

Olson Elementary PTO
General Meeting Minutes
April 17, 2018

- Call to Order
- Introductions of the Board members
- President's Report – Jessie Beyler
 - Upcoming events – Teacher Appreciation Week
 - Alderperson Barbara McKinney cancelled
 - Voting conflict came up
 - Coming to the May 15th meeting instead
 - She is only on the agenda for about 10 minutes
 - She just wants to hear from parents, no formal presentation
 - School Supplies
 - Flyers are going out this week
 - New vendor
 - All available online
 - \$2 of the proceeds will benefit PTO
 - Upcoming Elections
 - Nominate people for positions
 - Nominate other people
 - We will reach out to nominee to see if they accept or decline
 - Final list for the voting slate – 5/15/18
 - Please encourage people to attend
 - We need 19 people for a quorum to vote
- Principal's Report – Deb Lyons
 - Thank you for dinner during conferences
 - Big Give donation received a private donation of \$5,000
 - Total of \$9,300 (\$4,300 from PTO and \$5,000 private)
 - Purchased 35 chrome books
 - We are now good until the District refresh in 2020
 - Boy Scouts volunteer service
 - Benches built
 - Plants donated and worked on gardens

- TapIT
 - 5th grade classrooms
 - Focuses on identity
 - Family History
 - Turn in poems that will be read at the year-end celebration

- 5th Grade Completion
 - Reach out to Kris Kolbert
 - Jen Herdina
 - No volunteers
 - Need to target people to volunteer
 - Sign up Genius
 - Need about 5-6 volunteers
 - Send a half sheet flyer to get baby pictures of the 5th graders
 - Include in the newsletter

- Olson will be participating in an Advanced Learning pilot (asked by the District)

- Student Behavior Seminar – St Paul
 - Asked to participate
 - focuses on mindfulness, behaviors, etc.

- Conferences went well – good attendance

- A lot of assessments occurring

- Adopt a School Question
 - How is the relationship with Dean?
 - They do a paper drive and volunteer to help at math game days
 - Not monetary – more volunteering
 - Working on a relationship with Veridian
 - Looking for additional partners

- Endowment Fund
 - \$781
 - Use for welcoming students
 - pro-social behavior
 - Be an ally. T-shirts will go out soon.

- Teacher Liaison Report – Christine Barone
 - Nothing to report

- VP Social Events – Jen Mead
 - Teacher Appreciation Dinner went well
 - Cookie Day went well
 - Teacher Appreciation Week is coming up
 - End of year picnic date is 6/7/18
 - Need to buy popsicles

- Treasurer's Report – Laurie Barnard
 - SPLASH earned \$8,319 which is up
 - Auction - \$3,667
 - Tickets - \$4,652
 - Only spent \$500
 - Soda ring toss was biggest earner - \$1300
 - Cake walk brought in \$547
 - Popcorn brought in \$175
 - Jessie will create a blurb to send out to describe all of the profits
 - Nobody seemed to care about the increased price tickets
 - Pizza can be donated next year
 - Budget looks good – going strong
 - Budget is doing well with expenses –staying on track
 - Yearbook SOS to Teachers for pictures
 - Pictures need to be high resolution
 - Need to start much earlier next year (beginning of year – not March)
 - Missing a lot of events this year

- Volunteer Report – Michelle McGrath
 - Reached out to see who is going to stay with their positions
 - Chairs needed:
 - Teacher Appreciation
 - Back pack snack pack
 - Possibly popcorn day
 - Fill up Committees beginning of next year
 - Directory
 - We have a file containing who can give contact info
 - People who don't want to be in the directory are not on this file
 - Thomas & Ranjit will work on the directory

- Jessie will email the file so they can start working on it
- Fundraising Report – Clare Thostenson
 - Club Swimmy Income and Expenses
 - Projected to make approximately \$6,000
 - Going to make some changes going forward, ideas:
 - parenting classes
 - ESLA
 - classes with kids
 - Survey parents for Club Swimmy ideas
- District Liaison Report – Jenny Conroy
 - Westside PTO talked about gun safety
 - Interior locks on the classroom doors
 - Olson doors have interior locks

Adjourned

Next Meeting 5/15/18