

PTO Meeting Minutes 09-02-14

- 1) Change to PTO Committee model
 - a) There will still be Room Parents as a go to person for teachers and student's parents.
 - b) There will be several committees formed with a PTO member(s) included as well as other interested parents, and possibly a teacher and / or Board member.
- 2) Room Parents:
 - a) Turtle Class: Amanda Chavez, Ariana Beckman
 - b) Shark Class: Sylvie Bitton, Jennifer Manafo, Jacquie Sanchez
 - c) Manatee Class: Sharon Burley, Theresa Yong
 - d) Dolphin Class: Tina Roberge, Kristen Giordano
- 3) Committees:
 - a) Public Relations: Handles any activity / issue where the school's name will have a presence in the community such as booth's at local festivals, float in the holiday parade, etc.
 - b) Fundraising: Handles the fundraising for the school, which will primarily be the silent auction dinner (high end – no children) as well as possibly a more family friendly fundraiser.
 - c) School Liaison: Handles communicating school / teacher needs to parents / community such as if the school requires the front trees to be trimmed, the committee would attempt to find a parent who would volunteer to complete the task.
 - d) Yearbook: Handles the compiling of school photos and creation of yearbook.
 - e) OSCS School Board will also have committees that parents can join such as Facilities Development, School Vision, and Compliance / Accountability.

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- 4) School should apply for Chamber of Commerce memberships for networking in the community. Our community activities could then be posted on the Chamber Calendars. We should increase our community PR. Jeni V has contacts with the Report, the Free Press, the Key Largo Chamber of Commerce, and Islamorada Chamber of Commerce.
- 5) Create an Ocean Avengers Club (Beach clean-up) ideas:
 - a) Post a goal chart in the lobby and note each clean up how many pounds have been clean up thus far.
 - b) Take pictures at beach clean-up and write article for newspaper to print to spark community interest.
 - c) Challenge other schools to clean up a beach and collect more than we did.
 - d) Create an art piece to display either at a local festival or in Murray Nelson Government Center with the debris collected from the clean up. Again take pictures and write article to have printed in the paper.
 - e) Fundraising opportunity – have local businesses pledge to donate based on amount of debris collected.
- 6) Open a bank account for PTO fundraising such as collections for Admin / principals / teachers appreciation days. Make deposits and have a check log to keep track of transactions and donations. Treasurer Volunteer- Amanda Chavez
- 7) Have a separate link on OSCS website for PTO / PTO calendar (separate from school calendar).
- 8) School wide “meet and greet” – Pot luck gathering Saturday, October 11th from 3 pm – 6 pm at Harry Harris Park for students / parents, teachers, and administration.
- 9) School Board “adoption” program. Items include adopt a student, adopt a classroom, adopt a class field trip, and adopt a school field trip. There will be incentives to adopt such as free school canvas bag, free yearbook, free ad in the yearbook, etc.