

Orchard Elementary



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Orchard Elementary General Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 2024

1:00 pm Orchard Elementary School

Attendees: Zenelia Mejia, Amanda Keller, Kara Ball, Ali Gowdy, Jamie Purdie, Cassandra Miller, Marie McBride, Becky Dorton, Katherine Knecht,

Debbie Winward, Cynthia Cardenas.

Quorum Present: Yes

Before the Meeting - the following items were distributed:

- August meeting minutes
- PTA Activity calendar the 2024-2025 school year
- Little caesars thank you free bread stick cards

Opening

- Welcome & Call to Order - Debbie Winward , President at 1:05pm
- Pledge
- Agenda adopted
- No changes to the August meeting minutes. minutes approved as written.
- If you haven't signed up/paid your dues please do so. Let the secretary know if you would like to be added to our PTA Groupme account.
- Health night review- Was great. Thank you to Amber for all the hard work. And to all those who were able to volunteer.
- Reflections is coming up. All entries due on Thursday Oct 3rd online. We need a few more judges, there are a couple changes in how winners will be selected. Awards night will be Thursday the 24th.
- Big Jack gives back is this year's fall activity fundraiser for our PTA, you must buy tickets and also show up for our school to receive 75% of ticket sales. Lots of fun activities for the family and you receive goodie bags. \$7 per person or \$20 for family or 4. Look out for emails and flyers with the information. Some volunteers are needed. Information on that also in email and flyers.
- A survey was sent out from the PTA. We would love feedback from parents and teachers. Please look for it in your email and fill out the survey.
- Folklorico club will be starting on January 22nd thru March 27th. We are looking for volunteers to Help choreograph a dance or assist. As well as help out with costumes. Please reach out to Katherine Knecht or Zenni Mejia if you are interested in being involved and help out.
- PTA is taking a stand on certain amendments proposed this coming November election. We encourage all to learn about them. <https://www.utahpta.org/b-ds-2024-constitutional-amendments>
 - **Nay on A-** Utah PTA took a position of oppose to amendment A
 - **B is Best-** Utah PTA took a position of supporting increased trustlands funds.
 - **D is Don't-** Utah PTA took a position of oppose to amendment D.

- Look for emails and mailers concerning the magnet school and special programs in the school district. There is a study being done and feedback is being gathered online. [Program Study – Alpine School District \(alpineschools.org\)](https://www.alpineschools.org/Program-Study-Alpine-School-District)
- We encourage all to register to vote, you can do it online. [How to register to vote | USAGov](https://www.usa.gov/how-to-register-to-vote)

Reports

- Becky Dorton Treasurer presented the September 2024 treasurer's report.
 - **Balance on hand as of 8/26/24 : \$14,546.24**
 - **Income : \$360.00**
 - \$300 Hope 4 Orem
 - \$60 Memberships
 - **Expenses : \$858.35**
 - \$15.43 Thank you's
 - \$223.99 Room parent, Welcome teacher mtg
 - \$98.98 Teacher grant
 - \$422.09 Health night
 - \$94.22 Back to school
 - \$3.64 square fees

Monthly Treasurer's Report	Amount	Purpose
September 2024		
Month Initial Balance	15,044.59	
Total Income	360.00	Membership Dues, misc income
Total Expenditures	858.35	Teacher outreach, health & safety, education
Month End Balance	14,546.24	

- **Principal Report-**
- School fundraiser will be September 30th thru October 7th. And will be the envelope that is sent home for parents to donate. The kids then need to return them to school and will receive fun prizes and surprises. The fundraiser will be aimed at purchasing new chromebooks for the kindergarteners to test on as well as money for field trips for the school and other necessities that might be needed.
- Parent teacher conferences are coming up. You can sign up for a time that works for you online like we have in the past.
- An online book fair will be going on in November.
- Everyone who comes into the school has to be fingerprinted and background checked. So please get fingerprinted, it is free, you just need to schedule a time. Or PTA has scheduled a time for the fingerprinting to come to our school (see calendar below). [Fingerprint / Background Check – ASD Forms \(alpineschools.org\)](https://www.alpineschools.org/Fingerprint-Background-Check-ASD-Forms)
- The Halloween parade will be outside by the playground on the 31st.
- “Do we need to be background checked for the parent teacher conferences?” No

- “What happens if we are and “undocumented” parent?” If we don’t have fingerprinting done you can’t come in past the office while school is in session.
- “No battle of the books?” The school is not doing battle of the books this school year. However there is an opportunity for an after school group that is interested in doing it. We need parents to volunteer to make it happen. More information will be going out. School library has the books but meetings of groups and actual battles will have to happen after school.

Calendar

October

- 1st, 3rd (Tue,Thur) Parent Teacher conferences
- 3rd (Thur) Reflections Due
- 12th (Sat) Big Jack gives back fundraiser 10-4pm
- 15th (Tue) Little caesars- Spirit night 4-8pm
- 24th (Thur) Reflections award night 6pm
- 25th (Fri) Maturation 1:15pm
- 28th (Mon) PTA meeting 1-2pm

November

- 7th (Thur) Menchie's- spirit night 3-10pm
- 11th (Mon) Veteran’s day assembly
- 25th (Mon) PTA meeting 1-2pm

Closing

- Debbie Winward moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:51pm Becky Dorton seconded the motion.

Minutes Approval Date:

Debbie Winward - President _____

Katherine Knecht- Secretary _____

Becky Dorton - Treasurer _____