

**Orem Elementary PTA
Meeting Minutes
December 3, 2014, 9:33am**

Attendance:

Jill Judd	Paige Gibson	Tamara Bahr
Adelia Esseltine	Ryan Albiston	Delaina Whimpey
Rachelle Bolingbroke	Anna Steadman	
Melanie Holdaway	Liz Holdaway	
Katie Romrell	Adria Howse	

Reverence: Melanie Holdaway

Quote by Howard W. Hunter: This year, mend a quarrel. Seek out a forgotten friend. Dismiss suspicion and replace it with trust. Write a letter. Give a soft answer. Encourage youth. Manifest your loyalty in word and deed. Keep a promise. Forgo a grudge. Forgive an enemy. Apologize. Try to understand. Examine your demands on others. Think first of someone else. Be kind. Be gentle. Laugh a little more. Express your gratitude. Welcome a stranger. Gladden the heart of a child. Take pleasure in the beauty and wonder of the earth. Speak your love and then speak it again. Hopefully we can do some of these things better this month and this coming year.

Approval of Minutes September: Melanie Holdaway motioned for approval. Adelia Esseltine seconds.

Principal's Report: Rachelle Bolingbroke

- Thanks to everyone, parents, teachers, faculty for all they do. Everyone works together really well no matter their individual differences. That doesn't happen at every school.
- Look forward to the Walk-A-Thon in the spring
- We now have air quality flags that are displayed in the front hall windows so the school and community can have another reminder. The school gets a daily report that allows them to be prepared to keep high risk kids in when the air quality would be an issue. As part of this topic we also discussed cars idling while waiting to pick up students. The idea was brought up of making the school a no idling zone.
- We have received permission to make December 19th an AM common day. We discussed the Pros and Cons such as it is the last day before Christmas Break, many kids get checked out anyways after the Sing Along, it is hard for the later-gaters to get here on time. Let the front office know if there is a strong opinion or concern so they can make the decision.

Treasurer Report: Katie Romrell

- Everything is right on.

President's Report: Jill Judd

Past events

- Red Ribbon Week-It went well, Thank you to Mt. View, student council and volunteers for all their help.

- Box Tops-It also went well; it will be earlier next year. We will be having another one in the Spring

Upcoming events

- The PTA is helping with the Faculty and Teacher Christmas Pot Luck. We will be providing the main course.
- **Melanie Holdaway will help with the Walk-A-Thon in the spring**
- We had a discussion on Dad's and Donuts and Mom's and Muffins. The purpose is for parents and students to come together to read and share a treat. Is that working or is there another activity we could do that would be better? The idea of changing them to a single math or science night with more structure was suggested. Some ideas suggested were to have stations and punch out cards, to invite the BYU math circle(Tamara Bahr has connections) or Mt. View math club(Anna Steadman can be our contact.) participate and teach how math can be fun, having the teachers show activities that are grade appropriate or a science experiment. A tentative date of Feb. 5th or 10th was suggested. Contact Jill Judd if you have any ideas or if you would like to help.
- Battle of the Books is coming up in March. There will be practices Jan. 20th-24th in the library during Flex.
- Winter Flex- We still need lots of ideas and help for these cold winter months. Mrs. Whitehead has several games that just need a parent to help run. Contact Jill Judd with any ideas or to volunteer. Miss B also bought new Bingo Boards for Flex Bingo!
- December 4th was the Hope4Utah seminar with Greg Hudnall about keeping our youth safe. **If you missed it there is one more meeting in our area December 10th at Timberline Middle School at 6:30.**
- White Ribbon Week will be Feb. 17th-20th. Please contact Jill Judd if you would like to help.
- December 12th is a writing workshop and maturation both with Brad Wilcox. Parents are invited to attend either event if they would like
- Next PTA meeting Jan 7th at 9:30 AM

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