

Orem Elementary PTA Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, December 5, 2017  
Orem Elementary  
09:36

**Attendance:**

Deanne Moses  
Kim Strong  
Angie Reynolds  
Julie Taggart

Karen Wynn  
Tamara Bahr  
Delaina Whimpey  
Jeany Vitters

Jennie Christensen  
Jana Keen

Deanne Moses conducting.

**Reverence/Pledge:** Delaina Whimpey

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.” Margaret Mead

**Teacher’s Report:** Jeany Vitters

Thank yous from several teachers were passed around. Loved the reflections assembly. The video was new and neat—that was special. Laura Giles had an article in the Sunday paper at the Daily Herald. The book fair results: OES was able to donate \$3960.60 to replace books damaged by Hurricane Harvey. Loved the Veterans assembly! Upcoming is sign-ups for children’s choir. It will start in January. The student council will be putting up paper trees in the hall and each class will pick one and decorate it. Just asked to not do the nativity because of all the different religions. Can pick one of the themes. Luggable Loos came in and Tamara was able to get a fantastic deal on Black Friday. Thank you for all you do—it’s been a fun school year so far!

**Family Movie Night:** Deanne Moses

We had some issues with parents dropping off kids and not staying. Kids were running around and toilets got clogged by pizza that was thrown down it. Mrs. Park had to wait afterwards and call parents to come pick up kids. Suggested we get more volunteers to control and monitor it, and to make expectations clearer to the kids. Also, need to make it clearer where blankets and chairs are to be located.

**Reflections Awards Night:** Jana Keen

It was so great! The highlight reel was really sweet. It went well, there were a few mistakes made—a couple forgotten awards, but they have been rectified. Next year they are going to have the parents input them electronically. It took her and her husband together 5 hours just to input them this year. We were over budget and some aren’t turning in receipts to be nice, and all the food and prizes were donated. If we keep doing nicer awards like trophies and medallions we will need to increase the budget. It’s suggested to amend the budget and add another \$300 for next year. The kids wrote thank you notes to the donors and they really appreciated receiving those!

**Book Buddies:** Deanne Moses

Kim said it went great. She always has it under control.

**Grandparents Lunch:** Deanne Moses

The survey that went out ahead of time helped us look at the percentage that would purchase a school lunch vs. bring their own. There was a really long line the first day (turkey day). Some complaints about grandparents finding all the siblings. Maybe encourage parents to inform parents of times and teachers, etc. to help that process. Seems like our lunch room is set up to serve two lines, but we are only utilizing one. Could we help volunteer to make two lines to help make it more efficient? Good feedback was given on the way we did pictures. We just used their own phone to take their pictures. Maybe next year we could just add signs letting them know there were pictures and where. We will talk with the lunchroom staff about the possibility of doing two lines. The office did a fantastic job of decorating all the tables in the gym. That was really nice of them!

**Additional Items:**

Grizzlies would like to have an OES night where we get a small part of the ticket sales. Flyer has been emailed to Mrs. Park. Concern whether we can do a fundraiser with more than one business a year? Right now, we do that with Zupas.

Maturation program is coming up. Same speakers will be here this year-both who are great!

Staffing for next year: We need to come up with some people for next year for the presidency. All the positions will need to be filled. We need a committee of odd numbers (3 or 5) who will reach out and talk with people and actively pursue people to serve. Let's have a message that Andrea can send out to all the families to see if there is any interest.

Luggable Loos were purchased for \$8.00 each—regularly \$19. They are at the school and they are placing bag liners in them. We need to get on the baggies with the snacks for the kids to go along with our emergency preparedness, as well as water and toilet paper. Decided we will provide granola bars and fruit snacks and then send a note home letting parents know that if their children have any allergies, they will need to send something in for them. Tamara Bahr volunteered to purchase the small water bottles, granola bars, fruit snacks and toilet paper. Plan to have teachers use/eat them at the end of the year if unused and then we will replace each year.

**Treasurer Report:** Kim Strong

All of reflections aren't turned in yet, but we have \$22,311.00 in the checking account. Report was passed around.

Next meeting will be January 9th @ 9:30 am.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 am.