

OLD TRAIL SCHOOL
PARENTS' ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEETING
May, 5 2006

In Attendance

Donna Axson	Tina Gaisie	Kelli Martin	Doug Stroup
Bonnie Childs	Godfrey Gaisie	Carol Marturano-Becker	Amy Wong
Mary Kay Chlebina	Joanne Gordon	Julie Randall	Janis Worley
John Chlebina	Jim Gordon	John Randall	Mark Worley
Jennifer D'Abreau	Christine Hulsey	Sharon Silver	Abby Yarbrough
Stephan D'Abreau	Bill Hulsey	Laura Stockslager	Brooks Yarbrough
John Farber	Beth Krakora	Joyce Stroup	Lisa Young

Meeting Call to Order

President Donna Axson opened the meeting at 7:05PM at Fairlawn Country Club.

Presentation of Prior Meeting Minutes:

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Janis Worley moved to approve. Seconded by Beth Krakora.

Allocations:

The following allocations were presented for approval by Carol Marturano-Becker:

1. Request from Laura Dagilis for digital camera and video camera plus accessories. \$ 1,500

The Executive Committee approved this under the stipulation that we would check to see if Melanie Patterson's "old" cameras could be "passed on" to the third grade. What we found was that one of Melanie's cameras is no longer usable and cannot be fixed. The other is being looked at to determine whether it can be fixed. If it can, Melanie will continue to use it in the performing arts classes. Additionally, that camera was given to her as a gift from a parent. Therefore, there is not a camera available to pass on to the Third grade.

Allocation approved by a unanimous vote.

2. Request from Martha Matlock for Guided reading books for 4 teachers who are attending the Teacher's College Summer Institute for the Teaching of Reading. These teachers will be attending this course and in the fall will be implementing this program with their classes. The guided reading books will be used to aid in the teaching of the class. \$2,172

Allocation approved by a unanimous vote for up to \$2,200.

3. Request from Matthew Young for replacing and upgrading the OTS handheld global positioning system (GPS) units for use with Lower and Middle school students. The four older units are damaged and no longer usable or are significantly outdated to a point where no longer productive. \$1,559

Allocation approved by a unanimous vote \$1560.

4. Request from Kathy Zopatti for the purchase of supporting materials from a premier writing conference which five lower school teachers will be attending this summer. In order to implement the program at OTS in the fall, each teacher will need a guide/manual. Each guide is approximately \$159 plus shipping. They would like to purchase 6 so that each teacher will have their own and there will be an additional one for a new fourth grade teacher. \$1,000

Allocation approved by a unanimous vote.

5. Request from preschool teachers Mrs. Schweier and Mrs. Morris for a new Spring Loaded drying rack for their classroom and lumber for the maintenance department to rebuild a painting easel. \$450

The current drying rack is very difficult for most of the children to use independently and they become frustrated when they cannot get the paintings on the racks. The new rack has multiple levels and can be operated by the children.

The painting easel is too high for some of the children. It is difficult for them to put their own paper on the easel and to take it off and put up new paper to paint again. The maintenance department would purchase lumber and redesign the current easel to have two sides to accommodate more painters and to have shelves for storage of paper paint, brushes and smocks.

Allocation approved by a unanimous vote.

Nominations to the Parents' Association Executive Board:

The nomination of Diana Christoffersen as the President-Elect for the school year 2006/7 was approved unanimously.

The nomination of Nancy Wellener to the Executive Board of the Parents' Association for the school year 2006/7 was approved unanimously.

Recognitions and Thank You's:

Donna Axson gave the following recognitions:

1. To Tina Gaisie for her work in providing refreshments for each of the General Parents' Association meetings during the school year and for organizing the annual dinner at Fairlawn Country Club. Donna presented Tina with a gift as thanks for a job well done.
2. To the 8th grade parents, wishing them and their students good luck for the next school year as they enter high school. She also thanked all of the other parents in attendance for their work and dedication to the Parents' Association and to Old Trail over the last year.
3. To the representatives of faculty and staff who attended the dinner. There was special recognition for Mrs. Laura Stockslager from the Technology Department who will be leaving the school at the end of the year. Beth Krakora said a few words of thanks to Laura and presented her with a gift on behalf of the Parents' Association. Donna also read an excerpt from a letter from Mrs. Mary Jane Wyant who was unable to attend the dinner but wished to send her thanks to the parents of Old Trail for their support over the years.

4. Personal gifts of thanks were presented to the members of the Parents' Association Executive Committee who were in attendance. Bonnie Childs and Carol Marturano-Becker also received gifts of thanks for their help and support over the past school year.

Bonnie Childs and Carol Marturano-Becker made a presentation to Donna Axson on behalf of the Parents' Association and Old Trail School in recognition of her work as President of the Parents' Association for the 2005/06 school year.

Adjournment of the meeting: 7:40PM

The meeting was then followed by dinner which ended at 9:15PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Donna Axson, in the absence of
Patty Bodanza, Recording Secretary