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OES Teacher Rep-Kristen Rhoades  
OES Teacher Rep-Krista Rushlow  
I/B Rep (Non-Voting Member)-Rita Flynn

# DA/OES PTO Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2016

7-8:00 p.m. Meeting at DA

- I. **Highlights from the Sept. Meeting & Minutes Approval:**  
*Motion to Approve Sept. Minutes by Christy Jacob & seconded by Kaila Partlo*
- II. **Treasurer's Report:**  
*Spirit wear estimated profit is \$1,053.40, have not rec'd check yet. Money was also utilized to purchase PTO Insurance (\$455, includes extra rider for technology protection coverage). Please check out the new user friendly Budget document- front side covers the PTO's actual budget, and back side provides a more detailed format-I including the proposed budget for the year.*
- III. **Principals Report:**

**Mr. Chad Boyd:**

  - a. *Spooky Night @ DA on Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm-7pm. This Open House will include reading/math activities, students are invited to wear costumes. Apples and caramel will be served.*
  - b. *Improved Intervention in the K-2 classrooms offers support to each grade level. Students are receiving support in the areas of math and reading. New staff members (4-5 reading interventionists) work with students in small groups on a daily basis.*

**Mr. Jeff Brown:**

  - a. *Mr. Brown had the opportunity to participate in recess duty during the week- Very refreshing to observe students being outside and interacting with peers, taking a "healthy break from adult intervention".*
  - b. *Mr. Brown also found time to visit 10 classrooms. He is happy to report his observations of teachers showing verbal and nonverbal reinforcement with students. (i.e. tap on shoulder, "Great Job!")*
  - c. *OES Family Game Night is Friday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm. It is geared toward 3-5 grades, Minut-It-to-Win-It style games.*
  - d. *Reading Interventionist: Added a new reading specialist, 55 students are seen on a daily basis.*
- IV. **Teacher's Report:**

**Jennifer Kontry:**  
*READ Aloud: Teachers have been sending home a collection of books for parents to share & enjoy with students during READ ALOUD at home.*

**Krista Rushlow:**  
*Olweus is an anti-bullying program. Students kicked off this year's program with an assembly on trust and character. Groups have started and rotate to different teachers for the lesson.*

- X. IB Report:**  
Rita Flynn:  
*South City update- All teachers interviewed, reviews students work and looks through how well IB is supported and fostering well rounded children, good relationships with students. She has been busy visiting classrooms at OES to cover Essential elements and focus on building community within the classrooms and as a whole as a building.*
- XI. Past Events/Updates:**
- a. **Spirit wear**  
*Will be delivered to students on Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. Please direct any questions regarding spirit wear to Kristi McDevitt. Phone: 248.330.8964, E-mail: coachkmcd@gmail.com*
  - b. **Tailgate**  
*Event was a success, thank you Katy Horton for chairing the event.*
- XII. Upcoming/Current Events:**
- a. **Fund Run:**  
*Chairs: Sara Marvin & Sarah Canham  
Fund Run will be held on the OES track this Friday October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016. DA students need to send back permission slips to walk over to OES. Donation envelopes are due Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>. Please be sure to write student's name, grade, and teacher clearly on the envelope. Checks can be made out to DA OES PTO*
  - b. **Homecoming/Spirit Week:**  
*Friday October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
Line-up starts @ 5pm, on Mills Street between Burdick St. & East St., Parade starts at 5:30pm. No parking at church or lumber yard. Parents walk with child.  
Spirit Week: Oct 3 – 7<sup>th</sup>: Dr Seuss Theme*
  - c. **School Directory:**  
*Due to new regulations regarding protecting the privacy of information provided to the school during the enrollment process, for the first time ever the DA/OES School directory will be an OPT IN ONLY process. Parents will be sent a GoogleDoc link where, if they choose, they will insert their student/family contact information to be shared with the rest of the school. This will be a pilot program and a learning experience for all of us. We have high hopes that it will be user friendly and serve as a useful tool for parents to communicate with one another.*  
  
*The directory will always be accessible through the link which will be sent out next week through Peach Jar.*
  - d. **Spooky Math Night:**  
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  - e. **OES Game Night:**  
*Friday, November 11, 2016, permission slips will come home.  
Minute-To-Win-It style games. Popcorn, snow cones served. It is a drop off event. Volunteers are needed for this event. Great event for Dads to volunteer. Look for more info. coming home at the end of October.*

**XIII. Fund-less Fundraising Status:**

**a. Kroger Community Rewards**

*Kroger Community Rewards is simple & easy to enroll. Kroger donates a % of your purchases back to the DA OES PTO when you use your Kroger Plus Card at checkout. RE-Enrollment is required each year. Simply Sign In or create your Kroger account, choose the DA OES PTO using our name or group# 19478.*

**b. Box Tops & Labels ( Box Top App Available)**

*Each class will have a volunteer who will clip/count and return them to office periodically. There will be monthly incentives for turning in Box Tops & Labels, as well as a winter & a spring Class Competition.*

- *Sept 6 – Jan 27*
- *Jan 27 – May 26*

*Box Tops & Labels can be turned into class now!*

**c. Amazon Smiles**

*Visit the direct link from our Facebook or Webpage or visit [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and choose Daniel Axford Oxford Elementary School PTO. Bookmark this link and use it every time you order from Amazon.com. Please share this link with family & friends. Amazon donates .05% of your total purchase to the DA/OES PTO.*

**XIV. Ken Weaver- Upcoming School District Renewal**

*On November 8, 2016, citizens living in the Oxford School District will be asked to vote on a proposal to renew and restore the non-homestead operating millage on property such as apartment buildings, rental homes, vacation properties, vacant land and commercial & industrial properties. 100% principal residential dwellings will not be affected. Oxford Community Schools' non-homestead millage is set to expire Dec. 31, 2016. The District is asking voters to renew the millage, (not to exceed 18 mills on all property), which totals \$5.1 million annually, approximately 10 % of our General Fund Budget. If the non-homestead millage is not renewed, the state will not replace the lost revenue. A successful vote will result in no increase of cost to homeowners. Non-homestead represents industrial, commercial, business, rental and certain agricultural properties and second homes. The proposal will renew the non-homestead property tax that has been in effect for the past 20 years for another 10 years.*

*The election will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016 at your regular voting precinct. Polls will be open from 7 am to 8 pm.*

**Open Forum for questions/concerns/suggestions:**

*Looking for volunteers to pass out informative flyers at the Fund Run (Oct. 7) regarding the Non-Homestead Millage Renewal & Restoration that will be voted on on November 8, 2016. Please contact Jeff Brown if interested. Please spread the word to vote on the Non-Homestead Millage Renewal!*

*A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Sarah Canham and seconded by Sara Marvin.*

*Meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.*

We look forward to seeing you at the next meeting on November 1<sup>st</sup>!

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