



Orchard Park High School PTO Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 20, 2024, 6:00 PM
OPHS Media Center



Attendance:

Brandon P., Tracy B., Donna A., Karen F., Nicole C., Bret N., Pam Ra., Brenda C., Chris P., Jennifer D., Karry K., Denise S., Renee W., Tammy V-W, Tara C., Kelly K., Julie S., Ellen J.,

Meeting opened at 6:05 PM

Reports:

President's Report: Tracy Brege:

- Tracy proposed voting to approve the draft version of the April 29, 2024 Meeting Minutes.
 - Chris P. motioned to approve. Denise S. seconded the motion.
 - The PTO voted unanimously to approve the draft version of meeting minutes from the PTO Meeting of April 29, 2024.
- Membership Update
 - Numbers increased further over the goal of 200
 - 211 members
- Tracy thanked the OPHS PTO Board and all of the people who served on committees or chaired events.
- Nominations and open positions
 - Tracy read the names of all the people who were nominated for positions for the 2024-25 school year
- Tracy thanked Mr. Pafk for his first year as principal of OPHS
- Tracy thanked PTO members for attending meetings
- Transportation Breakfast
 - Nancy D. and Shannon D. are chairing
 - Breakfast will be on May 30
 - Donations of food items needed - Signup will go out

Vice President's Report: Donna Aylsworth:

- No report

Secretary's Report: Nicole Avitahl-Curtis:

- Nicole thanked everyone who presented, provided notes and gave corrections for preparing the Meeting Minutes.
- Nicole reminded everyone who attends to please sign in so that she can send meeting minutes around for corrections and for review

- Nicole repeated that her term as secretary is ending. She thanked everyone for their support of the PTO and for being great to work with.

Treasurer's Report: Karen Fuentes:

- Reviewed the funds in and out
- Funds came in from a few more new memberships
- Post prom donations are over \$7,000 - \$1,000 over target
- Tickets for Post Prom are starting to sell
- Karen asked if there were questions about the proposed budget for the 2024-25 year – printouts of the proposed budget were available for everyone
- Karen asked for a motioned to approve the proposed budget for the 2024-25 year
 - Tammy V-W. motioned to approve. Chris P. seconded the motion.
 - The PTO voted unanimously to approve the proposed budget for the 2024-25 year
- Ellen J. will let STAP-Comm know that there is no money in the 2024-25 budget for a DJ for the Fall Homecoming Dance
- If anyone would like a copy of the monthly report, please email Karen at karen.fuentes8888@att.net

Principal's Report: Brandon Pafk:

- Lots going on
 - Music in May will be on May 21st
 - Underclass Awards Ceremony will be on May 22nd
 - Senior Picnic will be on May 30th
 - Prom on June 1st
 - June 4th - no school for most of the OPHS students, only students taking exam are in school that day
 - June 17th – no Regents exams because of Eid al-Adha
 - June 19th – Juneteenth
 - Senior Banquet will be on June 20th
- Next year the Senior Picnic will be on May 30th and the Senior Prom will be on May 31st
- Exam schedule is out
- June 1st is the deadline for course verification
- Fall Homecoming will be September 27-28
- Open House will be September 19.
- Students may not drive to school on the May 21st because of voting. Students may not park in the Freeman lot until 2:30 PM.
- There was a request for, in the future, to let parents know so that they can plan with their children to work out a solution for getting the students to school that day.

Teachers' Report: Bret Norvilitis:

- Bret's term as Teacher Representative is ending. He thanked the PTO for all they do.

Nominations Update and Report

- Jennifer presented the slate
- Tracy thanked Jennifer for filling the slate

- Jennifer asked for a motioned to approve the slate for the 2024-25 year
 - Chris P. motioned to approve. Tammy V-W. seconded the motion.
 - The PTO voted unanimously to approve the slate for the 2024-25 year
- Transitioning - Tracy asked that each outgoing chair or committee member please pass on the information for that role to the person who is taking over.

Committee Reports:

Instructional Leader Council (ILC): Pam Rauh and Chris Popek:

Chris reported:

- Meeting was on May 7, 2024
- June exam schedule is live
- Course Selection Procedure
 - A portion of students never had their scheduling sheet signed.
 - Want a process where students do not fall through the cracks – they speak with both parents and teachers to pick the right courses for themselves.
- Sharing information with Special Education Content Area Teachers - field trips, guest speakers, training, workshops, so teachers giving services are aware that these are happening
- SDM Meeting Dates for 24/25 - was mentioned that when making the Olweus schedule to schedule those assembly dates away from musical and/or drama dates.
- Discussion of Summer IL Retreat
- Grading for equity conversation
 - Did a dilemma exercise.
 - Discussed grading processes in different departments - What are the shared values in grading?

STAP-Comm: Jeanne Kornowicz/ Kelly Kerl/ Ellen Jeffree/ Julie Szczublewski

Ellen reported:

- Meeting was on April 15
- Discussed Class Rank – how to acknowledge students' achievements
- March Madness - \$200 from the Boys and Girls Club
- Bald for Bucks

Building Effectiveness Team (BET): Brenda Cimo and Jennifer Duff

Brenda reported:

- Meeting was on May 15, 2024
- Health Office Procedures
 - Students need a pass in order to go to the nurse's office

- Nurse must call teacher to let teacher know student is returning so that student does not have the opportunity to use going to the nurse's office as an excuse to skip class.
- Tardy Process
 - School will work on responding to school tardiness and communicating with students who are tardy
 - 3 tardies will have consequences
- Odor problem
 - During recent maintenance, some capped pipes in bathrooms seem to have been rattled, allowing odor to escape.
 - Plan is to tighten these pipes – the hope is this will resolve the problem
- Safety update
 - New locks are being placed on doors that needed them
 - There is an egress door in LMC that still needs a lock
- The school is considering adding in school suspension (ISS) for students
 - OSS is not effective for some students – it's viewed as vacation
 - Staffing for ISS needs to be worked out
- Vaping
 - Students cannot be searched if suspected of vaping
 - Monitors are checking bathrooms using an unpredictable schedule.
 - Increase in suspensions because students are being caught vaping in the bathrooms

Central Council: Donna Aylsworth

- A new Board was voted in
- Mentioned Transportation Breakfast

Post-Prom Committee: .

- BBQ - Karen said more volunteers are needed
- Post Prom – Tracy will send e-mail to remind students to buy tickets early – helps with planning

Old Business:

NHS Reception: Andrea McGrath and Elizabeth Duckham

Tracy reported for Andrea and Elizabeth:

- Event was on 5/10
- It went well

New Business:

Underclass Awards Reception: Denise Straitiff

- Event will be on 5/22
- Need a few more candy donations

Senior Picnic: Pam Rauh, Karen Laudico, Brenda Cimo

Pam reported

- Event will be on 5/31
- More volunteers are needed

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM

Next meeting will be on Monday, September 30, 2024 in the OPHS Library Media Center

Post Prom: 6:00 pm

PTO: 7:00 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nicole Avitahl-Curtis