

12:03 Start time

Introductions

Superintendent's Report

- Bennet Woods expansion has been approved, groundbreaking 1st week of December, completion date hopefully start of 2020/21 school year.
- Updates all available on <https://www.okemosk12.net/Page/8892>
- SPC meeting this Wednesday at 5pm Senior Center
- ISD calendar potential change spring break a week earlier (last week of March) because of statewide testing.
- Partnership with Great Lakes Equity Center to come in for an evaluation.
One area of importance is the teacher/educator shortage and diverse teachers specifically.

Board of Education Report:

- SPC meeting
- Superintendent review process - Michigan Association of Schools Boards provide evaluation guidelines.
- Holt superintendent may be coming to discuss balance calendar (year-round school). May be scheduled some time this spring.
- Chance for BOE to prioritize community wide issues (start times, recycling, statewide testing dates).
- BOE looking for more community input. Email BOE board@okemosk12.net

Bennett Woods:

Noelle Palasty

- New sign
- Biggest News: addition at Bennett Woods students excited and looking forward to expansion. Procedures will need to be tweaked and working with
- Home/School connections, succinct resources for Kindergarten students. Binder provided and with that educational resources included highlighting key strategies. Opportunity for positive experience.

New Business:

- Committee formed for Best Practices Finances: Sarah Allen, Lynne Thatcher, Liz Luyendyk and Niki Robinson from DPC.
- School lunch questions regarding statewide regulations and guidelines. Discussion ensued. Karen Shapiro will research.

Okemos Education Foundation: Sue Hallman Co-Chair OEF

- Provide and support in conjunction with school parent groups.
- 10 years ago, school budgets took a nosedive. OEF stepped in to take over funding for clubs. Around 40K.
- OEF offers 3 grants
 - OEF Micro Grants – up to \$250: consumable products, can apply anytime
 - OEF Grants - \$250-1000 Application deadlines: Oct 1, Feb 1, and May 1
 - Not meant for consumable supplies or professional development
 - Lee Gerard Professional Development Grants – up to \$2000 (typical \$1000-1500)
 - This grant is designed to specifically foster teacher collaboration.
- Commitment to Excellence Award - \$1000 (no more than 5 teachers)
 - Honors educators and administrators who inspire and motivate students, promote the welfare of students, implement innovative or creative ideas, and provide leadership within the school community.
- Special Recognition Award – Honors support staff who embody a commitment to excellence and who have made a significant
 - In addition to our grants we also provide on an annual basis:
 - Seeds of Science - \$350/school
 - Spring Author – \$2500 towards the cost of elementary author visit (partner with Horizon Bank)
 - Science Fair – all 4th students
 - Dean Bolton Volunteer Service Award – no nomination this year, award honors individuals who have made a significant, positive impact on students, staff and or the school community through their extraordinary volunteer service.
 - Alumni Award – honors alumnus of OPS who demonstrates exceptional dedication and achievement as well as humanitarian contributions.

Building Reports

OHS – Niki Robinson; Angie Wilson

Important Dates:

- November 20 Archery Club Meeting, 6:30pm
- November 21 OEF Banquet at the Kellogg Center
- November 26 Winter Meet the Chiefs, 7pm

Coat Drive 2019:

Once again this year, we are collecting warm clothing for those in need. We are looking for CLEAN items in good repair. It has gotten significantly colder earlier this fall and there is more need in our area. We are looking for more than just coats; we can use hats, gloves, boots, snow pants, sweatshirts or anything else that will help keep someone warm. Sizes toddler through adult are in need. You can drop off your donations in the Main Office, Guidance Office, or D-232 (Mr. Pline's room). The final drop off date will be Tuesday December 17 . This is the 26 year for this event and hopefully it will be the our most successful.

OHS Archery Club:

Dear OHS and Archery Parents and Students,

As we look to the 2020 Archery tournament season (Jan-Mar) we are working on trying to form our first high school team. Currently, we have 7 freshman that have been in our program and are looking to recruit other high school students that may have archery experience to make a co-ed team of 15 archers.

We've attached a flyer about our parent night at Kinawa's Auditorium, Wednesday November 20 @ 6:30. Please share with any interested high school students/ families.

NASP rules state that participating schools need to be teaching 10 hours minimum during the school day to compete. While we have not fulfilled that yet, we want to continue to move forward in hopes that this requirement is completed in time for States competition.

Athletic News:

November 18th- First Day of Tryouts/Practice- Skiing, Boys Basketball, Wrestling.

You must have your physical submitted to Mrs. Biel in the athletic office BEFORE you can practice or tryout.

Home Contests Week of 11/18 Wednesday 11/20-

Hockey vs Jackson 8:30PM @ Suburban Ice

Saturday 11/23-

Hockey vs Flushing 7:50PM @ Suburban Ice Boys Basketball Scrimmages

Tryout/Start Dates for Winter Sports:

11/18- Skiing, Boys Basketball, Wrestling 11/25- Boys Swim & Dive

Meet the Chiefs is 11/26 at 7PM

Chippewa – Sarah Finley; Kristin Arnett

- SOS Signs of Suicide – lessons will continue to be taught by the counselor during PE class during the month of November. SOS is an evidence based suicide prevention program that Chippewa has used for many years.
- **Chippewa Parent Group Updates** – Fundraising - sources of “effortless fundraising” that supports CPG, in addition to Amazon Smile, include Box Tops and Kroger Community Rewards. If you shop using Amazon or Amazon Prime you can make your purchases through the AmazonSmile site (smile.amazon.com) and .5% of eligible purchases will be donated to a

charitable group that you choose. Chippewa Parent Group is registered and can be selected as your recipient. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll use your existing account and find the exact same prices and selection as [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com), with the added bonus that Amazon will automatically donate a portion of the purchase price to CPG every time you shop. For more information about this program, please see this link: https://smile.amazon.com/gp/chpf/about/ref=smi_se_rspo_laas_aas.

- Upcoming events include holiday gift card sales for teachers (our parent group will purchase one or more \$10 gift card/s when families pay for them online and we deliver to teacher mailboxes or email) and the annual school-wide Winter Wonderland celebration on the last day before the winter break.
- Thanks to all who donated to the Teacher & Staff Luncheon! It was a successful event that was much appreciated as staff and teachers worked long hours during parent teacher conferences!
- Follow us on Facebook for updates and reminders: <https://www.facebook.com/chippewaparentgroup/> . You can message us through that page or email us at chippewaparentgroup@gmail.com.

Kinawa –Karen Shapiro

- Though volunteer spots were tough to fill, the teacher luncheon during conferences was successful and much appreciated by the teachers.
- There are about 200 5th grade orchestra students this year! The grade was split into two concerts on November 12th & 13th - 5th Grade Strings "Informance" (informal performance).
- "Culver's Share Night for Kinawa" was on Tuesday, November 12th from 5:00 - 10:00 pm at the Okemos Road Culver's. A portion of all proceeds will support our school and the better turnout - the higher the percentage! Funds raised support the Kinawa Parent Group which provides funding for after-school clubs such as archery, art and choir; academic enrichment, i.e. Math Circle, Science Olympiad, Student Council and library books; the Teacher Classroom Wish List and More.
- Reproductive Health Class at Kinawa: All 5th and 6th grade students will begin being taught courses starting November 14th and concluding the week of December 9, 2019 in P.E. classes. Parents interested in previewing the course material can visit www.okemosk12.net. Click on the "Academics" tab, and then the "Personal Health" tab. Username and password were given to interested parents.
- The next Kinawa Parent Group meeting will take place on Thursday, December 5th at 9 am.

Cornell – Liz Luyendyk; Sarah Allen

- Square 1 Art packet fundraiser – each student creates a piece of artwork in a certain sized square. Each family can order the artwork on items for purchase. It's a fundraiser for Cornell's art teacher to use for the art classes.
- On Nov. 13th, Cornell's staff acknowledged World Kindness Day, and the spirit of kindness exuded by Mr. Rogers, by wearing Cardigans to school. We hope everyone experienced giving and receiving a little extra kindness on that date!
- Cornell is transitioning this year from formal music programs for 1st and 2nd graders, to Informances, a format used at some of our other elementary schools. We will hold our Informances in the evenings this week and next week to share with parents authentic music experiences that our 1st and 2nd graders take part in at school.

- Cornell staff is continuing their school-wide professional development on trauma and strategies for childhood behaviors this year using a highly recommended book, *Help for Billy*.

OPM –Katie Cavanaugh

- One of the things our new principal, Shannon Nedds, has implemented is a more proactive approach to rules and safety. Teachers review and reteach rules and procedures throughout the year to help remind students. Rules and procedures also sent to families.
- Had our annual Family Fun Bowling on November 16th at Spare Time in East Lansing. It was more of a fun community event than a fundraiser. Kids had a blast!
- Our big annual fundraiser, the Flash Dash, is held in the spring each year. For the 2018-2019 event, a total of \$30,394.27 was raised, with 74% of students bringing in money, and an average of \$112 per student.
- Student Council recently sold community coupon books, raising \$7000. The students have a few ideas for how to use the money:
 - buy kids size basketball hoops (but only if the PPK kids can use them, too - which of course they would be able to do, but sweet that the older kids were looking out for them.)
 - Create a butterfly garden
 - Create 4 community libraries throughout Okemos

Bennett Woods – Janet Philips

- We collected \$430 worth of Box Tops in a school challenge and sent home information to make parents aware of scanning box tops.
- A rough draft of the student directory will be in the office November 18 - 22 for proofing before being electronically published in the November 23rd Weekly Updates.
- Every K-4th grade child at Bennett Woods has a work of art displayed on the walls of our main hallway. This year's inspiration was current artist Romero Britto. School sent home a Square 1 art packet to order their masterpiece on a variety of products for an art rooms one fundraiser.
- Construction Preview Parent presentation was given on Nov 13
- Upcoming December dates:
 - 2 Chieftain Champs (3:45 - 4:45)
 - 5 – 1st grade to I5
 - 6 – 1st grade to I5
 - 9 Caring Leaders (3:45 - 4:45)
 - Chieftain Champs (3:45 - 4:45)
 - 11 – 3rd grade Cranbrook Visit (10:00)
 - 12 – 1st grade to I5
 - 13 – 1st grade to I5
 - 16 Chieftain Champs (3:45 - 4:45)

Hiawatha – Carly Patel; Amy Burton

- We had our highest turnout ever at our pancake breakfast on Saturday. Over 175 people enjoyed pancakes served by our awesome teachers and staff.
- Science Night is Jan. 24th 6:30-8pm – This will be the first year trying this event in the winter instead of spring. Our event coordinator is having a difficult time contacting and

getting confirmation from many of the exhibitors. She is also struggling to come up with new people to contact. If you know of any groups in the area that your school has used in the past we are open to suggestions.

- Follett Book fair is December 9-13
- Fourth grade leadership has kicked off their food drive and Hawks Have Heart t-shirt and bracelet sale. Proceeds will go towards purchasing additional food for Hiawatha families in need. The PTO is supporting this cause by donating the turkeys.
- International night
- Girl Scouts with Ali VanOverbeke – Has anyone started a troop working with Ali? What worked to build interest? How did you get the word out?

OEF – Lynne Thatcher

Sue Hallman presented instead of a report given.

2:07 End time