

Olney Elementary School
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Olney Elementary School PTA Meeting
March 7, 2017 at 7pm

The Olney Elementary School PTA met on March 7, 2017 at 7pm in the school's media center. The PTA president, Jill Fecko, called the meeting to order at 7:02pm. Quorum was met with those in attendance.

- Introductions of the PTA board and committee heads, school staff and parents in attendance.
- Shannon Robinson motions to approve the previous meeting's minutes. Christine Camacho seconds the motion and the previous PTA minutes are approved.
- The PTA Treasurer, Cheryl Baron, gave an update on the budget. Currently, \$23,000 is available to spend, not including upcoming field trip requests.
 - Only two classes have put in field trip requests, but the remaining requests and other PTA expense requests should be finalized by the end of April.
 - Members were asked to email their ideas for any additional expenses over the next month to the OES PTA President so that decisions regarding expenses could be made at the next PTA Board Meeting on April 4, 2017.
- MCCPTA delegate, Shannon Robinson, reported that a workgroup was being formed to further the request that more state casino funds be put towards schools.
- Mariah Payne gave an update on staff appreciation activities:
 - Volunteers will be needed to assist in refurbishing the staff lounge.
 - Volunteers are needed to sponsor the staff lounge for various upcoming weeks and all/any gestures are appreciated by the staff.
 - In May there will be a full week of staff appreciation activities.
- Restaurant Nights will be headed by Donna Lakso through the remainder of the school year. Upcoming events include Ledo's Pizza on March 14th, Chipotle on April 4th and Jersey Mike's on May 9th.
- Staff vs. Parents Kick Ball event will take place April 21, 2017 from 4:30-6pm. The fields and bathrooms have been reserved. At least 10 staff and 10 parents will be needed to field teams. Ken Linder is in charge of setting up the event
- Movie Night event on May 19th will be orchestrated by Alan Harp, with the technical assistance of David Awaad. The movie being shown will be Ratatouille at 8pm.
- Fifth Grade Memories, a party for only the Fifth Grade, will be on Thursday, June 13th featuring a Hollywood theme. Volunteers are needed to get additional sponsors. Mrs. Glawe will send a Connect Ed message out to Fifth Grade parents regarding the event and Fifth Grade graduation ceremony details.
- Kindergarten Orientation is on May 4th and May 5th. A sign-up for volunteers and snacks will be requested. Current kindergarteners will not have school on May 4th and 5th.
- The TREX program is underway and plastic bags/clear plastic wrap will be collected through Earth Day, April 22, 2017.

- Due to an area before and after care facility discontinuing its program, parents asked OES Administration if there was a possibility of having before and/or after care available at OES. Mrs. Glawe responded on behalf of the Administration that no space was available for a before and/or after care program at OES at this time.
- Principal Intern Mark Craemer and Principal Carla Glawe welcomed attendees and gave a school update.
 - Mr. Craemer reported that OES was approved for additional staff allocations and that additional allocations would be more specifically announced next month.
 - Fifth Grade Science testing and Third thru Fifth Grade PARCC testing will be coming soon.
 - Student teachers are in the midst of their “teacher takeover,” however, classroom teachers are still participating in the classroom.
- Jill Fecko, PTA President, reviewed the PTA Executive Board positions, as well as other positions available for next year. Members were asked to speak with any current Board Members or Committee Chairs regarding interest in their positions for the 2017/2018 school year. The Nominating Committee, named in December, will be nominating members at the next PTA meeting in May.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Jaime Costolo
OES PTA Secretary