

**Ocean Palms Elementary PTO
Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2019**

Fall Family Night - aim is to break even. Looks like we will have a \$2k profit.

Book Fair - sold \$13,195 of books. Beats last year's record by about \$2k. We should be getting about \$9k scholastic dollars.

Apparel - sales were brisk at Fall Family Night. Will be setting up a teacher event. Teachers love the new logo and

Fence Cups - replaced on new fence. They look great!

Thanksgiving meal drive - six families in our school that will be sponsored. Signup genius will be sent out to purchase pre-made meals at Publix. Ms. Pelegrino will deliver the items to the families. Suggestion to reduce gift card amounts to \$25. Link will be posted on Facebook and sent to room moms

Holiday Cheer - Amazon gift registry - wish list for OPE families in need and Foster House

Playground -

Schematic of playground will be delivered to district for approval.

Fundraising options:

Approximate cost \$130k

Otter run \$35k

Sponsorships - in process of reaching out to community

Grants - In process of making applications and finding appropriate grants to apply for.

Create community/family awareness - thermometer (with monthly updates in newsletter and morning news), newsletter, social media, donate link, possible video for social media with kids explaining why we need a new playground.

5th Grade Legacy -

TFW charity work out - January 9th bring your kid to school. Obstacle course or parent kid workout. If we can get 100 people could raise \$3,000. Can raise awareness.

Engraved Pavers - Cost \$37.50 could sell for \$75. Could raise up to \$10k

Painted Rock Garden - sell 350 at \$15 per rock. Could raise up to \$5k

Otter paws on the playground - cost is \$300 (self install), \$500 (company installs). View this as too expensive to implement.

Tennis Social - \$8-10k

PVA Mosaic - a lot of work, does not raise a lot of money, significant family involvement

Otterpalooza - fundraising goal \$75k net. Auction, VIP tables (10 tables of 8 \$1,500 per table. 3 have already been sold) General admission \$40, Family giving, Have a parent give a testimonial at the event (Alicia Sprecher). Band is lined up out of Orlando and is sponsored. Donation forms, request letters and save the dates are being prepared.

Open positions for 2020/21 school year - please contact Chris Cheney if you are interested or know anyone that

- Treasurer and assistant treasurer
- Box tops
- Back to school coordinator
- Secretary
- Communications
- Member at Large
- Spring Family Night

Health Screenings are this Thursday. Sign up genius went out. Please sign up.

Canned Food Drive is November 18-22. Competition for the kids.

Treats for troops - very successful.

Principal's report -

- PTO gift cards and there is a giving cart that travels from class to class to give treats to the teachers and staff
- Week before holiday, kids can dress
- Pajama day for kids and sing along and hot cocoa bar for teachers on last day before holiday break.
- Battle of the books is coming soon.
- Press release from beaches go Green - signed on as business partner. HS club came to present to our 5th kids. We can get recycling bins but need to coordinate with Republic to get recycling pickup.
 - Beach Clean up date will be announced in Palms Post
 - Deck the Chairs - we will have a recycled material otter display at the event.
- Science Lab - is booked almost every single day. Kid and teachers love it.
- District Safety inspection was conducted and OPE passed with flying colors. We will be working on an evading drill during teacher service day.
- Mental Health and Emotional Health Education Rule - District will provide communication to everyone.

- Grades 6-12 - five hours of mental health training - combination of online and guidance counselors and guest speakers
- K-5 - guidance counselors will run the training. Every grade level will have two lessons focusing on bullying and conflict, say no to people, digital online safety, how to find a safe adult if you are in a situation, “if you see something, say something”.
- Testing updates -
 - OPE was selected as a field study group. Will be taking a mock writing test. We will not see the results but it will be good practice for our students. The test will be 120 minutes for 4th and 5th grade on January 23rd. We will need proctors
 - I-Ready - math before winter break, reading in January. There will be no testing on the first day back from school with the exception of make-up tests. There will be incentives for classes with best growth will get a stuffed animal “snarg” as a trophy to motivate students and teachers.