



**Orchard Park High School PTO Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, April 25, 2022, 7:00**  
**Hybrid Format: In OPHS Media Center and via Zoom**



*DRAFT - NOT APPROVED; WILL BE VOTED FOR APPROVAL AT MAY MEETING ON 5/23/22*

**Attendance:**

Mr. Wolf, Mr. Norvilitis, Tammy W., Michelle S., Pam R., Chris P., Sheri C., Nicole C., Michelle F., Barb D., Maura, Jen D., Karen F., Zachary H., Michelle B., Donna A., Tracy B., Caren C., Denise S., Barbra L., Petra N., Stephanie S., Sally D.

**Approval of Minutes from Monday, March 28, 2022 meeting:**

*\*\*\*With correction to STAP Comm Reps per Donna. Correction made 4/25/2022. Motion made by Nicole*

**Second made by Sheri**

**VOTE: 20 YES, 0 NO, 0 Abstain**

**Reports:**

**President's Report: Caren Chaffee:**

- THANK YOU to everyone for your flexibility and your willingness to find creative ways to continue to meet and support the kids and the school over the past two years!
- Open Positions for 2022-23 were announced via the newsletter. Some spots are still available if anyone is interested.

**Treasurer's Report: Tracy Brege:**

- Continue to need increased parent support, so we will be encouraging a higher percentage of parent membership next year
  - Teacher membership is at 100%! (Thank you!)
- Post Prom donations continue to increase due to letters being sent out to community members and local businesses, as well as a successful "Egg'd" fundraiser
  - Post Prom: \$5848
  - Egg'd: \$1490
  - Donuts: \$679
  - Fundly \$350
- HS PTO budget meeting taking place 4/28
  - Members/ chairpersons welcome to attend or provide input to any board member for budget consideration
- If you would like a copy of the monthly financial report please email Tracy Brege at [tracybrege@verizon.net](mailto:tracybrege@verizon.net)

**Principal's Report: Mr. Wolf:**

- Change in final exams: Final exam score will be included in the final grade only if it brings the average up
  - Intended for stress reduction for students, but it has also prompted a great deal of conversation among the student body
  - One parent reached out to say "Thank you" for the change
- The HS went back to 4 minute passing time. It's been a smooth transition and gained 3 class periods!
- Cell phone usage continues to be a non-issue
  - One tangential issue that could be developing is the use of ear buds in the halls

**Committee Reports:**

**STAP-Comm 4/4/22: Donna Aylsworth/ Michelle Slotman/ Karen Fuentes/ Jeanne Kornowicz**

Michelle Slotman reported:

- Senior class is planning their year-end picnic
- Junior class is planning the Senior Prom
- Sophomore class participated in a fundraiser for Ukraine that raised more than \$2,000 and will be working on a food drive in May
- Freshman class is working on the BUs Driver Appreciation Breakfast
- STAP Comm Movie Night is June 3 - Movie TBD
- New: Student Tech Committee - Tech Department will be involving students in decisions when changes will be made to a tech policy
- STAP Comm Scholarship applications were submitted and are being reviewed
- A blanket-making event took place in April, and the blankets were donated to Hearts for Heroes
- STAP Comm elections are scheduled for 4/26
- Proposed capital projects were reviewed
- OP SEPTA Report:
  - Membership is open to all families - do not need to have a child utilizing special ed services to be eligible for membership
  - A Unified Basketball Team was started
  - Next year, there will be a Life Skills Class offered at the HS
    - Four kids who are aging up to the HS next year will be participating in this program
    - The classes will be non graded and will focus on incorporating youth with varying abilities and needs into the school community

**Instructional Leader Council (ILC) 4/5/22: Elizabeth Duckham/ Ren Choroser:**

Mr. Wolf reported that much of the discussion was about the change to the final

exams for this year

**Building Effectiveness Team (BET) 4/20/22: Donna Aylsworth/ Elizabeth Duckham**

Donna Aylsworth reported that all BET items were mentioned in Mr. Wolf's report

**Central Council: Tracy Brege**

Tracy Brege reported:

- District-wide Transportation Breakfast is scheduled for May 13
  - All OP school PTOs contribute to this
  - The chair of the breakfast will be accepting donations of baked goods and breakfast foods
  - An email will be sent out with more details
- Encourage everyone to vote on May 17 at the Freeman Road side of the HS
  - District budget
  - Three propositions
  - Two School Board slots open (5 candidates)
    - Candidates' bios are on the district website; please read and become familiar with the candidates
- Next Central Council meeting is May 6

**Post-Prom Committee 4/25/22 : Michelle Bouton**

Michelle Bouton reported:

- Post Prom will be June 4 from 12:00 midnight to 3:00 am
- Activities are almost finalized and include Giant Twister, Giant Jenga, Hair Sparklers, Trivia Classroom, Pictionary Classroom, Inflatable Bungee Run, Henna, Casino-type tables, Nickel City Reptiles, Ghost Hunt/ Paranormal Explorer ending at a Scare Hallway (like the OPMS haunted house), Musician, Movie (outdoors, if possible), Dodge ball, Escape room, Caricatures, Minute to Win It game room, Photo booth, Roving photos
- Would also like to do some sort of "rite of passage" or some other closing activity at the end of the night
- As the committee anticipates needing approximately \$16K and \$9K has been raised, they continue to collect donations and gift cards - please consider contributing
  - "Egged" Fundraiser was very successful and raised more than \$1500
  - Fundly site was launched (online/ social media fundraising site) and is being pushed out to senior parents
  - May 17th - Chicken BBQ fundraiser
- Grand prize, additional prizes (but the committee's focus is more on the activities)
- Will be looking for approximately 60 volunteers for that night
- Please reach out if you are interested in being involved at [michelle.leigh.bouton@gmail.com](mailto:michelle.leigh.bouton@gmail.com)

### **Old Business:**

#### **Request for Baked Goods and Beverages: World Languages Society Induction Ceremony**

Caren Chaffee reported:

- Thank you to everyone who contributed baked goods and beverages to the event!

### **New Business:**

#### **5/13 National Honor Society Induction Reception**

Caren Chaffee reported:

- There were donated beverages left over from the World Languages Society Induction Reception; these will be used for the NHS Reception instead
- These plans are in the works; stay tuned for more details if assistance is needed

#### **5/25 Underclass Awards Reception**

Nicole Curtis reported:

- Approximately 750 people are expected to be in attendance
- Nicole Curtis reported that she would be setting up a candy bar
- A sign up sheet will be sent out asking for donations of candy
- Ideas were shared about how candy bar receptions were done in the past

#### **6/4 Senior Class Picnic**

Caren Chaffee reported:

- A sign up sheet for baked goods and volunteers for the Senior Picnic will be sent out

### **Questions:**

#### **How has the school's COVID Dashboard been looking lately?**

- Per Mr. Wolf, until that day (4/25), there were maybe 2-3 cases per week
- On Monday 4/25, 9 new cases were reported

**Next meeting will again be held virtually AND in-person at the High School on Monday, May 23, 2022 at 7pm (please check email for meeting link or we will see you in-person at the High School).**

**Minutes respectfully submitted by Caren Chaffee, President.**