



Orchard Park High School PTO Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 28, 2022, 7:00
OPHS Media Center



Attendance:

Mr. Wolf, Mr. Norvilitis, Tracy B., Donna A., Karen F., Nicole C., Pam R., Maureen B. Elizabeth D., Pam R., Jeanne K., Caren C., Michelle F., Chris P., Dave Z.

Reports:

President's Report: Tracy Brege:

- Tracy proposed voting to approve the draft version of the Meeting Minutes.
 - Mr. Wolf motioned to approve. Pam Rauh seconded the motion.
 - The PTO voted to approve the draft version of meeting minutes from the PTO Meeting of October 25, 2022.
- MTK (Membership Toolkit)
 - Tracy sent an e-mail to all PTO members using MTK
 - She will use MTK in the future to send out e-mail communications
- Parent Information Series
 - Tracy reminded everyone of the presentations that will be taking place in early 2023
 - January 26 – “Anxious Children in School” will be a virtual presentation
 - March 7 – “Screenagers: The Next Chapter” will be in person at OPMS
 - Descriptions and dates of these presentations are listed on the Central School District website under the “Resources” tab.
- Tracy thanked Mr. Wolf for attending the 2022 Blue Ribbon School Awards Ceremony in Washington DC to represent OPHS. She thanked Mr. Wolf, Mr. Norvilitis and all the staff of OPHS for their work that contributed to OPHS to obtain this award.

Treasurer's Report: Karen Fuentes:

- Reviewed the funds in and out
- Turkey Bingo and spaghetti dinner fundraisers went well. The final numbers were not yet in.
- 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 described the trip to the 2022 Blue Ribbon School Awards Ceremony in Washington DC.
- Mr. Wolf thanked the families and PTO for their support of the students and staff. Obtaining the Blue Ribbon School award was a team effort between school and families.
- Mr. Wolf gave an update on plans for the school-wide celebration
 - The school-wide celebration is planned for November 30th.
 - Celebration will happen around 12:54 PM

- Seniors will attend an assembly; the other students will watch in their homerooms the live-stream of the assembly.
- Each student will receive a Niagara candy bar. An allergen-free alternative will be provided for students with allergies.
 - The treats are sponsored by the PTO
 - PTO not needed for handing out.
 - The candies will have a sticker that the students can keep as a souvenir
- Staff has a separate celebration
 - Tops will donate cupcakes
 - Lifetouch will donate lanyards and pens
 - Arts students designed a logo for T-shirts that the staff can purchase.
- Mr. Wolf addressed questions about snow days. Required to give a snow day when State of Emergency is declared.

Teachers’ Report: Mr. Norvilitis:

- Norvilitis thanked the families and PTO for their support of the students and staff.
- Staff Luncheon – Location and format were discussed.

Committee Reports:

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

Pam Rauh reported:

- Career Planning and Management is the new name for what used to be called CFM. It takes “Financial” out of the name. Less focus on Finance and more on Career because Personal Finance is now a mandatory class.
- Scheduling process moved from paper scheduling to digital during Covid. This year moving to hybrid of these. Students will enter course selections digitally but then have teachers sign a hard copy. This is meant to encourage discussion between the teacher and student regarding their schedule. Assembly on Jan. 5 for students to learn how to build their schedules.
- There will not be an elective fair this year at OPMS for 8th graders. Instead, departments are creating videos for students and parents to watch.
- Role of Regents Exams was discussed. Regents exams will no longer count as final exams but grade will still be seen on transcript. Mr. Wolf will send out a reminder email with 1st quarter grades to explain new policy regarding Regents exams.

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

Jeanne Kornowicz reported:

- Gavin Rauh won the Underclass Scholarship. He gave a presentation on his project.
- The Junior Class hosted a Staff Appreciation in November, 2022.
- Collections for charity
 - Huddle for hunger
 - Contributed 25 bins of food

- OPHS won 2nd place among schools for amount of food donations
 - Hearts for Homeless – will roll out soon
 - School is adopting families at Roswell Park Cancer Center
- Organizing a competition for designing wallpaper for Chromebooks

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

- November meeting was cancelled - No report

Post-Prom Committee: Maureen Bass

- New fundraisers in November (spaghetti dinner and turkey Bingo) were successful.
- New ideas for next year?
- Need more volunteers for the events
- Donation letters will be finished end November to go out in January

Old Business:

None

New Business:

- The next event will be Winter Homecoming on February 11th, 2023, which is organized by STAP-COMM.
 - There will be a dance, as in the past
 - Will they also do the outdoor event? If so, they might ask again for PTO help, as they did last year.
- Staff luncheon will be during mid-term exam week in January. Sherri Carter and Pam Rauh are organizers.

Next meeting will be on Monday, January 30, 2023 in the OPHS Library Media Center

Post Prom: 6:00 pm

PTO: 7:00 pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nicole Curtis