

MINUTES

Orem Elementary School PTA Minutes
February 6, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Ada Wilson at 9:35 a.m.

In attendance

Angela Seegmiller, Ada Wilson, Youngshin Cobabe, Bunney Schmidt, Judy Christensen, Jenna Wood, Dana Wise, Cindy Leavitt, Brad Davies, Becky Connover, Shawna Boles, Lori Sanders.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were read from the January meeting and approved.

Budget

The budget was reviewed and discussed briefly. The only change was in Accelerated Reader where we received \$1000.00 from UCCU.

New Business

- Voucher bill was passed 37-38. In short, the bill allows parents a voucher per child between \$500 and \$3000 depending on income, to take their child to whatever school they choose. Becky Connover spent some time talking to us about the implications of this and provided handbills to deliver that suggest that we call our senators and representatives and express our concerns as parents.
- Mr. Davies informed us that a laminator was purchased with school funds that were donated by Tana Evans (former Kindergarten teacher) and her husband. He also said that the guided reading library will buy more books. Next year (through Trustland funds) we will have the DRA, a reading assessment that will be K-6.
- Mr. Davies also informed us of the possibility of the modified extended day schedule. This would mean that there would be more core teachers and students would remain with their core teacher longer and for social studies and science. Specialty classes, music/art, P.E., and technology would be taught on the trimester system. A student would have each specialty for a third of the year. 93% of teachers support it so far. A meeting will be held Feb. 7 at 6:00 p.m., in the new gym for parents to have questions answered. Miss Connover pointed out that at least \$39,010.00 has been put into the music program since she has been in the school the last 11 years. That is only monetary contributions and does not include the puppets and hundreds of volunteer hours given.
- Three science fair judges are needed for Feb. 28th.
- PERC volunteers are needed to fill the following shifts: M,T,W, SAT Each day, one person needed in the morning 10am to 12 and one person in the afternoon, any 2 hours --- 2pm to 4 most helpful.)March 5, 6, 7, 10 and March 12, 13, 14, 17

Committee Reports

- Crazy Cubs Reading Club will be the name of the upper grade reading club. It was suggested that the times of the accelerated reader lab be put in the booklist flyer.
- It was also suggested that a reminder from Marie Payne to the teachers be sent so that they know when the lab is available.
- Storytellers can sign up until the 16th and judges are needed on the 22nd from 9:30 to 11:30.
- Dads n Donuts is looking for someone to read a story to the parents and children.
- We received thank you notes from teachers for birthday presents.

Announcements

- Newsletter items are due Feb. 28.

Next Meeting

March 6, 2006 at 9:30 a.m., in room 203

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.