

Ocean Palms Elementary
PTO Meeting Minutes
August 19, 2019

Principal's report

- Library was renovated this summer. Library should be open for students by Thursday.
- The exterior and interior hallways of the building was painted.
- Some classrooms were re-carpeted.
- Landscaping is being updated.
- Parking lot was resurfaced. The company is coming back out to patch areas that were not
- Sidewalk was extended for biker/walkers
- Bike racks are now inside the fence
- We should be getting a new fence with an added layers of security and safety
- Single point entry - bus gates are locked and stay locked during the day. Please use the visitor lot
- A new glass front will be added to the office.
- State of Florida is requiring monthly lockdown drills in addition to fire drills
- Mr. Morgan and Ms. Cantwell have presented safety procedures to our students
- Mr. James is our new security guard. He will be on premises during school hours.
- Curriculum chat will be K-2 and 3-5 there will be two presentations each night to enable parents to attend

Meet the teacher - would be helpful to have signs or color indicating what the hallways are. A map would be helpful (the map should be easier to read).

Book Fair - very successful. Sales doubled YOY. Being on the stage was helpful for visibility. If anyone is interested in being on a decorating committee for book fair. Theme "it's cold outside, come warm up with a good book." (arctic animals). We have about \$28k in scholastic dollars to spend. Request a vote to donate \$5k for teacher mini grants

Volunteer committee chair - PTO school wide communications will be via school messenger. Room parent meeting will be September 10th

Playground -Major fundraising this year will fund replacement of our large playground. Our students would like an ocean theme playground. Would like to approach corporate sponsors. If anyone has any connections, please contact Jennifer Werba.

Treasurer's report - Anyone incurring PTO expenses - please ensure that expenditures are approved and submit receipts and the reimbursement form that can be found on the PTO website within 30 days. If there are large purchases, please contact Chris to use the PTO credit card. Treasurer for 2020 school year will be needed. If you are interested in working with this year's team, please contact Cadey Eastman.

Last year we did improvements in the nurses clinic, areas on the playground and renovation of the library.

Business partners are at \$39k this year. We expect \$5k from TPC and one other partner.

Ended last year with \$34k. Current bank balance is \$75k

Meet the teacher brought in about \$10k for PTO membership

PTO membership \$11,800 the membership wall is outside the office with member's names on the fish. We have approximately 100 members to date.

Apparel - Sold about 150 shirts at meet the teacher. New items were popular. Will be ordering teacher, kindergarten, chorus and leadership shirts. Working to develop an online shop.

Partners in Education - please support our partners. They are listed on the banner at the front door of the school. YTD we have \$29,150 in cash and 14k in-kind donations for a total of \$53,150. Spirit night - Thursday, September 4th at Trasca 5-8. Trasca will give us 10% of sales. Keep your receipt to turn into the teacher the next day. Winning class will get a popsicle party. If you know if anyone that would like to be a partner, please contact Regan Cartwright.

Otter Run - Goal is \$40k would like to raise \$50k. Thermometer will be out to indicate

September 10th envelopes will go home. No t-shirts this year but there will be lap counting stickers, will have misting stations this year.

Mr. Jerry, Mr. Morgan and Mrs. Cantwell will do funny things when we hit various fund levels:

- Mr. Jerry will dye his hair green
- Peanut butter and jelly dance off with Mr. Morgan and Mr. Jerry
- Ice bucket challenge
- \$50k - Mr. Jerry will sleep on the roof

Monica Kohn runs the Facebook and website - please contact Monica if you need to publicize anything.

Next PTO meeting September 9th.