

Oak-Land Junior High PTA

Meeting: 1/11/10

1. Welcome / Introductions

2. Principal's Report

- **Lego League** – 2 teams competed this fall. Great job in the competition kids, and thank you to PTA for supporting the Lego League.
- **DaVinci Fest** - Katy Pupungatoa had 36 students presenting projects at last weekend's DaVinci fest! Kudos to ALL the Oak-Land students that participated in the DaVinci fest, and to Oak-Land teachers that supported the students.
- **Speaker** - We have an opportunity to have speaker Reggie Dabbs come to do a presentation to our students on scholastic achievement, strong values, with a theme of 'You can't change the past, but you can change the future'. The PTA will consider this opportunity, including how much we are willing to financially support this speaker coming to speak to all three grade levels at Oak-Land. More information will follow.
- **End of Semester Assessments** – Instead of the tests taking place over a two-week time period as has been done in the past, tests will be taking place over a one-week time period instead. The last day of the semester will be a make-up day for students who are absent during another testing day.
- **Registration** – High school counselors have visited the junior highs for current 9th graders. Upcoming meetings will be held at Oak-Land for 6th to 7th, 7th to 8th, and 8th to 9th grade transitions.
- **Technology** – A “Guiding Change Document” was approved for technology at the last school board meeting. Information presented in last week's Gazette, however, was not completely accurate – schools will not be receiving the amount listed in the Gazette. Instead, \$300,000 (total, not per school) will be available to secondary schools, per year. The 3 secondary principals will be deciding how the \$300,000 is divided among the 3 secondary schools. The program at Oak-Land and Stillwater Junior high would NOT have to look exactly the same.

One option - **IF** Oak-Land was to get \$100,000 per year (1/3 of the \$300,000), Oak-Land could support a one-to-one option in 2 out of 3 grade levels. This option would include a “technology cooperative”. This option also includes sell many of the current laptops back to Apple (some would be kept at Oak-Land for online testing and not sold back). The decision of which two grade levels would get the laptops has not been decided, and is up to Principal Berg.

3. Committee Reports

- **Budget** – We had approximately 300 students attend last Friday's dance. Students loved the “all request music” theme. Next dance, February 26 – contact Trish to volunteer to chaperone. Grants – we have some money left over from the fall grant cycle, some of which will roll over to the spring grant cycle. Fundraiser – fall fundraiser was down from last year, but is still one of the easiest fundraisers, and we seem to raise as much with this company (or more) as with companies we've used previously. We will most likely go with the same company for next fall.

4. School Board Report

- **School Board** – ECFE – we are currently leasing, but have received a \$1,000,000 donation to purchase a current building to renovate for ECFE. We are looking for other organizations that could lease space from our new ECFE location. On a different note, state funding could be greatly affecting how much we receive per child - we could be losing \$8,000,000 as a district.

5. New Business

There will be several openings on Oak-Land's PTA executive board for next year – president, treasurer, and secretary. Please consider volunteering for one of the open positions! Contact Trish if you are interested. Thank you to Holly for staying on the PTA for next year!

6. Next Meeting

February 22, 2010