

Orem Elementary PTA Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, October 4, 2016  
Orem Elementary  
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**Attendance:**

Bunney Schmidt	Mimi Petty	Karen Wynn
Flora Aleman	Lori Sanders	Alesha Russo
Adria Howse	Katie Anderson	Deanne Moses
Kim Strong	Delaina Whimpey	Julie Taggart
Angie Reynolds	Andrea Park	Jeany Vitters

Deanne Moses conducting.

**Reverence/Pledge:** Adria Howse

“Mere attitude is like a box of crayons that color your world. If you constantly color your picture grey, your picture will always be bleak. Try adding some colors to your picture by adding humor (and service, and laughter and quality time) and your picture begins to lighten up!” Allen Klein. If you think of this in terms of the lives of children, sometimes their picture of life can be very bleak, whether it’s “I don’t understand what’s going on in math”, “I don’t have any friends”, “I didn’t get invited to play soccer”, “I didn’t do good on my spelling test”, and then they go home to who knows what at home—that may be bleak, or maybe it’s full of color? And in addition, Ronald Reagan said, “We can’t help everyone, but we can help someone.” That’s what we do here in the PTA. We try to help everyone, but even if the activities we plan or host or sponsor can brighten the picture of just one child’s life, if not many, and add a little color, then we will have succeeded as a PTA!

**Secretary Approval of Minutes:** Angie Reynolds

September 2016 minutes approved

Motion: Delaina Whimpey

2<sup>nd</sup>: Kim Strong

**Treasurer Report:** Kim Strong

-Carnival report: \$13, 126.18 with still some baskets that haven’t been picked up/paid for. Melanie has bid sheets.

**Principal’s Report:** Andrea Park

-Wristbands and T-shirt sales going on for Jared Baker, a 4<sup>th</sup> grader diagnosed with Stage 4, Hodgkins Lymphoma. There is a Team Jared Facebook page to follow what’s going on.

-Discussion on how the PTA can help the family. Suggestion to do a large garage/bake sale. Mimi Petty will head up. Alesha Russo will do a flyer. Decided to do it Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 to 12:00 in the gym at Orem Elementary. Take donations the night before. Arrange to have Savers or like company to come pick up what’s left at the end.

-Mimi Petty will check with Tamra Baker to okay, then will email everyone to give the go ahead.

-PTA will donate \$450 to Student Council on retreat.

-Make up picture day Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>

-Latinos in Action will be really organized this year and will really target the kids. They have orientation and then will start.

#### **Teacher's Report:** Jeany Vitters

-Wonderful carnival. Thank you for the apple cupcakes for all the teachers, and the dinner was amazing at Parent/Teacher conferences.

-Pictures added to pass around of the new teachers.

#### **President Elect:** Deanne Moses

-Unsure what discussions have been had regarding interest in this position, but Alesha Russo would like to be involved and is willing to do it, but has the possibility of moving because her husband is working out of Boise. Adria Howse motions to have Alesha Russo as President Elect. Flora Aleman seconds the motion.

#### **Carnival Report:** Bunney Schmidt

-Classroom point totals done. Uppergrades came through big time this year. The top 5 were uppergrades. 1<sup>st</sup> Whitehead, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sloan, 3<sup>rd</sup> Chilcoat, Stewart, Hodson. Lowergrades 1<sup>st</sup> Conover, 2<sup>nd</sup> Giles, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vitters. Will need help with class parties.

-Feedback on **Flyers:** one missed this year and it resulted in less candy

**Bake sale:** Was fabulous. Decorations were great. Nice to start in the shade. Cakes ok. Brought in about the same as last year, but had 10 more cakes. Still would prefer to not have auction. Would like to drop the 6<sup>th</sup> graders winning the prizes and open it up to both 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades to be able to win. Possibly add more categories.

**Food:** We didn't have to run, but needed more than one station because the line was crazy. Need to figure out how to do another station to run two lines. Have signs up for Texas Road House and Hot Dogs and Pizza so people don't wait in the wrong line. Possibility of moving tables back closer to the school near the side door of the lunchroom to help area be more clear and less congested.

**Games:** Heard great things about the photo booth. He guessed he took about 100 pictures so we lost a little money on it. Only one complaint heard about not having the ponies. Inflatables were great, and were all donated except one. Thank you's will be sent! Water for the kids at the game stations would be nice because they didn't have time to leave to get a drink. Next year we will buy water for the volunteers to come get when they need it. Request to separate the face painting and the hair coloring.

**Prizes:** Tickets helped theft problem. Always crazy at end of the night when kids wait until all the games are closed to trade in their tickets. Had a grand prize this year and had several kids working all night to get enough tickets. Still had a few cheaters, but was much better. Would help to train the 6<sup>th</sup> graders on how many tickets to give out, etc. Started with 15 rolls of tickets and probably went through 10.

**Set-up/Clean-up:** The men were a huge help! We had all the canopy's up and tagged by 2:00pm!

**Basket Auction:** Melanie did a great job! The closing went well. There was an issue with the sink on mix-up of which closing it went in. Gift certificates went great. Several went for over face value.

**Ticket Sales:** All went well except for the super volunteer from the community. She has been coming for at least 10 years, but has been asked to not come back anymore.

**Volunteers:** YSA's were great! One group almost all cancelled the night before, but all showed up from the other group. Suggestion to look into walkie-talkies to help communicate and find each other. We have money, so will check into pricing to see if it's an option. Deanne will write thank you notes to those who helped and donated.

**Walk To School Day:** Deanne Moses

-Was a lot of fun! Suggestion to look into letting school start 10 or 15 minutes later that day so the kids can enjoy the fun outside when they get there. Maybe get the teachers involved so they come out and get their kids or something?

**Watch D.O.G.S:** Julie Taggart

-We had fewer sign up doing it at both the carnival and parent teacher conferences than last year or the year before. Discussion on why? Hard for dad's to take off work. Dad's think I've done it once, I don't need to do it again? There's only so much we can do to get them to do it. Let's just try to maximize the benefit of what we have come. Make clear that they only have to give 1 hour, not a whole day if that's what they have. We will try at Dad's and Donuts to get more.

**Red Ribbon Week:** Deanne Moses

-Bunney sent email to all the coaches of the fall sports at Mtn. View to ask to let the kids come over Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> during lunch.

-Julie Bridges and Deanne are working on the details of each day and assembly.

**Additional items:**

-Family Movie Night. Tentatively set for Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. Thursdays seem to work best.

-Tamra Baker okayed garage sale. Will meet soon to continue planning details.

-Check into having inflatables donated to draw people to garage sale.

Next Meeting will be November 1<sup>st</sup> @ 9:30am

Meeting adjourned 11:03am

