



Orchard Elementary General Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 25th ,2024

1:00 pm Orchard Elementary School

Attendees: Amanda Keller, Marie McBride, Kira Mildensten, Amanda Boren, Renae Robertson, Kara Ball, Ali Gowdy, Cassandra Miller, McCall Cannon, Amber Blackett, Naomi Wagstaff, Becky Dorton, Katherine Knecht, Debbie Winward, Cynthia Cardenas.

Quorum Present: Yes

Opening

- Welcome & Call to Order - Debbie Winward , President at 1:00pm
- Pledge
- Agenda adopted
- No changes to the October meeting minutes, minutes approved as written.

Reports

- **Principal Report-** Veteran’s day assembly was great, School wide Clue game going on, December 17th final vote on magnet school but there is a legislature bill that can pass in January that could change the December decision.
- Becky Dorton Treasurer presented the November 2024 treasurer's report.
 - **Balance on hand as of 10/28/24 : \$12,405.31**
 - **Income : \$492.06**
 - \$484.56 Spirit nights
 - \$7.50 Memberships
 - **Expenses : \$764.80**
 - \$84.78 Teacher grant
 - \$71.84 Maturation
 - \$585.68 MCTI
 - \$22.50 membership

Monthly Treasurer's Report	Amount	Purpose
November 2024		
Month Initial Balance	12,405.31	
Total Income	492.06	Membership Dues, Spirit nights
Total Expenditures	764.80	Teacher outreach, health & safety, education
Month End Balance	12,132.57	

- Battle of the books will be an after school activity, email will be sent out. District battle will be in March. Team competitions will happen before then either 1 or 2 days of competition. More information is coming soon. Marie would be the one to contact with questions.
- **Information regarding the school district split-**
- Separating into 3 parts in July 2027. West, central and south.

- Will be divided into 7 districts which means 7 seats to fill which will need to be elected in December 2025 to start working in January of 2026 to have the split going by 2027.
- If you would like to run please do! We need good people on the board. Must declare your running by March.
- When the split happens some exceptions will be made for kids in out of boundaries schools to finish in original schools but by 2030 the district boundaries will be more strict.
- **Information is always changing**, unfortunately. We will stick together and make the best of things as they come.
- “Will we lose a lot of teachers?” expect to see some movement. Administration can be moved at any time depending on district need. But we have wonderful teachers that love Orchard so hopefully we will have little movement.
- A vote for the new president elect is needed after the resignation of Zenalia Majia as president-elect. Noami Wagstaff motioned to make Marie McBride president-elect for the 24-25 school year. Seconded by Amanda Keller. Passed Unanimously.
- Executive board stands as such: Debbie Winward as president, Marie McBride as president- elect (VP), Becky Dorton as treasurer, Katherine Knecht as secretary.
- Missoula Children’s Theatre is going to be here January 13-17th and will be performing Pinocchio. Registration will be January 8th-9th and auditions will be Monday 13th. With performances on January 18th. Will be using a CD instead of piano this year. Email and flyer will be sent out.
- Folklorico Club will start the week after the play ends. Wednesday January 22nd 2:30-3:30pm will be the first practice. With the final performance on March 27th.
- We may not be having a humanities night but may be replaced with a “fun run” of sorts.
- **Calendar**
 - **December**
 - 3rd (Tue) Little caesars- Spirit night
 - 5th (Thur) Fingerprinting for volunteers
 - 18th (Wed) Christmas sing
 - **January**
 - 6th (Mon) Back to school
 - 13th-18th (Mon-Sat) Missoula Theater
 - 22nd (Wed) Folklorico club starts
 - 27th (Mon) PTA meeting 1-2pm

Closing

- Debbie Winward moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:08 pm Becky Dorton seconded the motion.

Minutes Approval Date:

Debbie Winward - President _____

Katherine Knecht- Secretary _____

Becky Dorton - Treasurer _____