



OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY PTA MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, January 14th, 2025 **TIME:** 5:37 pm-6:08 pm **FACILITATOR:** Heather Raines, President

MINUTES RECORDED BY: Kerri Oakley, Secretary

CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDANCE

Heather Raines, President, called the meeting to order at 5:37 pm. 19 total PTA members in attendance, including 1 principal, 3 board members, and 1 staff member.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Ms. Dagenhart reported that we had a wonderful Sing-A-Long in December with standing room only in the gym. Testing is ongoing within the school. Oakwood has welcomed several new staff members including Stephanie Roberts is a data manager in the front office and being shared with Jenkins, Amanda Williams is a student teacher with Ms. Peacock through ASU, Sam Laws is returning as a tutor, and Michelle Harter is a TA in the self-contained classroom.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kerri Oakley, Secretary, presented November meeting minutes for approval. Jenn Isaac made a motion to approve the November minutes. Megan O'Neill seconded the motion. PTA members were in favor of approving minutes and no one opposed. November minutes were approved.

BUDGET

FINANCE REPORT: Douglas Locascio, Treasurer, presented that the current balance is \$3,538.66 in available funds with \$2,500.00 balance from last year's T-shirt order. Ear marked \$2,000 to pay for mulch with upcoming raffle.

BOARD UPDATES

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Kerri Oakley reported that our current membership is 133. Heather Raines added that within our members there are 251 total families and 185 single child families.

ACTION: PTA members should continue encouraging Oakwood families to join PTA. To determine level of membership, click the link <https://www.oakwoodelempta.com/join-pta>.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/GENERAL UPDATES

STRESS-FREE LUNCHESES: The next date is January 16th, which needs 3 volunteers. A reminder that the sign-up genius link can be found in the PTA website. This is an opportunity for parents to monitor the cafeteria to allow teachers to have a quiet lunch period.

ACTION: PTA members should sign up to participate as they wish using the following link:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BA4A928A5FBC16-50290680-stress#/>



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TEACHER MEAL: The PTA will be providing the teachers with a meal catered by Gepetto's on January 16th, 2025, provided by a corporate sponsor.

SOCIAL EVENTS: Heather Raines, President, reported for Blakely DeBose. The Winter Social will be located at First Presbyterian Church in Hickory on January 16th, 2025, from 4:30-6:00. There will be dancing, crafts, snacks, and a photo booth. Staff encourage parents to drop off/pick up according to the times to ensure safety throughout the event.

ACTION: There are several volunteer opportunities available. Please visit the following link to sign up:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BA4A928A5FBC16-winter#/>

PTA PALS: There are several new staff members at Oakwood Elementary that need to be sponsored by a PTA Pal.

ACTION: Please contact any PTA board member or committee chair, Jenn Isaac, if you are willing to sponsor an Oakwood staff member with a \$10 or less monthly treat.

FUNDRAISING: Heather Raines, President, discussed current auction items including six pieces of furniture, a Crawdads birthday party package, tickets to a water park, and a birthing class package. The auction will also include opportunities for students to share roles with administration/staff, grade level parties, morning announcements, seats at fifth grade graduation, etc. The Give Backs website has been started to prepare for the online silent auction to begin on February 10th, 2025, through February 20th, 2025. Money earned through the auction will go towards campus beautification projects, specific grade level requests, and STEAM lab equipment. Updates will be sent home via flyers and through School Status.

ACTION: Please contact Heather Raines if you or someone you know would be interested in donating to the auction. There is assistance available for large auction items that may need to be stored or transported. Visit the following link for a letter to promote donations for the auction:
https://www.oakwoodelempta.com/files/ugd/c2d7fd_fd9be320a083454788fb12f2ddf56fbe.pdf

OTHER BUSINESS

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS: The next spirit night has been postponed to February 4th, 2025, at Chic-fil-a. We will be receiving a QR code to order. Also, the spirit night that is scheduled for February 20th, 2025, at Hickory Social House has been changed to Village Inn Pizza. There is a possibility for an additional spirit night to be rescheduled at Hickory Social House in the future.

OAKWOOD SWAG: There are extra T-shirt available for sale in the front office. If you are looking for some Oakwood swag, please contact Emily Teague in the front office for more information!

NEXT MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 6:08 pm.

Our next General PTA Meeting will be held Tuesday, February 11th, 2025, at 5:30pm in the Oakwood Cafeteria. All members are invited and encouraged to attend.