



Orchard Park High School PTO Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 24, 2022, 7:00
Via Zoom



Attendance:

Mr. Wolf, Caren, Tracy, Donna, Amy, Sheri, Nicole, Nicole Z., Tammy, Michelle, Michelle B., Michelle F., Pam, Liz, Brett, Karen, Barb, The Dolces, Petra, Maura

Approval of Minutes from Monday, November 22, 2021 meeting:

Motion made by Karen

Second made by Tammy

VOTE: 13 YES, 0 NO, 0 Abstain

Reports:

President's Report: Caren Chaffee:

- District wide book drive in memory of Julie Dentinger from January 3-28th. Drop off at all schools.

Treasurer's Report: Tracy Brege:

- Most money coming in has been electronically.
- \$20 increase from membership from last month along with \$120 increase for Post Prom (currently at \$1,572.80 for Post Prom donations which is a little down from this time previous years).
- \$170 in donations toward the Staff Appreciation lunch.
- If you would like a copy of the monthly financial report please email Tracy Brege at tracybrege@verizon.net

Principal's Report: Mr. Wolf:

- Regular classes this week since Regents Exams were canceled.
- Winter Homecoming next week - no fee! Come have some fun, hot chocolate and s'mores! There will also be 1 food truck.
- The high school is looking into loosening cell phone rules for students. Spoke with East Aurora's HS principal and for the past 3 years they have had red, yellow and green zones for cell phone use with only a few problems. Lancaster HS has an open cell phone use with teacher discretion.
- Mr. Wolf obtained parent feedback regarding cell phone usage in school.

Committee Reports:

Instructional Leader Council (ILC) 12/7/21 & 1/4/22: Elizabeth Duckham/ Ren Choroser:

Elizabeth Duckham reported:

- **The OPHS Electives Fair at the OPMS** is virtual this year and teachers uploaded videos for it.
- **The Student Testing Center** now has Chromebooks loaded with special modifications for students with specific IEP requirements.
- **Scheduling Process:** for student course selection for the next academic year began on the 5th of January. There was a special assembly in homeroom, and students watched a video about the process. Students will meet with their counselors in person this year to finalize their schedules, and this will start the first week of February.
- **January Midterm exams:** were discussed at both meetings. Planning in December and then the ramifications of the Regents Exams being canceled by the State and these days becoming instructional days, in January. Quarter 2 will end on Friday January 28th. Quarter 3 will start on January 31st.

Budget development: the expectation is that this will remain static.

A revised drop / add timeline has been finalized and approved.

- *For half-credit (.5) courses, any drop/add/changes must be made no sooner than after the third day but before the end of the sixth day of the first six-day cycle at the start of the semester.*
- *For full-credit (1.0) courses and levels changes, any changes must be made no sooner than after the third day of the first six-day cycle but before the end of the second six-day cycle.*
- *Any course changes after these designated dates require administrative approval.*

Students can pick up drop / add forms from their counselor the first 3 days of the school year but they can only be processed on day 4.

Building Effectiveness Team (BET) 12/15/21 & 1/12/22: Donna Aylsworth/ Elizabeth Duckham

Donna Aylsworth reported:

- Cell phone usage was discussed.
- Lunch monitors watching bathrooms.
- After school supervision for clubs, etc.
- There was also a discussion about students correctly wearing their masks, covering both their mouth and nose.
- Cleaning protocols discussed.
- Timely processing of discipline referrals discussed.

STAP-Comm 12/13/21 & 1/10/22: Donna Aylsworth/ Michelle Slotman/ Lisa Taips/ Karen Fuentes

Karen Fuentes reported:

- Sophomore class was responsible for the December Staff Appreciation Day - they provided hot cocoa and candy canes.
- Fundraised \$2,400 toward providing for two families of 4 through Roswell Adopt-a-family.
- Freshman class was responsible for the January Staff Appreciation Day - oranges and cards were provided.
- Winter Homecoming theme - Fire and Ice. Typical spirit week January 31-February 4th, boys and girls basketball games, making snowflakes.
- Basket raffles
- New Clubs - Bowling boys and girls and American Sign Language
- March 8th will be the staff Hospice flower sale

Central Council: Tracy Brege

Tracy Brege reported:

- Nothing to report

Post-Prom Committee : Michelle Bouton

Michelle Bouton reported:

- Meeting went well!
- Will be sending out a survey to the Senior class through google classroom.
- Fundraising Committee - 2 chairs. Looking to hold a virtual meat raffle (approximately raised \$3,000 last year)
- Prize Committee Chair
- Looking for committee members! Not just senior parents! Please consider joining!
- Please let me know if you are interested in being involved at michelle.leigh.bouton@gmail.com

Old Business:

Staff Appreciation - January 28, 2022:

Pam Rauh reported:

- Purchased Poppyseed, who provided boxed lunches that the staff got to choose.
- Setup in the House offices.
- Purchased Bookend Bakers cookies.
- Thank you to all who provided monetary donations!
- Thank you to all the bakers who signed up to provide individually wrapped baked goods. Still in need of a few more. Drop off for non-perishable items 6a-3:30p Thursday and 9am Friday. Drop off for perishable items Friday at 9am. Thank you!

Virtual Book Fair 11/22 - 11/29:

No update. Last year it did take a few months.

Sidewalks:

No update.

New Business:

Winter Homecoming Event 2/5 (Free Event for ALL students):

Donna Aylsworth reported:

- STAP Comm. chose the theme: Fire and Ice and have asked for the PTO's help (please see signup genius to volunteer).
- Thank you to Michelle Slotman talking with the town, who donated 4 fire barrels for the event!
- PTO is also providing pre-made s'mores kits.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting virtually on Monday, February 28, 2022 at 7pm (please check email for meeting link).

Minutes respectfully submitted by Amy Wierer, Secretary.