



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



Attendance:

Mr. Wolf, Mr., Tracy B., Karen F., Nicole C., Brenda C., Pam Ra., Pam Ro., Lisa B., Caren C., Barb D., Maureen B., Chris P., Dave Z.

Reports:

President's Report: Tracy Brege:

- Tracy proposed voting to approve the draft version of the Meeting Minutes.
 - Chris P. motioned to approve. Lisa B. seconded the motion.
 - The PTO voted unanimously to approve the draft version of meeting minutes from the PTO Meeting of January 30, 2022.
- The Class of 2023 is holding its annual Senior Citizens' Night Out Olive Garden spaghetti dinner at OPHS on March 9th.
 - This is an event that the Senior Citizens look forward to
 - PTO Bakers have traditionally supplied desserts at this event. The Spaghetti Dinner Organizers are asking if PTO Bakers can please help by supplying ca. 30 dozen baked goods, individually wrapped. These can be homemade or store-bought
 - Treats will need to be individually wrapped and dropped off at OPHS -main office on March 9th before 3pm.
 - E-mail will be sent out.

Treasurer's Report: Karen Fuentes:

- Reviewed the funds in and out
- Reviewed donations to Post Prom, Staff Luncheon and money raised to date from Get Egged Fundraiser
- 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 Winter Homecoming Dance went well and was well-attended – over 500 students attended.
- Thursday, March 2nd is College Night. Parents and students attend. Mostly Juniors and seniors attend, some sophomores attend.
- College Fair will be March 15 and 16 at Buffalo Niagara Convention Center.
 - Over 200 colleges attend
 - Students will be bussed over to attend day sessions
 - Fair goes on during the day and in the evening – parents can attend.
- Mr. Wolf mentioned that the dress code in OPCSD schools was being reviewed and will be updated.

- A survey about dress code in OPCSD schools was sent out to families and students in November, 2023.
- The responses are being processed.
- Results and proposed changes to the dress code will be presented to the Board of Education. BOE will decide and make changes to the code of conduct (dress code is part of the OPCSD Code of Conduct)
- Any changes will likely be announced after May and will not take effect until fall semester of 2023-24 school year.
- Final exams
 - Local exams will take place during the first week of final exams
 - Regents exams will take place during the second week of final exams
 - Dates for Regents exams can be found on the NYS Education Department website

June 2023 Regents Examination Schedule (nysed.gov)

Teachers' Report: Mr. Norvilitis:

- No report

Committee Reports:

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

Pam Rauh reported:

- Discussion took place as to whether or not midterm exams for all sections of a subject should look "similar" or "identical".
- At the PTO meeting Brenda C. asked whether midterm exams across the same course with different teachers should be identical? Mr. Wolf's response was "Historically, that was the case."
- Midterm exam process was reviewed and discussed in depth. Feedback was considered. Concluded that several adjustments to the process will need to take place. This includes Special Ed. exam procedures/test mods.
- Update from DCIP meeting. Lots of data has been collected regarding the district. Committee now needs to determine what is the goal and focus of the info that they have attained. What should be done with this data.
- Curriculum revision process discussed with option of no longer putting proposals through ILC. Teachers preferred to continue to hear new proposals so that different departments know what each is doing. New proposals will continue to pass through ILC, but revisions of current courses will bypass this step.

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

Karen Fuentes reported:

- An 8th Grader attended and proposed adding American Sign Language (ASL) as a world language course.
 - OPHS is researching the possibility of adding ASL as a course
 - No schools in WNY have ASL as a course, so no reference point to use for guidance.

- Collections for charity
 - Hearts for the Homeless – collection bins are out
 - The collection will be year-round.
 - Information on what items to donate will be in a flyer that will be in the OPHS PTO Newsletter and in the Virtual Backpack.
- Discussed student serving as an Ex-Officio Member of the School Board
 - The ex-officio student member must be a senior at OPHS and have attended for at least 2 years
 - Student will serve a one-year term
 - Student(s) interested in serving as the ex-officio student member of the Board must apply for the position and be interviewed and selected by the OPHS High School Principal, Superintendent of Schools, and BOE
 - The ex-officio student can sit with Board members at all public meetings of the Board and participate in all Board hearings and meetings.
 - The ex-officio student will not be allowed to vote, attend executive sessions or receive compensation of any form.
- Discussed how to reduce the amount of food being wasted at lunch

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

Brenda Cimo reported:

- Met in February
- Discussed Powerschool “dark period or “blackout” of grades.
 - Grades will be inaccessible for 2 days at the end of every quarter
 - At the end of the school year, the blackout time might be longer than 2 days.
- Dress code that will be revised, but it’s not finalized yet.
- Fall Open House – new format
 - 1 in-person day
 - 1 virtual day – discussion of what will be in the virtual presentations

Central Council Update: Donna Aylsworth – No update

Post-Prom Committee: Maureen Bass

Tracy Brege reported:

- Upcoming fundraisers
 - Chicken BBQ
 - Krispy Kreme donuts
 - Easter egg filling

Old Business:

Winter Homecoming: Karen Fuentes, Pam Rauh, Sheri Carter, Nicole Curtis

Karen Fuentes and Nicole Curtis reported:

- Thank you to all who donated treats and who volunteered!
- Special thanks to Karen and Pam for leading the setting up of the treats and drinks.
- The treats were a success. Many positive comments from the students.
- Mrs. Rominger and Mr. Bove thanked PTO for their support and help
- There was not a lot of left-over food because students were encouraged to take treats home with them at the end.
- For Fall Homecoming, a similar number of treats would probably be fine, don't need to ask for more – each student would still get 1 or 2 treats.
- As in the fall, students drank a lot of water. Number of cups was fine, but many students took multiple cups. Use bigger cups next time?

New Business:

- Upcoming Reception events in April and May
 - National Honors Society – Andrea McGrath and Elizabeth Duckham are Co-Chairs
 - World Language Induction Ceremony – Amy Woodward is Chair
 - Underclass Awards – Nicole Curtis is Chair
- Nominations for slate will be in March
 - Current Board members will serve for another year. Anyone interested in serving on the Board in the future can shadow for a year.
- Budget
 - Chairs should please give feedback on budget for 2023-24 year. How were funds for 2022-23 -any changes recommended ?
- Tracy Brege read a Thank you card from a staff member thanking the PTO for the Staff Appreciation Luncheon

Next meeting will be on Monday, March 27, 2023 in the OPHS Library Media Center

Post Prom: 6:00 pm

PTO: 7:00 pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nicole Curtis