

PTA meeting minutes: November 15th, 2016

I. Treasurer's Report:

ECM gave report on activity and current balances in checking, money market, centennial accounts for the first quarter ending Oct. 31, 2016. Tax forms were filed in October. Proof of tax filing, insurance coverage and dues paid to the Illinois PTA. Oakton PTA is now in good standing with the IL PTA.

The PTA has started to use PTAEZ cloud-based software to track PTA financial activity. Setup of all bank accounts and online processing is nearing completion.

Principal Williams reported that Oakton Administration will cover bussing for two fieldtrips for all students this year. The PTA Teacher Liaison reported that transit expenses for a third all-student fieldtrip would run approximately \$3,000. A motion was made and approved to amend the 2016-2017 budget to include fieldtrip transit expenses. The income needed to balance this additional budget line item is budgeted to come out of reserves.

II. End Of Year Fundraising Solicitation

Lish A. gave an impassioned and enthusiastic report on plans for the year-end solicitation letter including the ability to donate monthly through the Oakton PTA website.

III. Other Business

A. Calendars:

There was a discussion of multiple calendars, the accuracy of information posted, and how to best disseminate information. Principal Williams offered to send out an email with the PTA's revised meeting schedule tomorrow morning.

B. Parking During Evening Events:

Several parents received parking tickets during the Halloween party. There was a discussion of how to manage parking during Oakton evening events. In the future the alderman or 311 will be notified prior to all-school evening assemblies.

C. Cultural Responsiveness committee

Olivia Perlow, the Chair of the Cultural Responsiveness committee asked for assistance in identifying and encouraging parents to get involved. The Chair will send Daniela text for a flyer that will be distributed via Ms. Restrepo.

D. Post-Election Action

Dr. Osher and Principal Williams reported on steps taken by Oakton's administration and teachers to support students and families following the election. The parents gathered agreed that the Oakton community should make a post-election statement about the diversity and inclusiveness of our student body. Leila Wilson will coordinate with other interested parents to continue this conversation following the meeting. The board recommended that the message would be more powerful coming from the community rather than directly from the PTA, but offered financial or other support.

E. The first special purpose fund grant has been approved to support the first grade teachers. Funds will be used to purchase iPad apps for our new iPads like Word Wizard and Book Creator. The grant will also pay for food for a demonstration lesson for how-to sequence writing at the end of the school year.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30.