

MINUTES

Orem Elementary School PTA Minutes

December 5, 2006

The meeting was called to order by Ada Wilson at 9:30 a.m.

In attendance

Brad Davies, Shawna Boles, Carol Jean Bishop, Angie Heaton, Bonnie Zundel, Angela Seegmiller, Ada Wilson, Youngshin Cobabe, Bunney Schmidt, Judy Christensen, Jenna Wood, Dana Wise.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were read from the November meeting and approved.

Budget

The budget was reviewed and discussed briefly.

Principal's Report

Principal Brad Davies was asked about the district policy of pictures of children online. We need parental consent for each of those pictures of children online. We had a discussion on safety of children and decided that though it would be a nice thing to share, it is not safe for the children.

Legislative VP Report

Bonnie Zundel informed us that the legislative session begins on Jan. 15 and that we should all stay informed on the issues. There was a letter from Brad Daw that was circulated online that addressed some questions on charter schools. It was asked that that letter be forwarded to a few other people not on Bonnie's list. Forty-nine students left to charter schools and two came back.

New Business

- The nominating committee to nominate one person for each elected office on the executive board was nominated and approved. The following were nominated: Angie Heaton, Judy Christensen and Angela Seegmiller.
- After school program suggestions included: tae Kwan do; music/drama/orchestra; tumbling, dance; gymnastics, chess. We need to charge \$25 per person at least and be finished by 4:30
- February or March is anti-pornography month and there is a new speaker available to us. David Handy a lawyer and LDS family services employee is speaking on Jan. 12, Friday, 7:30-9:00 p.m. at American Heritage School for ages 14 and older. All are welcome and it is free. See mpatch@ahsmaail.com for more information. Video presentations are available online. Carol Jean mentioned the safety kids musical program by Janeen Brady and Angela found out that RADS at MVHS is preparing to perform that program for schools in February.

Committee Reports

- Carol Jean Bishop reported on Family Month activities. Math Night—Great turn out and wonderful to have all the teachers there. Could have used 10 more pizzas. Grandparent lunch—we got a phone call that it may be helpful to have chairs for those who are not limber enough to sit at the small tables.
- Reflections awards were given.
- Bids are now being done for the school gift idea of the multiple drinking fountains outside, and the laminating machine is a possibility perhaps with a plaque that says "donated from PTA 2006". The school gift fund is approximately \$2500.

- There was a discussion about "math labs" --- The open math lab that was available last year was not very well used. This year the school has hired class aides to help during math instruction in the lower grades. Two specialty teachers are also using some prep time to assist in the upper grade classrooms. They are available to do one-on-one tutoring if the core teacher requests it. This has been a much more effective use of resources.
- Youngshin Cobabe also reported on committee work on an upper grades reading club that is designed to fill the void when home reading no longer is affective and to challenge students to read higher quality books. A list of 60 highly recommended books has been drawn up. The committee will next make sure that each book has an Accelerated Reader test. Students will be challenged to reach higher and higher levels as they read books from the list. They must pass the AR test to receive credit. The plan is that AR volunteers will be the ones to track progress. Jenna Wood is also creating a list of books appropriate for younger advanced readers so that they can participate as well.

Announcements

- Character Assembly will be Jan. 4 at 9:30, No TV Challenge will be given.

Next Meeting

January 9, 2006 at 9:30 a.m., in room 203

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.