

BLUE OAKS PTC

Working together for our students

Meeting Minutes January 12, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm by Amber McNinch. There were 29 people in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jenn Wright.

A motion was made by Karen Henderson to approve the November 10, 2011 Meeting Minutes as presented. Nicole Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Program Updates and Reports:

Technology Purchase: Mr. Ancker said wireless hubs are all installed and operating for campus-wide wireless access. Mrs. Gerould and Mrs. Beilby have both used the approved funds towards some technology purchases for fluency and listening centers in the classrooms. Thank You PTC!

Winter Fundraiser: Mixed Bag Designs raised \$5,461.59 profit.

Box Tops Update: The Winter Winner is 3rd Grade. A check for \$950 has just come in for most recent submissions. Way to go!

Dinner Out: Icing on the Cupcake-Wednesday, January 18th from 3-7pm.

Skate Night: So far we have made \$276 towards \$1,000 projected total profit of skate night and family night events. Next Skate Night set for sometime in May.

Yearbook Sales: Beck Barry mentioned the first order flier is going out today. The cover contest has also started. She requested pictures to be sent to her; a USB is best. Label them clearly and she will return them. She will be accepting pictures through mid-March.

Upcoming Events:

Family Movie Night: The event is set for this Friday, Jan 20th. *Smurfs* will be showing. Karen Henderson sent around a sign-up sheet for volunteers to make this event a success.

Pancake Breakfast/Auction Feb 25th: Beth Wells and Christi da Cunha have procured some awesome auction items; Park Hopper tickets to Disneyland is one of them! They have sent emails to the PTC reps for the class baskets and to teachers for the teacher items being offered. Beth mentioned if you are not sure who your PTC rep is or if you have not heard from them, contact her.

Run 4 Roseville-April 15: This event is sponsored by the Roseville City School Foundation. Mrs. Gerould mentioned that for every 50 people signed up our school could earn an iPod touch. If we have 200 Blue Oaks people signed up we could win an iPad! Some classes are getting teams put together with their own shirts. Deadline for team registration is March 15th.

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Principal's Report: Mr. Ancker had the privilege to have a pizza lunch with both Mrs. Evans' class and Mrs. Wells class as part of the Mixed Bag Designs Fundraiser incentives. He mentioned the 4th grade classes spent the last day before Winter break cleaning up the Blue Oaks Park and surrounding open space areas. Finally, he announced the upcoming "Magic of Reading" assembly scheduled for January 23rd.

Teachers' Reports:

Kindergarten is rolling along. In math, they just wrapped up a fun graphing unit. Reviewing this skill will be very yummy too, using Lucky Charms, jelly beans and conversation hearts. Now on to those tricky teen numbers. They are also becoming wonderful writers with some new and some revamped centers. In science, they wrapped up a unit on water with a visit from Mr. Cser, their wonderful science docent. He demonstrated the water cycle. A new year means it is time to learn about calendars and holidays in Social Studies. As always, assessments continue as teachers get ready to send home progress notes.

First Grade is so excited to start their Weather unit in Science. A portrait of Martin Luther King Jr. may be on display in the classroom or will be coming home. They are learning about telling time and are excited for their upcoming field trip to Roseville Theater Arts Academy. Their team is excited for the Run4Roseville. They encourage families to register soon!

Second Grade students have enjoyed jumping into their new theme of Fossils. They are reading stories from their Open Court Readers about Fossils and Dinosaurs. The students have been digging even deeper in their Earth Science Unit on Earth's Minerals, Earth's Past and Earth's Resources. Next month Mad Science will be coming to the school and the students will be able to make their own fossils. In Math, they are working on Addition and Subtraction with Regrouping.

In math, the **3rd grade students** are exploring the concepts of division and how it relates to multiplication. At this point in the year, students should continue to master their multiplication facts so as to reach the 2nd trimester benchmark of x7. During language arts they are learning to apply the various reading comprehension strategies to better understand fiction and nonfiction text. Everyone is excited to take off into space as they investigate the solar system and look forward to it culminating in February with a "Journey to Mars" musical presentation.

Fourth grade has been working hard in math with double-digit multiplication and long division. In their rotations the kids are studying rocks and minerals with Mrs. Wells, reading Island of the Blue Dolphins and studying Native Americans with Mrs. Morrill, and with Mrs. Bussell they are working on writing strategies and practicing to perform a play on the California

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Missions. They just had a visit from the William Jessup University basketball team that is coached by Mrs. Bussell's husband. The players spent time with the kids talking about the importance of school, reading some poems, and writing acrostic poems. Afterwards they all went to recess and played with the kids! It was great fun!

Fifth grade is knee deep in learning about addition, subtraction, multiplication and division with integers along with using them in coordinate grids. They are currently learning about many different cultures via their Open Court reading program along with early Colonial culture within the New England Colonies. In science they are discovering the role of water on the planet and the importance of keeping our fresh water resources clean. They are rounding out their program by delving head first into narrative writing.

Open Floor:

A 3rd grade parent brought up the program "Odyssey of the Mind" as a possible opportunity for our Blue Oaks Bears. The details of the program were explained by Mrs. Gerould who has been both a parent coach and teacher representative for the program. This is something we may want to consider for next year.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm