

OAS PTA GMM Minutes
January 14, 2014 / 7:30 pm
OAS Library

- In attendance: Kerry Rokicki, Kristin Santos, Jodi Klimko, Iris Love, Tracey Tully, Allison Lentz, Colleen DiDomenico, Mrs. Vella, Mr. Deacon, Teresa Wilson
- Approval of previous GMM Minutes – 10/15/13: Reviewed and approved. Jodi 1st, Colleen 2nd.
- Welcome/Pledge of Allegiance/Introductions: call to order 7:35pm
- President's Report, Kerry Rokicki
 - BAS/OAS 5K: Collette would like to discuss future of event. Divide the labor or move to every other year. OAS netted \$4931.85 profit.
 - Shutterfly: OAS generated \$3100+ in sales. Will earn \$700 from Shutterfly
 - Iris to write blurb on amount raised to date, and push for year round support of this passive fundraiser.
 - Band Night Venue:
 - 4/4: Venue secured: Kenilworth VFW
 - Baskets chairs are secured
 - Put out a call for logistics chair(s)...have some response but nothing firm yet.
 - Library at Recess
 - New offering: kids spend their recess time in the library reading.
 - Need parent volunteers to help oversee.
 - Website:
 - Need to remind parents that the website has replaced the Orange Gram. Refer to PTA website and/or Facebook.
 - Tracey to follow up with Cheryl on website renewal fee
 - Tracey will interview teachers to be highlighted on website.
- Treasurer's Report, Kristin Santos
 - 802 members to date
 - Current bank balance: \$20,674.01
 - Need to find a treasurer for next year, asap!
 - Fall fundraisers did well...most of spending occurs in the spring.
 - Notable Income to date: BAS/OAS 5K \$4931.85, Box Tops \$406.10, Membership: \$3208, Donations: \$3041, Mum Sale: \$1389.70, Bake Sale: \$155.30, Book Fair: \$2609.17, Holiday Boutique: \$2257.49
 - Notable Expenses to date: Assemblies: \$2445, 6th Gr Orientation: \$464, 7th/8th Gr Pool Party: \$625, Outdoor Beautification: \$792.65, Indoor Beautification: \$390.04, Colosimo Memorial Butterfly Garden: \$1607.73, Mini-grants: \$1039.66, Cash for Class: \$417.44
- Committee Updates, Colleen DiDomenico
 - Recent Events: Book Fair, Holiday Boutique
 - Upcoming Events: Pizza Night, Movie Day, Art Night, Socials, Field Day
 - Parent Social: Meghan Walsh is working on a possible event at Fire Me Up.

- Open Positions: Only Band Night needs a chairperson.
- Colleen to distribute folders to chairs for remaining events this year.
- Box Tops: Colleen to check on next deadline and with previous chair, Paula Taylor on contest/ice cream party.
- Need to get folders back from previous chairpersons
- Folders need to be streamlined, organized, possibly put online. (using google docs)
- Assembly Recap:
 - Author Dan Gutman is confirmed for 2/20/15.
- Teresa: Goldman Sachs Grant: need an idea if we are going to apply. Deadline is 2/1/14
 - Awning over 3rd grade exit
 - Painting of USA map on 3rd/4th grade line up area.
 - Teresa has a projector.
- Correspondence: Meghan Walsh
 - Notes have been sent, and books gifted to library for recent events: engagements, births, deaths, and retirements.
 - Thank you notes sent to recent event chairs.
 - Gift to crossing guard and office staff.
 - Will do something for office staff for Valentine's Day.
- Principals Update: Mrs. Vella
 - Need tissues for middle school, Mrs. Vella to put announcement in her weekly blast.
 - Orange Oracle – new student-run newspaper published by 7th Grade information literacy course.
 - Two sections of 8th grade will be piloting the PARCC ELA section this spring.
 - OAS Spring Musical: Beauty and the Beast is coming up in February (20-24)
 - Angel Eimer is OAS Teacher of the Year...will move to county level.
 - Rose Salidino, the CST secretary is retiring
 - OAS PTA Reflection winners announced...will move to County level.
 - 8th grade is writing a children's book on diversity
 - Lunch and Learn, CHS senior spoke about his work in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina.
 - Students Change Hunger: Collected 3000 pounds of food in the first half of the year.
 - Souper Bowl of Caring: Students bring in donated soup cans in weeks leading up to the Super Bowl
 - 5th Grade blood drive on 1/21/14
 - 115 coats donated to NJ Cares

Meeting Adjourned: 9:30 pm

Minutes submitted by Iris Love, Recording Secretary