**OES PTO Minutes for November 2, 2021**

* Welcome & Introduction of Officers: Michele Hildebrand-President, Jeannette Blaustein -Vice-President, Janet Blanco-Treasurer, Aimee Aubry-Secretary
* Communication
  + Facebook- **OES Families**, please “Like” us
  + Administration school Facebook page**-Oasis Elementary South**; maintained by Carrie Abes
  + Parent Square and Panther Press - used by school administration
  + PTO Rocks on the website has all information on PTO; Michele walked everyone through the OES website and the links at the bottom where PTO Rocks is located
* Guest speaker - Donnie Hopper - OMS Principal
  + OMS is one of the highest achieving middle schools last year, which he attributes to great teachers, involved parents and great kids.
  + New social studies curriculum this year; new math curriculum next year
  + Just held their first ever Gator Jog, a color fun run. Similar to boosterthon. Raised over $12,000 which is substantial for a middle school event.
  + Last week they got back to celtrations such as bingo for no referrals, a lip sync event done by the staff and held in the gym with 6th graders as the audience. Every quarter the staff looks for ways to give back to students to celebrate and reward good behavior.
  + Fifth grade open house is Thursday January 13th. He hopes to hold this in person this year. Gives parents and students a chance to see the maker space/gator garage, meet the teachers, get a feel for electives, clubs, etc. All OES & OEN 5th graders will get an opportunity to visit OMS during a school day so they get a feel for it within the next few months.
* Foundation report - Samantha Richardson
  + They’ve been issuing lots of grants this year including one for gator garage, drones at OMS, OEN, little learning library.
  + Raised $3,000 in covid grants; after handing out Feel the Love baskets, they used the remaining $2,700 to host lunches for the staff at all four schools.
  + Rally will be held on 4/9. There will be a family fun event at Tropical Breeze the night before. If anyone wants to help or make business donations, let Samantha or anyone at the Foundation know.
  + Lighthouse awards will be 3/6/22. They still need 2 observers. Message the PTO page if interested.
* President’s Report:
  + Past Events
    - Trunk or treat was a success
      * Winners were posted on OES Families page
    - Teacher costume contest - pictures were posted on OES Families where people could vote for their favorite. Winners announced there as well.
  + Upcoming Events
    - Holiday event - donuts or cookies with santa 12/11; must be held outdoors.
    - Frosty’s Factory - will discuss in New Business
    - Veterans day bulletin board - will be updated by Jess Marshall.New Business
  + New Business - Frosty’s Factory
    - Bringing this event back this year.
    - Will start 12/2 and run through 12/11; last day will be the day of the Holiday event. Will set up on 12/1. Will need 2-3 people per day to run Frosty’s Factory (help kids pick out gifts, check-out, etc.). PTO will post a sign-up genius for volunteers.
    - Info will be going home in the next few weeks.
    - New vendor this year. System should be easier than prior years.
    - Stay tuned to OES Families facebook page; sign up on PTO Rocks.
* Treasurer’s Report
  + Janet presented the treasurer’s report. Current bank balance is $53,118.03.
* Principal’s Report provided by Ms. Grecsek
  + Ms. Grecsek thanked the PTO for teacher appreciation. Everyone really appreciates and enjoys the different themes each time.
  + Trunk or treat was great and everyone looked so happy to be back together!
  + Getting ready to start clubs; 5-6 of them for now but maybe more. If interested, sign up quickly as there will be limited capacity. Info coming out this week.
* Teachers Report:
  + Tiffany Brown K-2
    - Friday was awesome! From being able to have the halloween parade, to having parents back in the classroom and trunk or treat was packed.
    - Teachers love all the staff appreciation.
    - Now they are gearing up for Christmas.
    - Field trips are coming back. Kindergarten just had firefighters come to school.
* Open Discussion
  + Turkey trot is coming back the Thursday before break during specials.
* Next meeting is February 9th. Will need to discuss Spring Festival and may need to have a meeting before February depending on the date we decide on for Spring Fest.
* Adjournment