

Olney Elementary School
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Olney Elementary School PTA Meeting
September 6, 2016 at 7pm

The Olney Elementary School PTA met on September 6, 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.
- Minutes from the last PTA meeting on May 3, 2016 were approved. Pam Harp motioned to approved the minutes and Cristine Camacho seconded the motion.
- Jill Fecko welcomed all attendees and spoke about changes to ListServ for this year. By joining the PTA, members will be automatically added to the ListServ to receive PTA news and information. The PTA's new website, www.olneyespta.org, and Facebook page are also great tools for staying connected to what's going on a school.
- Jill Fecko reviewed the PTA's plans for the year and what sort of events and programs are sponsored by the PTA, including the upcoming Dragon Dash on September 24, 2016.
- Cheryl Baron, PTA Treasurer, reviewed the budget. The current balance is \$30,805.27. The budgeted income for 2016, including the Dragon Dash, PTA Membership, Scholastic Book Fair and other projected income (Spring Fling, donations, etc.) is \$26,500. Budgeted expenses are \$42,795, leaving a balance of \$14,510. Mrs. Baron highlighting the goal of raising \$15,000 via the Dragon Dash as the school's only fundraiser for the year. She also explained the budgeted increased expense for staff appreciation and classroom expenses. Jaime Costolo motioned for the budget to be approved. Denise Purcell seconded the motion. The budget was approved.
- Jill Fecko discussed developing a Financial Review Committee in accordance with the PTA Bylaws. Chris Fecko will lead the Committee and two additional members, Randall MacGill and Cristine Camacho, volunteered to be on the committee. The committee was approved.
- Jill Fecko spoke about the newly developed Diversity Committee, its purpose and the need for our PTA members to join the committee. She also mentioned that Rosa Parks will be showcasing the magnet programs available to MCPS students.
- Shannon Robinson, MCCPTA delegate, reported that the hot topic at her meeting was school start dates and whether or not the start date would be changed to an after Labor Day start. Also, Mrs. Robinson notified attendees that a "Meet The Candidates" meeting will take place on September 28th at Kennedy High School.
- Christine Lassiter announced that the Book Fair will run October 17-21, 2016 and volunteers will be needed. Volunteers receive a 5% discount on purchases.
- Bethany Chung explained that volunteers will need to have completed the MCPS online course and have their certificate of completion on file at school before they are able to volunteer.

- Shelly Liberty, Dragon Tales Editor, noted that Dragon Tales comes out every Thursday with information about upcoming school events and to email her anything that needs to be put in to the on-line newsletter.
- Ilene Lees, PTA Membership, reported that 100 families and several teachers had already joined the PTA and was looking forward to gaining additional members at Back To School night.
- Donna Lakso, PTA VP, announced that volunteers were needed to staff the late check-in table. In addition, a volunteer position to head up Family Fun Nights is still open. This position includes Movie Night, Spring Fling and Bingo. These programs will not be able to occur without volunteers.
- Jeremy Lipczenko and Jennifer Edgar, Dragon Treasures editors, requested volunteers to help with the production of Dragon Treasures, specifically, help with sorting through student admissions.
- Anna Berger, Grocery Programs, encouraged attendees to link their grocery cards to Olney Elementary, to raise money for OES. In addition, Tiffany McKinnon, reminded attendees to send in Box Tops and Laurin Goodman explained how attending OES restaurant nights was profitable for OES. All three programs are budgeted to contribute \$4,500 this year.
 - The first restaurant night will be at Panera on September 26, 2016.
- Shelly Liberty, Trex chair, informed attendees about the program and that it will be taking place in November.
- Principal Carla Glawe and Principal Intern Mark Craemer welcomed attendees and gave a school update.
 - Mrs. Glawe reviewed the school's enrollment. Olney Elementary currently has 663 students enrolled. She reported that both the third and fifth grades were on the cusp of gaining an additional classroom. Both a full time and part time paraeducator were added to the school's staff.
 - 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.
 - Mrs. Glawe announced that she is requesting additional Chromebooks to be gifted to OES from the PTA this year.
 - The process of having a Principal Intern was explained by Mrs. Glawe and Mr. Craemer. After winter break, Mr. Craemer will move into the role of Principal while an acting Principal from another school is brought in to assist him for six weeks. Mrs. Glawe will be going to Drew Elementary School during this time, to assist another Principal Intern.

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

Respectfully submitted,
 Jaime Costolo
 OES PTA Secretary