

# OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY PTA MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025 TIME: 5:37 pm- 6:02 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. 14 total PTA members in attendance, including 1 principal, 2 board members, and 1 staff member.

#### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Ms. Dagenhart reported report cards will be sent out soon, third through fifth graders will be taking NC Check-Ins assessments next week, then soon after the window will open for the mClass for kindergarteners through second graders in April. The Book Fair is coming up at the end of the month. Field Day is April 11<sup>th</sup> and Career Day is April 14<sup>th</sup>. Fifth grade promotion day is May 22<sup>nd</sup> in the evening. Dial screening for upcoming kindergartners is May 30<sup>th</sup>. And a family day is being planned for a future date.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Heather Raines, president, presented February meeting minutes for approval. Jenn Isaac made a motion to approve the February minutes. Alison Teague seconded the motion. PTA members were in favor of approving minutes and no one opposed. February minutes were approved.

### **BUDGET**

**FINANCE REPORT:** Douglas Locascio, Treasurer, presented that the current balance is \$12,147.05 in available funds. \$2,500 ear marked for T-shirt order, equaling \$9,647.05 in available funds. The Silent Auction raised \$5012.04 after fees, \$3012.04 in available funds after upfront payment, for STEAM/grounds beautification.

#### **BOARD UPDATES**

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** The current membership is 133.

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

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS/GENERAL UPDATES**

**STRESS-FREE LUNCHES:** The next date is March 20<sup>th</sup>, 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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FIFTH GRADE GRADUATION: The PTA will be providing the students with a small snack after school.

**ACTION:** A sign up will be posted soon for volunteer opportunities to omit the need for fifth grade parents to cover this.

**TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK:** May 5<sup>th</sup>- 9<sup>th</sup> PTA would love to provide the teachers with a daily treat. Encouraged members to think about ideas to honor our teachers. As well as opportunities to volunteer to ensure it is a special week.

**ACTION:** A sign up will be posted soon for volunteer opportunities.

SOCIAL EVENTS: Field Day will be on April 11th, 2025 at the YMCA.

Blakley DeBose reported that Spring Fest will be on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 at the school from 5:00pm-7:00pm. Planning to have the Dunk Tank, food trucks, face paintings, and a bounce castle. If you have any other recommendations for entertainment, please reach out to Blakely or a PTA board member. Looking for a couple volunteers, mostly to assist with providing wrist bands for clearance to participate in the bounce castle after a waiver has been signed.

**ACTION:** There are several volunteer opportunities available for upcoming social events. Please visit the following link to sign up: <a href="https://www.oakwoodelempta.com/s-projects-basic">https://www.oakwoodelempta.com/s-projects-basic</a>

**YEARBOOKS:** If you have not placed your order, please do by March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Please note, we will not be ordering extras this year. Tier 3 PTA members receive a hardback copy with the membership, fifth graders get a free softback copy (\$5 to upgrade to hardback copy).

**ACTION:** Please visit the following link to place your yearbook order:

https://www.oakwoodelempta.com/about-4

PTA PALS: We have 1 new staff member 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. Don't forget to send your monthly treat to your PTA pal.

**FUNDRAISING:** Heather Raines, President, discussed that a donor has offered to match donations as part of a fundraiser. Therefore, a "Coin War/Drive" with donations of spare change during April is being organized.

**ACTION:** More details to come and time frame and instructions.

**GROUNDS:** We have about \$3000 for grounds beautification. Suggestions include sunshade options, replacing/repairing/adding benches, creating a paved/concrete sidewalk/path from the school to the lower playground. There are also possible girl scout/boy scout projects that have been proposed.

**ACTION:** Ms. Kaylor has requested recommendations from teachers. Will continue to plan based on budget and needs.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

**OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS:** The next spirit night will be March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at El Paso. Make sure to let them know you are with Oakwood!



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The Book Fair is March 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Please sign up using the following link to volunteer: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BA4A928A5FBC16-55042902-spring#/

Field Day is April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Rain day is scheduled for April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Please sign up using the following link to volunteer: <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BA4A928A5FBC16-55665372-field#/">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BA4A928A5FBC16-55665372-field#/</a>

The Science Fair is May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. If you have a fold out rectangle table the school can borrow, please bring it with your name on it.

### **NEXT MEETING**

Meeting adjourned at 6:02 pm.

Our next General PTA Meeting will be held Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 5:30pm in the Oakwood Cafeteria. All members are invited and encouraged to attend.