

Oquirrh Elementary General PTA Meeting Minutes

November 7, 2024

Members in attendance: Melissa Baker, Cheyenne Bigelow, Connie Day, Ashley Heber, Darlene Russell, Jen Ludlow, Alicia Abbott, Guillermina Lopez Galvan, Claudia Hernandez Altamirano

PTA President Melissa Baker welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

Minutes from September meeting were reviewed by Cheyenne Bigelow, secretary.

Bylaws Renewal

- Melissa Baker passed out copies of our bylaws to all the members in attendance. We reviewed a few things, and she pointed out that our membership dues were raised from \$5 to \$7. This was the only change in our bylaws.
- Cheyenne Bigelow proposed a motion to approve the updated Bylaws.
- Darlene Russell seconded the motion
- All 9 members in attendance approved the motion
- Holly Larsen voted absentee in favor of the renewed Bylaws.

Stretch Goal Assembly

Principal and Assistant Principal will play a combination of Mystery Boxes and “Box of Lies.” The assembly will be for the entire school and will be held on December 9th at 2:30 pm. Carletta and Jen will prepare boxes for each other as well as some kind of silly “prize” for the loser to wear afterward.

Reflections

Ashley gave us a review of how Reflections went this year. There may not have been as many submissions due to some online glitches and technical issues. She will put together gift bags for each student who submitted something. The Reflections Award assembly will be December 4th at 2:30 for all those who participated. PTA will provide Sam’s Club cookies for the assembly, and the winners will get 3D printed medals.

School Shirts

We will put up the rest of our inventory for sale on GiveBacks. We are adding hoodies and sweatshirts for faculty, staff, and PTA. And we will do preorders for those items.

Budget Amendment

We discussed many different ideas of how to allocate the extra money that was raised during our fundraiser. Jen will talk to team leaders about the snack situation and see if teachers are needing money for snacks for their classrooms. We discussed the possibility of adding some money to our budget for Teacher Appreciation Week, and increase the amount for gifts. We may possibly put some money toward Battle of the Book prizes. We will look into the possibility of some kind of fund for teachers to use for supplies like tissues, hand sanitizer, etc. We discussed putting some toward the 6th grade activity and making it extra fun this year. Jen suggested possibly using some for food for our Math, Literacy, and Art Show nights. And we want to definitely save some for the future. We will continue to discuss all of this in further details at upcoming meetings.

Battle of the Books

Connie showed us the notebooks she had printed for the Battle of the Books. We discussed that the kids get a sticker and a treat for every time they finish a book and turn in a question. We want to do tiered prizes for kids and adults finishing different levels of books.

Thanksgiving Meals

Principal Ludlow shared that Heartland Elementary has given our school 50 Thanksgiving meals for our families in need. These meals are in addition to our Thanksgiving Heroes meals. The meals are raw and so those who receive them will need to have access to a kitchen to store and cook them in. The pick up time is Sunday November 24th at Heartland Elementary between 2:30-3:00. Cheyenne will post this to our PTA GroupMe page to ask if anyone is in need or knows of anyone in need who would benefit from one of these meals, and to email Jen with those names.

Other topics briefly discussed:

- 5th Grade Maturation Program is November 12th at 2:00. The PTA will purchase 3 trays of cookies from Sam's Club for refreshments. Mina volunteered to pick them up.
- The PTA will provide the donuts for our Parents and Pastries event in December.

*** There will be no PTA meeting for December ***

- Melissa proposed to skip our December PTA meeting, and everyone agreed.

President Baker thanked all for coming and the meeting adjourned at 2:12pm

Prepared by Cheyenne Bigelow--PTA Secretary