

Ocean Palms Elementary

PTO Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2018

Principal's Report -

- School Improvement Plan
- Superintendent has tasked all schools with focusing on their lowest quartile. For OPE this includes students that are at a level three in FSA.
- Lowest quartile gained 10% in both reading and math
- Highest proficiency scores in the district in three categories
 - Third grade ELA 91% proficiency
 - Third Grade Math 94% proficiency
 - Fifth Grade ELA 97% proficiency
- To address deficiencies:
 - Eliminated WOW Wednesdays and created 85 minutes weekly for teachers to meet by scheduling resources differently
 - Hired two teachers as part time tutors to assist in small group instruction throughout the school. Teachers are using I-Ready toolbox which gives differentiated lessons for teachers to use for each student.
 - Common assessment for all class tests to assure all grades are equivalent
 - Purchased USA Test Prep license to create common assessments for ELA, Math and Science
- Science proficiency decreased from 86-82%
 - Added a hands on science lab
 - Incorporated STEM on resource schedule through Media Center
 - Study Island site license to reinforce Science standard
 - Ms. Gravatte will be leaving the Media Center. We have hired Dr. Winkler to assume the position.

- Things that make us special
 - STEAM resource incorporated through the media center
 - Addition of hands on science lab
 - Systemic support of PLC process allotting 80 minutes a week for teacher collaboration
 - Our focus is the whole child
- Although we are focusing on the lower quartile, we are also focusing on learning gains across the board for all students. Higher performing students will not be lost.

Ms. Kennedy and Ms. Gregory will be retiring at the end of the year.

Fall Family Night -

- Fall family night sign up genius is up. If you have not signed up yet, please do so.
- We will have a cake walk and need your store bought baked goods.

Book Fair - October 22-26 open on fall family night as well. There will be a poster and book drawing. Sign up genius went out on Friday. Parents can set up a scholastic e-wallet so their children can purchase books without bringing paper money to school. Details are on the PTO webpage.

Otter run - November 29th rain date the 30th. Coordinator meeting is this Thursday at 8:45.

Membership - Received approximately \$3k additional after room parent reminders. We are at \$16k 222 memberships.

Box Tops - Deadline is October 26th. Please send in your box tops.

Science Lab - Portable 8 has been transformed into a science lab. We are still determining how to get helpers into the room. We will be asking for volunteers in the coming weeks. Kelly made a motion for to add a budget line for the science lab and fund \$500 for the year and unanimously approved.

Otter Rocks - paint box is available with enough paint for letters. A flyer will be sent to room parents to forward to families.

Business Partners - Lulu's grill has joined as a partner. Please thank them and support them. There will be a spirit night on the 17th at Lulu's.

Amazon Smile gives a portion of your purchase to OPE. Please join Amazon Smile. Suggest we add a Amazon Smile banner.

Holiday party may be held as a luncheon in January.

Next meeting November 13th at 9 am.