

Olney Elementary School
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Olney Elementary School PTA Meeting
October 4, 2016 at 7pm

The Olney Elementary School PTA met on October 4, 2016 at 7pm in the school's media center. The PTA president, Jill Fecko, called the meeting to order at 7pm. Quorum was met with those in attendance.

- Introductions of the PTA board and committee heads, school staff and parents in attendance.
- Jessica Chapel recapped the success of the Dragon Dash which surpassed the budgeted income goal for the event and thanked Ms. Morse for her support of the event.
- Jill Fecko reviewed and proposed changes to the budget to be approved by the PTA membership.
 - Since the school is no longer allowing the PTA to use their copy machine for copies, a line item of \$1,000 was added to the budget for PTA copies. The \$1,000 line item will be subtracted from the school's gift line item, leaving the school gift expense at \$9,000.
 - The teacher's requests were all gathered and there is enough in the budget to approve all the requests. Mrs. Fecko will send out a list of the request and honor these requests pending board approval of the list.
 - Donna Lakso motioned for approval of the budget changes and Amanda Monshein seconded the motion.
- Shannon Robinson, MCCPTA delegate, reported that Montgomery County is submitting three options of school schedules in attempt to receive a waiver regarding the Labor Day start date law passed last month. The proposed schedules will be reviewed and ruled on by the State of Maryland. Also, MCCPTA is doing research into whether or not schools have received the appropriate funds from new gambling initiatives as voted on last year.
- Membership Chair, Illene Lees, reported that membership was on par with last year and that some memberships were still being transmitted through Paypal, so a firm total was not yet assessed.
- Nicole Matthers, NAACP Chair, is working with her Diversity Committee members to establish a monthly fun facts about each month's diversity association. For example, September/October is Hispanic Heritage month. Fun facts about Hispanic Heritage month will be included in Dragon Tales and broadcasted on DNN. Mrs. Matthers may also use the PTA's bulletin board to communicate each month's topic and fun facts to students. Anyone wishing to help develop these fun facts and join the Diversity Committee is welcomed and encouraged to assist as volunteers are still needed. Next month will feature information about Disabilities and the following month will be in relation to Veterans.
- The current situation of whether or not fingerprinting or background checks were needed for field trips occurring a certain distance from school ground or time outside of the regular school hours was discussed. Both Mr. Craemer and Ms. Glawe will work on clarifying the issue with their supervisors.

- The Box Top contest is currently running through October 21, 2016 and the class with the most Box Tops collected will be rewarded with a class party.
- Approximately 40% of the teacher's requests posted by the Staff Appreciation Chairs on Back To School night were completed. The remaining requests are available for viewing online via Sign Up Genius and may still be fulfilled by signing up to donate these items.
- The following upcoming events were discussed:
 - Christine Lassiter and Colleen Siansky announced that the Book Fair will run October 17-21, 2016.
 - Additional volunteers are needed for set-up on October 14, 2016 at 4pm. Also, a list of when classes will be visiting the book fair will be available via Dragon Tails so that you may volunteer during your child's class visit.
 - OES PTA will be hosting the Milk and Cookies event on 10/19/26 from 6:45pm to 7:45pm. Doors will open at 6:35pm and children may bring sleeping bags and blankets. This year, children will each receive a ticket upon entry to claim their cookies and drink. Parents will be asked to visit a Parent's Lounge to cut down on background volume during the event.
 - The Annual Pie Drive will occur on the Wednesday, November 23, 2016. Pies are donated via Sign Up Genius and brought to school for school staff, bus drivers and administrators to take home for Thanksgiving. Pies may be store bought or homemade and should be labeled as such.
 - Volunteers are need to chair the Spring Dance and Movie Night events. If there is nobody to chair the events, the PTA will need to cancel these family night events. Attendees were asked to volunteer at the conclusion of the meeting.
 - The next restaurant night will be at Mama Lucia's on October 20, 2016, followed by Cheeburger Cheeburger on November 15, 2016.
- Principal Carla Glawe and Principal Intern Mark Craemer welcomed attendees and gave a school update.
 - Principal Glawe reminded attendees to take the MCPS Child Abuse and Neglect course so that they may volunteer and that a printed certificate of completion needed to be turned into the office. In addition, she reviewed the new policy of not allowing any food for classroom birthday celebrations.
 - Mr. Craemer shared information from a recent Montgomer County Public Schools Administrators meeting. OES was congratulated for showing academic improvements among certain previously under achieving populations within the school.

The meeting was adjourned at 8pm by PTA President Jill Fecko.

Respectfully submitted,
 Jaime Costolo
 OES PTA Secretary