

## ORCHARD ELEMENTARY PTA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, February 26, 2024, 2:30 PM

Orchard Elementary School Conference Room

*These minutes are unofficial and will be presented for a vote at the March PTA meeting. Items in red are for information only and will not appear in the official version of the minutes. Items in black will remain on the official minutes.*

In Person Attendance (11): Debbie Winward, Becky Dorton, Elisha Abreu, Amber Blackett, Flora Aleman, Katherine Knecht, Alicea Arnold, Julie Walker, Naomi Wagstaff, Renae Robertson, Esther Gwynn (via phone)

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 pm by President Amber Blackett. She then led us in the pledge of allegiance.

Becky Dorton gave the financial report for February. **Teacher grants are expected to be paid around March 24<sup>th</sup>. These are grants given to teachers who are PTA members.**

Debbie Winward moved, "to approve the minutes from January as emailed." Elisha Abreu seconded the motion.

A report for the Missoula Children's Theater was given and voted to continue partnering with this company another year. **With the sales of the tickets, we were able to be profitable. Naomi Wagstaff has volunteered to help coordinate it for next year as well.**

**The science fair was great and successful. We need parent helpers to help work with 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers next year. The Battle of the Books is Monday, March 4. We still need a few additional parent helpers to judge the teams and ask questions. All volunteers must be background checked through the district.**

**Culture Week is March 25-29. It will include the Spanish competition as well as a school-wide activity Friday night. EJ has worked really hard to put this together! There will be a dance group coming to perform on the Friday night along with concessions. There is the language bowl competition throughout the week.**

**Teacher appreciation week is May 6-10. Elisha is still figuring out what this will look like this year. Suggestions for treats included Nothing Bundt Cakes and Momos Cheesecakes. If other people have connections with food vendors, please let us know!**

**The PTA fundraiser will take place April 22-26, the same week as Hope Week. The activities for Hope Week will be during the school day will not really conflict at all. Debbie is working with a few others to make this run smoothly.**

**Elections for the 2024-2025 school year will take place March 25, 2024 @ 1:00 pm.**

**Concerns brought up included the need for an executive board next year. We still need a secretary and a president elect. There were also concerns about a real need for parent help at Canyon View Junior High for an executive board there. Julie Walker is asking for anyone with upcoming junior high kids to find a way they can help support.**

**It was brought up that at the February 27<sup>th</sup> school board meeting, there will be a presentation by the company hired to conduct a feasibility study on a district-wide split. There will then be additional meetings for public comment and input. On March 12, there will be a meeting held at Timpanogos High School at 7 pm. On March 13, there will be a meeting at the ALC building in American Fork at 10 am. This meeting is reserved for PTA and SCC members. There is also a meeting on March 13 at Vista Heights Junior High, but the time was uncertain. Based on what information is given during the**

presentation, the board will decide by June 1<sup>st</sup> if they will put a district split on the upcoming ballot or not. As we are just relaying this information, we strongly encourage those interested in staying informed watch for official information as these meetings times/dates/locations may change. We will do our best to communicate them as we find out about them.

CALENDAR Items included:

Feb 29: SCC Meeting @ 2:30  
Mar 4: Battle of the Books  
Mar 7: Spirit Night @ Kneaders  
Mar 8: End of Term 3  
Mar 11-12: No School  
Mar 21: SCC Meeting @ 2:30  
**Mar 25: PTA Meeting @ 1**  
Mar 25-29: Culture Week  
April 1-5: Spring Break  
**April 22-26: PTA Fundraiser**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 pm.