



Orchard Park High School PTO Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 27, 2023, 7:00 PM
OPHS Media Center



Attendance:

Mr. Wolf, Mr. Norvilitis, Tracy B., Karen F., Donna A., Nicole C., Sheri C., Brenda C., Pam Ra., Pam Ro., Barb D., Donna L., Maureen B., , Dave Z.

Reports:

President's Report: Tracy Brege:

- Tracy proposed voting to approve the draft version of the February 27 Meeting Minutes.
 - Pam Ra.. motioned to approve. Pam Ro. seconded the motion.
 - The PTO voted unanimously to approve the draft version of meeting minutes from the PTO Meeting of February 27, 2022.
- Tracy thanked everyone who baked or donated goods to the annual Senior Citizens dinner and for helping us with all our baking requests.

Treasurer's Report: Karen Fuentes:

- Reviewed the funds in and out
- Reviewed donations to Post Prom – total donations at ca. \$7087 so far. Donations are still coming in
- A check for Staff Luncheon was paid
- Reviewed money raised to date from Get Egged Fundraiser – expenses need to calculate profit
- No expenses to PTO for Winter Homecoming
- If anyone would like a copy of the monthly report, please email Karen at karen.fuentes8888@att.net

Principal's Report: Mr. Wolf:

- Mr. Wolf said that in the few weeks before the Spring Break there are few events – students are mostly focused on tests
- The months after Spring Break will be very busy – many events in April and May
- Mr. Wolf thanked the PTO for supporting the events that will be coming up.

Teachers' Report: Mr. Norvilitis:

- No report

Committee Reports:

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

Pam Rauh reported:

- Academic Calendar – discussed that there will be not a districtwide October Conference Day for the 2023-2024 school year. There will be 2 Spring Conference Days instead.
- Ap/Honors Course Designation – Question was posed as to why certain courses are considered Advanced but do not have the Advanced placement (AP) designation. In these Advanced classes, students are not required to take an AP exam but often “challenge” it on their own. The College Board has many restraints as to what is required to teach AP courses for college credit. OPHS is not always able to meet these curriculum guidelines. Each subject area is a little different regarding requirements. For example, AP Science classes require that 25% of the class be hands on labs. This is successfully able to be done in AP Physics due to the way the class is structured. However, Chemistry and Biology need more direct lecture time. They would require another day to complete all necessary labs to be considered AP courses.
- During discussion at PTO Meeting, Mr. Wolf clarified that on June 1 the State US History Exam will take place.
 - Juniors take this 3 hour exam – even students taking AP US History.
 - It is required for graduation in NYS
 - No instruction on June 1st. Only students taking the exam will be in school.
 - This day of no instruction at OPHS is listed in the District Calendar on the OPCSD website

STAP-Comm: Michelle Slotman/ Karen Fuentes/ Jeanne Kornowicz/ Cathy Kipler

Karen Fuentes reported:

- Talked about having scrolling announcements in several places throughout the school
 - TVs have been ordered
 - Working on details, such as who will manage the ads and make sure they are up-to-date
- Created a new fund – Student Support Fund
 - It will have \$300 annually
 - It will be used to help students in need – some examples include to pay for school supplies, funding for clothing, emergency situations, testing fees, summer school fees & summer camps
 - Student submits a proposal that is reviewed by committee consisting of High School Principal, 1 STAP Comm Advisor, 1 STAP Comm student officer, STAP Comm President, & 1 STAP Comm Parent Representative
- 9 Students and Mrs. Rominger went to the Women’s Leadership Conference at East Aurora High School on March 25th
- Planning to make a mural for the wall in the Biology Wing where the lockers used to be and new room was created. Applications were distributed to Art teachers and were due on March 27th. Mural will be painted on wood panel that will be mounted to wall.
- Talked about differences in volume of homework different teachers assign – even for the same subject.

- During the PTO Meeting, Members asked why there were such big differences.
- Mr. Wolf explained that students and families often request the teacher whose style that student/family prefers. There seems to be support for both styles.
- Mr. Wolf suggested to hold town hall with students to gather more input.

Building Effectiveness Team (BET): Elizabeth Duckham and Brenda Cimo

Brenda Cimo reported: - Meeting was cancelled – No report

Central Council Update: Donna Aylsworth –

- Open positions for next year.
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Anyone interested in serving on Central Council, please contact Donna A.
- Parent survey that was sent out in November.
 - the results are being reviewed.
 - A second survey will be sent out in May.
- Dave Lilleck & Jeff Petrus inquired if any PTO units would like a budget presentation at their April meeting. (Not just the HS). Discussion took place as to whether or not the HS wants it. Since some members were in favor of having the presentation, it will be placed on the April Agenda.
- It's always been District policy that no fundraising can be done during the school day, as this takes students away from instructional time. District PTOs were reminded of this, as there seems to have been some drift away from this policy over the years.
- Adam Wittmeyer from OP Boys and Girls Club presented - wants to change programs – be less “babysitting” – wants to get OPHS students involved in programs at the B&G Club
- Sarah Hornung, Director of Technology, spoke about Student Data Privacy with ways to protect student identity along with best practice tips for social media.

Post-Prom Committee: Maureen Bass

- Money needed for prom is raised. Now raising funds for prizes.
- Seeking volunteers for the following fundraisers
 - Delivering Easter Eggs
 - Chicken BBQ
 - Someone to host a Prize Party – people who attend bring a prize to donate to the Post Prom event.
- Looking for suggestions for teachers to invite

Old Business:

None

New Business:

- **Tracy Brege presented**
- Discussed proposal for PTO Funding a new event in April starting in 2024— Tri-M Honors Society Induction
 - Number of students about 60
 - There was discussion that the budget would be similar to that of other Honor Society Events the PTO supports.
 - Donna L. motioned to vote in favor of adding the reception at the Tri-M Induction Ceremony as a PTO-sponsored event.
 - Brenda C. seconded the motion.
 - The PTO voted unanimously to approve adding the reception at the Tri-M Induction Ceremony as a PTO-sponsored event.
- The OPHS PTO Board will meet on April 27th to create the OPHS PTO budget for 2023-24.
 - The Budget will be presented and voted on at the May PTO Meeting
 - Chairs who recommend modifying (i.e. increasing or decreasing) the budget for the events they chaired should please contact a Board Member.
- Open positions were presented to the members. Open positions will be posted in the virtual backpack, in our newsletter and sent to OPMS for their virtual backpack for 8th grade parents. Deadline for nominations is May 1st. Contact Jen Domzalski if interested. Slate will be presented at May meeting and voted upon at that time.

Next meeting will be on Monday, April 24, 2023 in the OPHS Library Media Center

Post Prom: 6:00 pm

PTO: 7:00 pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nicole Curtis