

PTA General Meeting – 09-16-10 (6:45 start time)

General welcome and introductions -Nichole Sargent

PTA Membership, benefits and reasons to join – Carol Davies

STARS Update – Carol Davies, PTA/STARS representative

STARS Co-Presidents Carol Sheldon/Heather Miller spoke about STARS

STARS Foundation

\$130,000 in the last 4 years

\$36,000 granted last year

Introduction STARS Board – Nichole Sargent

Mike Montanari presented about Science Expo

October 15, 6:30 – 8:30

Spoke about Science Expo and the need for parent volunteers

First time, great experiments for kids to do, hands on and scientists will be here to do demonstrations.

DRAFT of standing rules presented for vote – Dorothy Pierce

Annie Floe moved to accept, Cindy Goergon seconded motion

Passed, no nay votes

Melissa Oliver brought Don Whitney's proposed change to the Standing Rules, scholarship or waive Teacher/Staff memberships.

Agreed to table for discussion and vote at October PTA meeting

Current PTA Budget – presented by Stacy Payte

ORCA-Thon budget – presented by Stacy Payte

ORCA-Thon pie chart – presented by Stacy Payte

Peter Wick moved to approve budget

Debby Fields seconded

Passed, No nays

ORCA-Thon Steph Ingalls

Talk about ORCA-Thon, moved to fall to support fund raising for the same school year, soften the blow of writing that check, get the kids out there moving, prizes go directly to the kids, no middle man and all the money goes to the school/kids.

ORCA-Thon / jog-a-thon prizes – Nichole Sargent

WatchDOGS – Peter Wick

Build on last years success, make some improvements, Dads of Great

Students – Build a team (Dog Pound) – Started because of a school shooting in the south one father thought they could really make a difference. Provide a strong male presence in the schools and help the kids. Suzie Young – wondered if the volunteers carry over from last year. WatchDogs@edmondselementary.com (send to Peter Wick) -

Upcoming Events – Lynn Lawrence & Pamela Frank

ORCA-Thon, Science Expo, Harvest Festival – Tues 21st 8-9am mtg. PTA Movie night, Holiday Gift Wrap/Gingerbread Houses, All-School Musical, ORCA-Strated Art Show, Bingo Night, Field Day, End of School BBQ.

BoxTops & Campbells Soup labels – Mike Henderson & Pamela Frank

labels mean money for our school, need help with collecting and snipping.

Principal's Discussion – Melissa Oliver (7:45)

- 19th year, best start of the school year she has ever had
- huge thank you to the PTA
- thank you to Stacy Payte for all her hard work getting a district policy made to allow

- parents/volunteers to work around the school.
- Positive Behavior Matrix – training throughout the first day, including bus training.
 - EE will be losing a teacher. Hard work made over the summer to create wonderfully balanced classes. Currently two sixth grade classes - 19 6th graders/16 6th graders. Fourth day count, 307. Notified all the teachers today that one teacher would need to leave and asked for volunteers. The grade needed is 4 or 4/5. If volunteer comes forward then the district makes the decision whether that person is able to take it. Otherwise it is the teacher with a non-continuing contract with the seniority. There will be only one 6th grade class. Standard size is up to 29 students in 6th grade. Trigger points @ 30, @ 32 – up to 33 in our 6th grade class. It would cost the district approximately 60K to hire a new teacher including benefits. We will be losing 2 6th graders. Wednesday 22nd will be day of the change. No student teachers in class this year. Every other year.

Much parent discussion ensued, including recommendations to write district letters about possibly re-zoning the school boundaries to allow more students to be in the EE area. Nearest schools are all full to overflowing.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40