

Olson Elementary PTO
General Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2018

- Call to Order

- Alderwoman Barbara McKinney came to talk
 - She has a passion for education
 - She believes a good education is key to a successful future
 - This is her second term (2015 & 2017)
 - She is an advocate and will push for things she believes in
 - Barbara discussed several projects that are going on in the area
 - City Hwy M
 - Hawks Landing Flooding Project
 - Summary of the projects going on in the 2 mile radius of Olson
 - see attached handouts
 - Barbara mentioned Westfest and other local events (see attached handout)

- President's Report – Jessie Beyler
 - Talent Show is coming up
 - Sending flyers again to encourage people to purchase School Kits
 - Reviewed the PTO Dollars At Work 2017-2018 flyer
 - See attached

- Principal's Report – Deb Lyons
 - Mural is finished
 - Thank you to the PTO as they gave a lot of money towards the project
 - 10th Anniversary Celebration will be 6/11/18 and activities will include:
 - Tom Olson (Paul Olson's son)
 - Teachers that have been at Olson 10 years will speak
 - Kids 3-5 poetry contests
 - Kids K-2 coloring contests
 - Re-seed the prairie
 - Four Dress Up Days
 - Anti-Bullying T-shirts
 - Superhero
 - Silly hair/hat day
 - Dress like a Principal or Naturalist

 - There is a lot of end of year testing going on right now
 - Olson will be part of an Advanced Learners Pilot Program
 - The following staff members are retiring:
 - Kevin the Custodian

- Sue Robinson (Nurse Assistant)
- Ms. Riley
 - We hired a new 1st grade teacher to take Ms. Riley's class
 - She is coming from Orchard Ridge
- Tony Fisher is grant writing for green supplies
 - Jen Conroy suggested trying the Lowe's Tool Box grant. She will send Deb a link.

- VP Social Events – Jen Mead

- Teacher Appreciation Week went really well.
- School Picnic is coming up and PTO is donating the popsicles
- Thanks to everyone who made a donation

- Treasurer's Report – Laurie Barnard

- PTO this year Overall:

- Fundraised	\$30,592
- Expenses	<u>\$ 3,820</u>
- NET	\$26,772

- All budgets can stay the same for next year
- We had an amazing fundraising year!

- Volunteer Report – Michelle McGrath

- Talent Show auditions went well
- Michelle will need volunteers for the Talent Show. She will reach out about this.

- Fundraising Report – Clare Thostenson

- Nothing to Report

- District Liaison Report – Jenny Conroy

- The Madison School District Budget will be voted on June 30th
 - Items that are included:
 - Increase teacher pay
 - Increase state aid
 - More security
 - Focus on Middle School family engagement
 - Reintroduction back into schools
 - Vote is June 30th

- PTO topic that is being discussed is longer lunch periods.
 - Lunch hours are too short around district

- They are going to phase in 20 min lunch periods (or longer)
- Olson already implemented the 30 minute lunch period
 - This has been a positive change
 - Longer lunch hours allow for a longer recess and a brain break
- New Business
 - Thank you to retiring PTO members – Megan Mitby and Michelle McGrath
 - Welcome to new Members Jocelyn Braun and Amanda Espinoza
 - Club Swimmy wants feedback on any suggestions for new classes
 - Parenting classes
 - ESLA classes
 - Please complete a feedback survey
 - Voted on 2018-2019 PTO Members (see ballot attached):
 - President: Jessie Beyler
 - Vice President: Vacant
 - Fundraising Coordinator: Vacant
 - Volunteer Coordinator: Amanda Espinosa
 - Social Events Coordinator: Jen Mead
 - District Liaison: Jenny Conroy and Jen Riyeff
 - Treasurer: Lauri Barnard
 - Secretary: Vacant
 - Board Members at Large: Angie Palmer, Christina Schnarr, Duan Jallow, Ranjit Mathai, Susan Mathai, Katie Spelsberg, Mindy Twilegar, Megan Mahaffey, Eric Steffen, Megan Mitby
 - Vote made Quorum
 - Deb Lyons counted the votes
 - Slate was approved.

Adjourned