

Oquirrh Elementary General PTA Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2025

Members in attendance: Melissa Baker, Cheyenne Bigelow, Connie Day, Meghan Kuddes, Jen Ludlow, Ron Kelly, Laura Rasmussen, Mara Jackson, Erika Hellbusch, Alicia Abbott, Suzanne Paul

PTA President Melissa Baker called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

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

Calendar Review

October 14 - Panda Express Spirit Night
Battle of the Books will kick off soon
20-24 - fall break
28 - Hearing Screenings
November 3 - November PTA Meeting
5 - Vision Screenings

Review of Color Run

- * It was a success! Thank you to everyone who volunteered!! We couldn't have done it without everyone's help. There was lots of positive feedback. We had a great turnout. People thought it was a lot of fun and everyone enjoyed themselves.
- * Mara is working on compiling the official total raised. Rough estimate includes \$4700 on givebacks, \$500 in cash donations, \$1500 for cash concessions, and estimated \$1900 for debit card concessions for an estimated total of \$8600!!
- * The DJ and music played an important part and was money well spent.
- * We liked the school wide prizes and will keep them for next year.
- * Ms. Foote's class earned the pizza party
- * What should be changed for next year?
 - We need more food. We sold out of all the hot dogs and chips and drinks
 - We need more volunteers. There was parent teacher conference at the high school and that may have had an impact on the number of volunteers that we had signed up.
 - Fill more bottles before the event starts.
 - This year we had prepared 160 pounds of powder, 340 bags and sold out quickly. We need much more powder for next year. We will do an extra 100 pounds of powder for this next year. And we discussed doing cups instead of bags of powder. That way we can scoop cups of powder as they are purchasing them. Also, we will ask them to return their cups afterward, to save on cups and to reuse them next year.
 - We need a designated job of refilling powder bottles during the color run itself.
 - Let's get a few wide mouth funnels for next year to make filling bottles easier.
 - Ideas for selling next year:
 - Continue the dunk tank sales
 - We want to add otter pops in coolers. Sell for 1 ticket
 - Single chalk sticks for 1 ticket
 - PTA members going around to teacher's classrooms and hype the kids up by telling them where they are in relation to what other classes have earned in an effort to help generate more class donations.
 - Preordering tickets was a little confusing online. Make it more clear for next year.
- * Parent Volunteers - How do we get more?
 - Send home a QR code on a sticker for the kids that says something like, "We need help." Also, we will better communicate on our digital flyers asking for volunteers that we are asking for shifts. Something like, "Please help for 30 minutes." This way hopefully parents can know that they can

- volunteer AND still enjoy the event with their kids.
- Better digital communications
- Give Jen earlier notice about when we'd like flyers sent out.

Reflections

The theme this year is, "I Belong" - Explore the Arts and Express Yourself.

Suzanne is heading reflections this year. She will get bulk amazon prizes and show them in classes and get kids excited to participate and earn a prize. To incentivize submissions, everyone who submits anything will earn a prize. Multiple submissions will earn multiple prizes. We will have an assembly for the winners after the submissions are judged. We will create a flyer and a poster to advertise.

Spirit Night

October 14th through Panda Express. Both online and in person orders count. Flyers and student stickers will be sent out as reminders.

Senior Citizen Volunteer Reading Program

Alicia is part of community council and reviewed reading levels from students in schools across the state, including our own. In an effort to help our kids who are struggling, she contacted two senior centers to get volunteers to come read with the kids at our school. Once or twice a month the centers would bring their seniors out to our school and then transport them back when they are finished. Possible times include, 10:00-12:00, or 1:00-4:00. Jen will look into the logistics of this and get back to Alicia so we can know how to proceed.

Hearing Screenings

We will need volunteers for the hearing screenings on October 28th, and will request them through Sign-Up Genius. We need 3 people from 9:00 - 12:00 and 3 people from 12:30-3:00

Other topics briefly discussed

- School shirts sales are ready and available for sale on our givebacks website.
- The teacher dinner that the PTA provided during parent teacher conference went really well, and all of the teachers were grateful. Thank you everyone!
- Looking ahead, there will be no PTA meeting in December. Enjoy your holiday!

President Baker thanked all for coming and the meeting adjourned at 5:42pm

Prepared by Cheyenne Bigelow - PTA Secretary