

**Orem Elementary PTA
Meeting Minutes
February 4, 2015, 9:37am**

Attendance:

Jill Judd	Paige Gibson	Tamara Bahr
Mimi Petty	Amy Chariton	Adria Howse
Melanie Holdaway	Karen Wynn	Anna Steadman
Cidne Richards		

Reverence: Amy Chariton

Amy shared some points from an article called 14 Essential Truths About Raising a Tween Girl by Galit Breen. Even though the article was written with girls in mind the ideas can apply to all kinds of relationships. The link is <http://m.huffpost.com/us/entry/> if you would like to read the whole list but a few that Amy shared were: 1. Faith in them is key. 2. They are still learning. They will make mistakes. 3. They want our approval. 4. They are watching you to see how they should respond to the world around them. 5. Compliment them. 6. Be their biggest fan.

Approval of Minutes September: Tamara Bahr motioned for approval. Melanie Holdaway seconds. Approved Unanimously

Principal's Report: Rachelle is out of town.

President's Report: Jill Judd

Past Events

- Award nomination results were, Jean Vitters and Anna Steadman
- Battle of the Books: Tamara Bahr reported that the practices for battle of the books went really well. We will need lots of volunteers for the battles March 2-6 during flex. Mrs. Tanner and Miss Bolingbroke are still working out all the details.
- Tamara Bahr also mentioned how the Home reading program is in need of funding. They do not have enough funds to replace worn out books. The suggestion was made to submit a request to the SCC.
- Student Led Conferences: The teachers said they had a lot of support. Thank you to the committee who feed the teachers!
- After School Program sign ups. A free science class was offered this time and it was very popular and filled up quickly. There were fewer classes offered and we did have fewer students sign up for paid classes but overall the same amount signed up when you include the free science class.

Upcoming events

- Dads and Donuts will be Feb. 5th, 7:30-8 AM and 7-7:30 PM. Thanks to Amy Chariton and her helpers. Everything is ready to go.

- White Ribbon week will be Feb. 17-20, with lunch time activities every day. Melanie Holdaway and Paige Gibson said they could help. Jill will also ask the 6th grade Boy Scouts and student council for help.
- Storytelling will be Feb. 23rd and 24th. Volunteers are needed to help judge.
- Teacher appreciation will be April 20-24. Cidne Richards mentioned some ideas such as serving the teachers breakfast or lunch, having a spa day, or doing something small each day such as, wearing your teachers favorite color, bringing their favorite treat, or bringing a school supply. We will be decorating the teacher's doors around the 17th. Mimi Petty and Cidne Richards are going to get together and coordinate with room moms to make teacher appreciation a success. If anyone has any great ideas they can contact Cidne Richards, Jill Judd, Mimi Petty or their room moms.
- There was a short discussion to see if there was any interest in looking into a lunch and recess switch where lunch would be served after recess. There are many things and people to consider but all those in attendance agreed that it couldn't hurt to look at it closer to see if there would be any benefits for OES. If anyone had strong opinions either way they could contact Jill Judd.
- Sage testing is going on right now.
- Next PTA meeting Mar. 4th at 9:30 AM

Adjourned 10:21 AM