

Olney Elementary School  
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Olney Elementary School PTA Meeting  
February 6, 2018 at 7pm

The Olney Elementary School PTA met on February 6, 2018 at 7pm in the school's media center. The PTA president, Mariah, called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

- PTA Business
  - Donna Lakso moves to approve the previous meeting's minutes. Bethany Chung seconds the motion and the previous PTA minutes are approved with no objections.
  - Treasurer's report: The PTA Treasurer, Lyn Pugh, gave a review of the 2017-2018 budget to date.
    - Box tops payment came in
    - Chipotle will allow us to re-do restaurant night
    - Fundraiser – yearbook, did very well with membership this year
    - Expenses – school support expenses (Chromebooks), bought outdoor lawn games for recess
    - Mariah Payne - will likely vote on changes next month
  - Spring Fling (Stephanie Lindner)
    - March 10 6-8pm
    - DJ is booked, 50/50 raffle, pizza/water/drinks
    - Need to let parents know it is not a drop-off activity
    - Need volunteers (signup genius link in Dragon Tales) – SSL hours available
  - Movie night (Alan)
    - Have a rain date, will likely host outside
    - May 11 (Rain date May 18)
    - Possible food truck, Kona ice truck
    - For movie choice, may ask for opinions in dragon tales
  - Yearbook (Mariah Payne)
    - Picked 5<sup>th</sup> grade drawing for front cover
    - Needs more photos (forward to Kelly)
    - Order forms coming home soon
    - \$20 in advance, \$25 after
  - PTA President Updates (Mariah Payne)
    - School supply drive successful from Bingo night
    - Science Fair 2/28, registration deadline 2/16

- Restaurant night at Urban BBQ confirmed 2/22 4-9pm, 10% all sales
- MySchoolAnywhere – will start transitioning all PTA communication, no longer using Google as of 3/1
  - Starting to manually input student names
  - Will send out test from MySchoolAnywhere next Monday
- Kindergarten Orientation (Allison Robinson)
  - April 12 and 13 (kindergarteners do not have school)
- Lunch and Recess Discussion
  - For 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade (who share a recess) additional outdoor time would be decided by teachers if one class has outdoor recess
    - Determining factors – if the field is not accessible (ie muddy)
    - Can we ask the county to fix field areas that don't drain well?
      - Drainage improvement project scheduled for this summer may address this
  - Noise issues at lunch
    - Paraeducator meeting last week, staff development teacher researching noise-reduction panels – costs money, don't have funds
      - Consider egg carton art on the walls (need to ensure not a fire hazard)
  - Considerations for parent volunteers at lunch and recess
    - Could use 3-5 extra parent volunteers per lunch session
    - Consider using media center volunteer system as a model for lunch/recess volunteering
    - Need help transitioning kids from inside→outside, outside→inside
    - About 100 kids per grade level out at recess with 4-5 paraeducators
    - Consider “train-the-trainer” session
  - Shannon will take to MCCPTA for discussion
- Principal Carla Glawe and Assistant Principal Cindy Chichester welcomed attendees and gave a school update.
  - Converting computer lab and tv studio into classrooms
    - May get money in budget to convert room behind media center into tv studio
  - Anticipating 4 K classrooms, 5 first-fourth grade classrooms, 4 fifth grade classrooms
  - 4<sup>th</sup> grade - comfort cases, empathy bracelets (Ms. McClellan)
  - “Sheldon” the roving student on loan from central office for student who cannot come to school

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm by PTA President Mariah Payne.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Leah Sera  
 OES PTA Secretary