

Douglas T. Orchard Elementary PTA
Wednesday, January 19, 2022 3:15pm via Zoom

Call Meeting to Order/Pledge of Allegiance: 3:24

- Principal's Report – We are currently distance learning this week, and a lot of people are saying this is very similar to March 2020. We are hopeful that we can return to the school on Monday. However, the districts monitoring the cases and a decision will be made. We are hopeful that since we've successfully been in school the past year following safety precautions that we will be able to get back to normal. We've had a lot of staff out as well due to illness and in order to have the kids safely here in school we have to have enough staff.

We are looking at our data, and our projects to focusing on helping kids that need a little help and are having great success. We find that when kids are in school we have the best success rates.

- **Treasurer's Report**

- Current Balance: \$ 17,094.32
- Recent Expenses:
 - Luminary Supplies and Teachers Treats - \$169.91
 - Luminary Supplies and PTA Regional Treats - \$230.89
 - Luminary Santa - \$70.00

- **President's Report**

- December's Region PTA meeting had a presentation by GEA. We are wondering how we can best support teachers and students right now? GEA can help support to teachers and students. We brainstormed the following ideas on how to do this during this time.
 - The PTA will look at stocking the cart and supplying it to the teachers.
 - Could parent volunteers to help teachers to sanitize?
 - Could parent volunteers sign up to take recess duty – Ms. Holt will talk to the teachers and come up some ideas on how we can best support them and propose a with a calendar with when we will provide the support (ex - recess duty volunteers) and the PTA will send out a sign up genie to see if there is interest.
- We are carrying a large bank balance and would like to come up with a way to help support students and teachers. We are looking at ideas on how we can use these funds to support students and any ideas are welcome.
- Family Engagement Center – There is a meeting next Wednesday to do a focus study to see if there are specific items we need to focus on.

- Previous Business
 - Luminary Night – The luminary night went well; however, we did have a few issues with the snow. Santa did seem to slow down the line a bit, but the kids really enjoyed him.

- Upcoming Business
 - **Nominating Committee** – We are looking for 3 to 5 people for the nominating committee and on the board. For the nominating committee we are looking for 3 individuals that could help us talk to potential nominees or people interested in being on the board. We are also looking for board members too if anyone is interested. We will create a flyer and post it on the social media channels and reach out to the current PTA board.
 - **SEP conferences** will be Monday and Tuesday February 7th and 8th - delivered. The PTA will cater meals for the teachers and plan to have them delivered at 3pm for 30 to 35 people.
 - **Fundraiser Mar 8-18.** Class/School incentives distributed Mar 18-Apr 1. We will do a video presentation and pass out information March 7. We'd like to provide books as prizes so are looking for the best way to obtain those books. We'd love any feedback that anyone has, as of now it looks like there will be a book fair so possibly the PTA will be able to purchase books from the book fair. If anyone has any other idea on prizes, please let us know. Other prize ideas? We are also wanting to start planning class incentives for fundraiser prizes. We want to try and focus on small group activities that limit the spread of germs so that no matter what happens with cases, we can still hold these. We will reach out to the fundraiser platform and see if there are any ideas from other schools who are holding these types of activities at the moment.
 - **Literacy Night** - At the moment we don't know if this will take place, it will depend on the future days
 - **Teacher Appreciation May 2-6** - Let us know if there is anything that would be good. Very important to maintain morale and keep the teachers happy to call to order.
 - **Field Day June 1** – We will talk about this in future meetings.

- Future Meeting Dates
 - Feb 16 3:15pm
 - Mar 16 3:15pm
 - Apr 20 3:15pm
 - May 18 3:15pm

Meeting adjourned: 3:43