

BLUE OAKS PTC

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General Meeting Minutes November 10, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 pm by Amber McNinch. There were 29 people in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mimi Magadia

A motion was made by Mimi Magadia to approve the October 13, 2011 Meeting Minutes as presented. Lana Prout seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Special Guest:

Share Rowe, Blue Oaks Librarian, shared with us some information on our great library. She mentioned that the PTC has raised close to \$100,000 for the library over the past 8 years! Mrs. Rowe gave us an update on the number of books in our collection and how Blue Oaks compares to other schools in the area. She also talked about the state standards. Blue Oaks averages 16.5 books per student; compared to a state standard of 20 per student. However, this was before she added 300 new books to the collection. So we will be closer to that standard. She presented an analysis on book binding quality and her criteria for choosing the vendors she uses.

Business Action Vote

The Board has proposed a technology purchase of nine more wireless hubs for the campus to add to the two already in place. This enables the technology committee to start planning uses for wireless technology on the whole campus. Cost for each hub is \$600 bringing total cost for nine to \$5,400. There is \$10,000 already approved for technology in the budget, along with the Tiles for Tech funds.

*Mimi Magadia made a motion to approve the purchase of nine wireless hubs at \$600 each for a total cost of \$5,400 with PTC funds set aside for technology. Trish Verandes seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Program Updates and Reports:

Winter Fundraiser: Mixed Bag Designs fundraiser was very successful. Slightly over \$12,000 was raised with our school receiving %50 of profit! First place student was Lance

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Czewpleski. Winning classes were Mrs. Wells' 4th grade and Mrs. Evans!

Box Tops: The deadline is 12/15 with 3rd grade in the lead!

Dinner Out: The next one is at Rubio's (all Roseville locations) Wednesday, November 16th from 2pm-closing.

Upcoming Events:

Family Movie Night-Carolyn Turpin reported the event is set for 1/27 @ 7 pm with a 6:30 possible opening for concession purchases. The tentative ticket price will be \$3 and will include movie, soda, and popcorn.

Pancake Breakfast/Auction: Sarah Wilk and Beth Wells reported that the first team meeting has taken place and they are excited! Beth Wells and Christi da Cunha are chairing the auction portion of the event and are off to a great start with procuring some great donations for both kids and adults. A new addition to the Breakfast this year will be a Topping Bar!!

Principal's Report:

Mr. Ancker announced that Blue Oaks has once again been nominated for the California Distinguished Schools award. This is the first year we were able to be nominated since the last time we received this award. Blue Oaks is the only school in the Roseville City School District to be nominated. There were only six schools in Placer County and 6 in the Sacramento area to be nominated. The application and validation process has begun and will continue into Spring with campus visits, etc.

Teachers' Reports:

Kindergarten is very excited for their first performance of the year, The Thanksgiving Feast. They have been learning about Times Past and will be dressing as Pilgrims and Native Americans to sing songs that honor our first Thanksgiving and our country. They are also looking forward to meeting with the parents to discuss the great progress your child has made since August!

First Grade has had the privilege of learning about the careers of their classroom parents. They have had many great presentations that have helped support their Language Arts Unit, "Our Neighborhood At Work." In math they have begun learning addition strategies, such as adding in any order. These strategies give students options when tackling tricky math facts.

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Second grade is busy completing math and language arts assessments that display their first trimester learning as they get ready for student-led conferences. In reading, they are also continuing their study of animal camouflage through their Open Court reading unit. In math, they are starting a unit on addition with regrouping. In Science they are continuing our study of life science and are expecting their Salmon eggs on Wednesday. They will observe and learn about the life cycle of the Salmon and then finish their unit of the Salmon Life Cycle by visiting the Nimbus Fish Hatchery at the end of the month. Finally, in Social Studies, they are welcoming back their "Geobears!" Students will each share their Geobears' travels in order to better develop their map skills and to form a greater understanding of our continent, North America.

Third grade recently took a field trip to Maidu Interpretive Center, and they continue to research and explore the lives of the local Native Americans. They are wrapping up their study of biomes where they learned how plants and animals adapt to a particular environment. They will wrap up this trimester by reflecting on their learning and making goals for the next trimester as they prepare for our student led conferences.

Fourth grade, on Halloween, had a fun time with their mini pumpkins during Pumpkin Math. The students found out the weight, volume, and circumference of their pumpkins. On November 2, they had a video conference with a ranger at the Crystal Cove State Beach. This is south of Newport Beach. The students learned about tide pools which tied right in with learning the California regions in Social Studies and learning about ecosystems in Science. In math, the students have been studying for and taking their math final for the trimester. In science, the students are taking a test on Chapter 2 in Science, which is about how living things rely on each other for survival. All trimester the students have been writing summaries and responses to literature. Finally, fourth graders will be helping their community. On November 18th, they will be cleaning up the Blue Oaks Preserve.

5th Grade is finishing up with learning about the human transport systems: digestive, respiratory, circulatory, and excretory. They have finished learning about adding and subtracting decimals and converting decimals to fractions and vice versa. They are preparing to learn how to add and subtract fractions. They are turning their language comprehension focus towards the expository



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via delving right into their history text. They have just completed all final, summative tests. They are firming up our field trip destinations for the year.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.