

February 11, 2015

PTC Minutes

Call to order 5:53pm

Attending:

Board Members: Samantha Rohmer, Wendy Farrell, Laura Kavanaugh,

Faculty: Principal Elaine Pender

General Assembly: Tracy Murphy, Jamie Thompson

1) President's Report-Samantha Rohmer

Samantha stated that Circus Smirkus was a huge success. Over 100 people attended the Friday night performance, the bake sale went really well and PTC is planning on bringing Circus Smirkus back to OES next year, maybe during Carnival week. Principal Pender stated she loved seeing the pride on the children's faces and also thought it was very successful. Samantha next talked about other fundraisers. The Box Top Incentive program was also a success. Mrs. Wright's class won the prize for collecting the most Box Tops. It was suggested that the PTC should hold the Box Top competition every month. The Beanstock Fundraiser is in need of a chair person. The goal is to raise \$750 per year. Samantha also talked about the Spring Carnival which is set for May 2nd. The PTC will need volunteers all day, possibly from 10-3pm. Besides the carnival games and other stations, someone suggested bringing in some crafters to help raise money.

2) Principal's Report- Elaine Pender

Principal Pender stated that Literacy Night was a great success, there was a small drop in attendance, which was thought to be illness related. There was a suggestion to possibly change Literacy Night to the fall and having a "hook" like a local author could also bring in more families. STEM night was also coming up, and this year it was decided to separate the grades and have two STEM nights. One for 3-5th graders and another STEM night for K-2nd grade. This way the younger crowd could have more hands on exploration and the older students could interact with Audubon

volunteers and have more advanced stations. Principle Pender said the teachers have started talking about Theme Week and would like to gear the theme towards reading. There is an "all community reading day" March 3rd where members of the community will come in and read to students. Earth view was another upcoming event which the 4th and 5th graders will participate in. The use of EBooks from Snow Library was mentioned. Principal Pender stated that MCAS testing was coming up in March and that attendance on these days was of the utmost importance. Principal Pender closed by talking about the OES budget. She stated that there is a 1 1/2 % increase this year. She has gone through the numbers and feels good about it.

3) Upcoming Events:

February 23rd	School Committee 330pm
February 26th	STEM Night 6pm
March 3rd	OES Community Read Day
March 18th	PTC Monthly Meeting 6pm

4) Adjournment

Minutes respectfully submitted by Laura Kavanaugh, PTC secretary.