

Olney Elementary School  
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PTA Meeting September 5, 2019

The Olney Elementary School PTA met on May 7, 2019 at 7pm in the school's media center. The PTA president, Paul, called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

- PTA Business
  - Introduction of PTA Officers
    - President: Paul Carlson (olneyespresident@gmail.com)
    - 1st Vice President: Erica Grover
    - 2nd Vice President: Lynn Magee
    - Treasurer: Francesco Paganini
    - Secretary: Jen Miehle (could not attend tonight)
  - May 2019 PTA minutes were approved with no changes and no objections.
  - Elected Erica Grover (1st VP) and Jen Miehle (Secretary). Pam Harp and Francesco Paganini motioned to approve. All in favor, no objections.
  - PTA Gift to the school this year is funding to support outdoor classroom.
  - Other ways PTA supports the school is through reimbursement of teachers, staff appreciation, school grounds, field trips, science fair, spring fling. We do this through fundraisers like the Dragon Dash (October 5), Book Fair (Nov 4-8), and restaurant nights.
  - Approved 2020 Budget at 7:16 pm– New in budget is cultural diversity night. Discussed surplus. Although there is one in the budget now, PTA will work to have limited/no surplus in budget at end of year. (Donna Lasko and Michelle Pererra motioned to approve, no objections).
  - Committee Updates
    - PTA vacancies. Check the website for more info, but we need:
      - Staff Appreciation Committee
        - Karen Long, Stephanie Crider, and Vidya Gopal volunteered to organize the staff appreciation week. [vids\\_g@yahoo.com](mailto:vids_g@yahoo.com), [klong107@gmail.com](mailto:klong107@gmail.com), [crider.steph@gmail.com](mailto:crider.steph@gmail.com)
        - Still need volunteers for the Pie Drive and Holiday Treats.
      - 5<sup>th</sup> grade memory volunteer
    - Membership (Celeste Henry) - Goal of 100% family participation. \$30 for family or \$20 for single parents. Forms available online or can sign-up through Membership Toolkit.

- Directory (Paul for Leah Sera) – Directory My school anywhere was acquired by membership toolkit. Everything was transferred over, encourage all to update information in system with teacher info, etc. Leah will send out information for new students next week. Can pay for PTA membership through the toolkit.
- Volunteer and Room Coordinator (Jessica Simon)
  - 3 years ago MCPS implemented a training requirement. Link under the announcements on the school [website](#).
  - Paul will send link to the training.
  - For room parents, we will send a sign-up genius rather than paper sign-up. It will go out next week. Through Ms. Glawe.
  - There will still be recess and lunch volunteers through Jessica.
- Media Center Volunteers (Donna Foster)
  - Ms. Perper cannot open the Media center before school, so we staff it with volunteers 8:30-9a m every morning. This is an easy volunteer opportunity. Will send around list to collect emails. Would like volunteers to commit to at least 1 time/month.
- Ice Cream Social (Pam Harp) – Baskin Robbins (2 donated, 2 purchased) – September 19 at 6:30. Will need help scooping ice cream. If you want to donate popsicles or toppings, they are appreciated.
- Restaurant nights
  - Green Turtle on 9/24 (Show voucher)
  - Panera 10/21, 5-9
- Dragon Dash October 5, 2pm
  - Sign-up genius will go out for volunteers
  - This is our biggest fundraising effort.
- Support OES (Mariah Payne)
  - Harris Teeter – register for the together in education Code: 1030. We only have 17 cards registered. Re-register every year in August. Made \$1100 last year.
  - Amazon Smile – Use smile.amazon.com instead and register OES.
  - CertifiKID.com – Use OESPTA code at checkout for 80% off events. PTA gets \$5 with purchase of \$20 or more.
- Wish wall
  - Will be up at Back to School night – across from music room. Look for opportunities to donate by picking up post it. Put the post-it with staff name on the item.
  - Even if your child doesn't know the staff, this is a great way for kids to get to know other staff at school.
- Safe Stops and Rides Committee Arrive Alive Forum – October 19, 8:30-12:30, location TBD
- Amy Morris – PE teacher and safety patrol sponsor. Please don't park 3-5 spots near circle. It blocks view of cars for walkers and safety patrol.

- Principal Carla Glawe welcomed attendees and gave a school update
  - Ms. Glawe - Thank you to the PTA. Welcome and thank you to the Robinsons NAACP reps. First few days have been wonderful. Over the summer started partnership with 1st Generation College Bound to help students get to college. Kindergarten garden going well and sensory path. Thank you to Katie McMann.
  - Ms. Njeri Williams – 10<sup>th</sup> year as Assistant Principle. 2 kids in high school and college. From Washington.
  - There were 698 students during opening enrollment. We are 100 over capacity. Computer lab used for point 1. We have a retired music teacher coming every Thursday. Hoping to fill the music position in January.
  - Parents requested that the school work with a local business to offer additional parking for back to school night. Ms. Glawe will look into it.
  - Another parent asked about babysitting options for back to school night. The school cannot provide this. Could the PTA assist? No conclusion at the meeting.
  - The box top coordinator would like to encourage all to send in box tops! We raised \$1600 last year.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Erica Grover (filling in for Jen Miehle tonight).