



OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY PTA MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, February 11th, 2025 **TIME:** 5:35 pm-6:10 pm **FACILITATOR:** Heather Raines, President

MINUTES RECORDED BY: Kerri Oakley, Secretary

CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDANCE

Heather Raines, President, called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm. 13 total PTA members in attendance, including 1 principal, 4 board members, and 1 staff member.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Ms. Dagenhart reported there is a lot of illness in the school at this time. If your child has received an absence letter in error, please reach out to the data manager so records can be updated. Oakwood will be hosting Career Day in April. If you or someone you know is interested in presenting his/her career, please reach out to Ms. Melton for more information. Class picture day is tomorrow, February 12th. The upcoming fifth grade field trip to the theatre has been cancelled. Reach out to teachers for more information regarding assessment results.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kerri Oakley, Secretary, presented January meeting minutes for approval. Megan Teeter made a motion to approve the January minutes. Megan O'Neill seconded the motion. PTA members were in favor of approving minutes and no one opposed. January minutes were approved.

BUDGET

FINANCE REPORT: Douglas Locascio, Treasurer, presented that the current balance is \$3,527.27 in available funds. December spirit night from El Paso resulted in \$365 and Chic-Fila resulted in \$143.

BOARD UPDATES

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Kerri Oakley reported that our current membership is 133.

ACTION: PTA members should continue encouraging Oakwood families to join PTA. To determine level of membership, click the link <https://www.oakwoodelempta.com/join-pta>.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/GENERAL UPDATES

STRESS-FREE LUNCHESES: The next date is February 20th, which needs 3 volunteers. A reminder that the sign-up genius link can be found in the PTA website. This is an opportunity for parents to monitor the cafeteria to allow teachers to have a quiet lunch period.

ACTION: PTA members should sign up to participate as they wish using the following link:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BA4A928A5FBC16-50290680-stress#/>



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BIRTHDAY TREAT: The PTA will be providing the teachers with a miniature bundt cake and gift cards for upcoming birthdays.

SOCIAL EVENTS: Heather Raines, President, expresses appreciation for everyone that helped with the Winter Social.

Field Day will be on April 11th, 2025 at the YMCA.

Spring Fest will be on May 2nd, 2025 at the school. There will not be an auction this year. There will food vendors and a dunk tank. If you have any connections for entertainment/food, please reach out to Blakely DuBose.

ACTION: There are several volunteer opportunities available for upcoming social events. Please visit the following link to sign up: <https://www.oakwoodelempta.com/s-projects-basic>

YEARBOOKS: If you have not placed your order, please do so as the deadline for ordering is in March and we will not be ordering extras this year.

ACTION: Please visit the following link to place your yearbook order:
<https://www.oakwoodelempta.com/about-4>

PTA PALS: We have at least 2 new staff members at Oakwood Elementary that need to be sponsored by a PTA Pal.

ACTION: Please contact any PTA board member or committee chair, Jenn Isaac, if you are willing to sponsor an Oakwood staff member with a \$10 or less monthly treat.

FUNDRAISING: Heather Raines, President, discussed that the silent auction is now live. Multiple items are still being added to the list. Options for grounds and/or STEAM upgrades will be considered based on the amount raised. Also, a donor has offered to match funds, therefore it has been discussed to promote a "Coin War/Drive" with donations of spare change which can be incorporated into grade level appropriate money education during March or April.

ACTION: Please check the item list often and encourage family/friends and community members to bid in the silent auction. <https://app.givebacks.gives/oakwoodgrounds/Campaign/Details>

OTHER BUSINESS

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS: The next spirit night will be February 20th, 2025 at Village Inn Pizza. Discussed the possibility of adding more Spirit Nights to the summer months including Chuck E. Cheese, Carolina Crafted, and Victory Sim Center.

The Book Fair is March 24th-28th, 2025. Please sign up using the following link to volunteer:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BA4A928A5FBC16-55042902-spring#/>

The Science Fair is May 1st, 2025. If you have a fold out rectangle table the school can borrow, please bring it with your name on it.

Encourage activity and family/friends to "like/follow" us on Oakwood Social Media to promote views.



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Kids made/colored signs for Crossing Guard Appreciation Day on February 7th, 2025. A flower, a gift card, along with the signs, will be given to both the crossing guards to show our appreciation.

NEXT MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm.

Our next General PTA Meeting will be held Tuesday, March 11th, 2025, at 5:30pm in the Oakwood Cafeteria. All members are invited and encouraged to attend.