

PTA Update

December 2017



Dear Parents and Teachers,

Friends of Oakton Fundraiser

We have kicked off the friends of Oakton Fundraiser. This fundraiser helps to fund our general budget. If you take a look at the budget, you will see that we planned to raise a little over \$19,000. So far, we have raised about \$5,000. Please give so we can meet our \$110,746 budget for this year. You can give electronically on www.oaktonpta.net or send in a check made out to OES PTA and reference Friends of Oakton in the memo field.

Vote for the \$23,000 surplus

If we fall short on the Friends of Oakton Fundraiser, we will have no choice but to allocate some of the \$23,000 surplus from prior years to this year's budget. I would hate to do this because we were hoping to use the surplus to fund one or a combination of the following suggestions parents and teachers made in the survey: a shade for the playground, math manipulatives for all the classrooms, replacing broken instruments in the music department, help the school reach their device for every student goal, etc.

The vote for how to allocate the surplus will probably be delayed until March or April. Our decision will have to take into account how we fare with the Friends of Oakton Fundraiser. In addition, I have been told that FCPS will not have the contract in place for the shade provider until the end of February.

PTA By Laws

In order to stay in good standing and maintain our non-profit status, our PTA is required to update our By Laws every 5 years. The major change we are making is to create a president elect position. This will help avoid the issue we had this year finding a president and will allow a training period for anyone interested in the position in the future. The proposed By Laws will be posted on www.oaktonpta.net for review this week. Please let me know if you have any feedback. We will be voting on them at the January 10th meeting held in the library at 8:30 am.

PTA Events – Important Announcement

At the Movie Night in October and the Winter Dance in December, some children were dropped off. None of the PTA events are drop off events. An adult should accompany the children. These events are more than just a chance for the kids to have fun. It's an opportunity for the parents to meet other parents, catch up with their friends and socialize with the OES staff. Please take advantage of it.

Speaker Event

We received a lot of feedback in the survey to have an event on children and technology/social media. I'm working on putting this together.

Special Education Committee

In November, I met with a great group of parents in the Special Education Committee. In order to make sure our events are more inclusive of our special needs population, going forward a member of the committee will regularly attend our PTA Board meetings.

I hope you have a great winter break and a Happy New Year.

Kate Cote