's Class Assignments will be available on the Weekly Email either this week or next. We will be losing a Specialty Teacher next year.

Walking Club—this was suggested and Rachelle will be walking with the kids at 7:30 and 8:45 outside a couple times a week.

Adjourned 10:30am