

BLUE OAKS PTC

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Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm by Amber McNinch. There were 25 people in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jenn Wright

Amber welcomed all parents and staff.

A motion was made by Cindy Mastro to approve the September 8, 2011 minutes and Diana Graf seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Program Updates and Reports:

Fall Fundraiser Results-Tracy Terry (Chair) reported that the Entertainment Book sale went well with \$7770 in profit so far. 518 E-books sold, along with 49 out of town editions. Great job!

Bear Jamboree Results-Amber reported it was a great night thanks to all of our hard working volunteers who made it possible. This community event brought in just over \$4400 net profit.

Book Fair Results-Amber reported an \$8,800 gross income (\$500 more than last Fall and \$1000 more than the Spring Book Fair). Librarian Mrs. Rowe opted for the cash payout from Scholastic so net profit to spend on books was \$2100 for the library.

Box Tops -Patty Eid reported that 12/15 is the first contest deadline to turn them in. Box tops are rolling in...classes are doing great! Patty gave parents some new ideas on how to gather more Box Tops, i.e. at work with the Avery labels on office supplies. 3rd grade is currently the top contributing class. 3,000 tops have already been turned in during the first couple of months of school.

Financial Report-Sarah Wilk and Danelle Guisti reported that things are going well. They highlighted the fact that revenue is higher than projection in both Membership and No Hassle contributions.

Buddy the Bear Volunteers-Trish Verandes still needs volunteers for this important role. Buddy the Bear didn't make an appearance at the Bear Jamboree! It was mentioned that possibly some alumni or older kids could help fill the role for future events.

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Upcoming Events:

Winter Fundraiser- Beth Martin presented our Winter Fundraiser "Mixed Bag Designs." The sale runs October 21st-November 4th. Catalogs will be sent home on Friday 10/21. Beth passed around a sheet for volunteer sign-ups for a few needs. There will be a display in the office for parents to look at the products.

Dinner Out: September Dinner Out at Dickie's was successful bringing in \$112.98. The next Dinner Out will be at California Pizza Kitchen on Wednesday, October 19th.

Tiles For Technology-Jerica Siska reported that there have been two painting dates so far. The next one is Thursday, November 10th; the January 25th painting day will have extended hours for families, 3pm-7pm. We would like one more planter box done (128 tiles) by Open House! Keep it up!

Family Nights-Amber reported that the Skyzone family night has been cancelled. District policy will not allow it due to insurance issues. Carolyn Turpin reported that Movie Night will move to January. Once the January date is set we can apply for license. License is good for one movie and one night. Tracy Terry and Carolyn will be putting together a committee for Movie night planning.

November Meeting Guest- Mrs. Rowe, Blue Oaks Librarian will be talking on the ins and outs of our great library.

Item Voted On:

*Mrs. Beilby (3rd grade teacher) has requested the PTC help fund reading center materials for classrooms. Beth Martin made a motion to take funds out of approved technology budget up to \$1000 to purchase materials for the listening centers in classrooms. Jerica Siska seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Principal's Report

Principal Ancker thanked the many people who made the Bear Jamboree, Book Fair and Entertainment Book Fundraiser successful. He is excited to welcome popular children's author, Jeff Savage, to our campus on 10/25 for an all day visit. He will be taking part in an assembly for both K-2 and 3-5 classes. Mr. Savage will also be helping our 4th and 5th graders with some writing skills in workshops. He will be signing books for the children as well.

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This visit has been made possible by the efforts of some great grant writing by Jerica Siska and Beth Martin.

Teachers' Reports:

Kindergarten has been busy with guided reading centers, where the youngest students at Blue Oaks are taking books home nightly to read! They continue to add more literacy centers each week. Their next math unit is patterning, as they continue to focus on reading and writing numbers to 30. In Social Studies, they will focus on Jobs in Our Community this month, and will be having a visit from the local Fire and Police Departments. Thanks for all the support, volunteers, and a great Jamboree!

First Grade is so excited about writing spider stories in class. First grade continues to use a strategy based literacy program in all of their classrooms to guide students through the steps of comprehension regardless of what reading level that they are on. In Science, they are learning about solids, liquids and gases and how they can change from one form to another and how they cannot. Open Court is all about "Things That Go." They are learning about the various forms of transportation.

Second grade is beginning their unit on camouflage. Many stories will be read, discussions held, and Exotic Animals will visit to help the understanding on what camouflage is. They have also just finished sewing their GeoBears. They have been mailed out to friends and relatives throughout North America. This activity will help students understand maps, and learn about people, places, and the environments where the GeoBears visited.

Third Grade This past month 3rd grade took their first field trip to the Martha Riley Library. There they got to explore all the benefits and features that our local public library has to offer. Hopefully this will be the first of many visits for them throughout the year! They are also practicing their nonfiction reading skills while investigating how plants and animals adapt to survive in their different biomes. This month they are kicking off their efforts to master multiplication facts as they know that this is an important foundation for later math success. Students should be studying nightly in addition to their weekly fact practice worksheets, Also in math, they have been working on adding and subtracting larger numbers with regrouping as well as estimating sums and difference, In writing the 3rd graders are honing their



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letter writing skills as well as exploring what makes a good paragraph. Thank you to all the parents who are spending time each week to guide their child in their weekly writing homework. This one-on-one time is invaluable in providing immediate support and feedback. Third grade is excited to look ahead towards their studies of the local Maidu Indians and the annual field trip to the Maidu Interpretive Center.

Fourth Grade In math, the students learned about statistics and graphs, and they are currently learning about the use of multiplication and division in Algebra. In science, the students have been learning about living things and their environment. In science, they are writing summaries. In the novel class the students have almost finished reading Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing and are now writing Response to Literature assignments on their own. In social studies, the students have taken a test on geography and are also writing a report on the California regions. At the end of the month, they have a fun Pumpkin Math day planned, and in November they will have a distance learning experience with the California Parks to learn about tide pools.

Fifth grade is currently working in OCRs 2nd unit which is astronomy. In math, they are finishing up Chapter 4 (Fractions and Decimals) and entering Chapter 5 (Adding and Subtracting Fractions). In science, they will begin studying the human body on October 17th. On November 1st, they will begin social studies with North America's Native Americans.

Open Floor:

Parent Diana Graf mentioned the need for brief PTC meeting notes to be e-mailed to all PTC Reps. They in turn will send them out to their individual classes to keep parents apprised of any new events or important items. Beth Wells has offered to create the notes and send them to the PTC Reps.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm