

Olney Elementary School  
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Olney Elementary School PTA Meeting  
December 4, 2018 at 7pm

The Olney Elementary School PTA met on December 4, 2018 at 7pm in the school's media center. The PTA president, Mariah, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

- PTA Business
  - The October 2018 PTA minutes were approved with no changes and no objections.
  - The PTA Treasurer, Lyn Pugh, gave a budget update.
    - Book fair brought in about the same amount as last year
    - Dragon Dash brought in significantly less than last year
  - Committee Updates
    - Pie Drive – 117 pies donated!
    - Dragon Dash – didn't make as much money as last year, may have another fundraiser
    - Box Tops – So far made \$464 – next due date is mid-February.
- Principal Carla Glawe and Assistant Principal Cindy Chichester welcomed attendees and gave a school update.
  - Maryland State Department of Education 2017-2018 report card
  - Olney ES given 5/5 stars (88<sup>th</sup> percentile rank)
  - Report available from:  
<http://reportcard.msde.maryland.gov/Graphs/#/ReportCards/ReportCardSchool/3/17/6/15/0502/>
- Community discussion – OES growing student population
  - Ms. Tammy Fox, one of three Sherwood Cluster Coordinators, joined us to discuss overpopulation from the cluster perspective
    - Board of Ed is considering county wide boundary study
    - Cluster coordinators advocating for review of Sherwood Cluster boundaries
    - No time frame given for implementation
  - Question from parent: What is the plan for the school?
    - Answer from Ms. Glawe: Numbers are always in flux. Classrooms can be redesigned. OES cannot turn children away if they live within our boundaries.

- Question from parent: Are there safety concerns when converting non-classrooms into classrooms?
  - Answer from Mrs. Glawe: County is involved with all redesigns and approves them as safe.
- Question from parent: If reshuffling occurs due to new boundaries, will schools change track (i.e., will OES still go to Rosa Parks and Sherwood)
  - Answer from Ms. Fox: Trying to keep schools on the same track.
- Question from parent: Can we send new students to other schools that are not at capacity?
  - Answer from Mrs. Glawe: No, enrollment is boundary-driven. Students cannot be turned away if they live within the boundary.
- Comment from Ms. Fox: It is important to PTA to have a bigger presence at Board of Education meetings to advocate for issues important to us. Board of education sees that we are doing well as a school (5 star rating, for example), and doesn't that changes are a priority compared to the needs of other schools in the county.
- Question from parent: Students with early lunch (2<sup>nd</sup> graders) have a long block of instruction in the afternoon. Can lunch and recess be separated to avoid this?
  - Answer from Mrs. Glawe: Master schedule will be discussed.
- Comment from PTA President Mariah Payne: Class size is a county-wide issue and is a separate issue from boundary-driven school overpopulation.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm by PTA President Mariah Payne.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Leah Sera  
 OES PTA Secretary