



Orchard Park High School PTO Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 22, 2021, 7:00
Via Zoom



Attendance:

Mr. Wolf, Caren, Tracy, Donna, Amy, Barbara, Barb, Liz, Michelle, Nicole, Nolan, Sheri, Tammy, Stephanie, Petra, Karen, Denise, Maura

Approval of Minutes from Monday, October 25, 2021 meeting:

Motion made by Tracy

Second made by Donna

VOTE: 12 YES, 0 NO, 0 Abstain

Reports:

President's Report: Caren Chaffee:

- It has been difficult to recruit for PTO Membership with being virtual. Please encourage friends, neighbors to join the PTO.
- Membership ToolKit email issue fixed. Please contact Caren if you have any additional problems.

Treasurer's Report: Tracy Brege:

- \$20 increase from membership from last month along with \$60 increase for Post Prom (that number will likely rise in January).
- Activity Permit for Post Prom was approved! (June 4-5 in HS Gym)
- If you would like a copy of the monthly financial report please email Tracy Brege at tracybrege@verizon.net

Principal's Report: Mr. Wolf:

- Ended 1st quarter and started 2nd quarter
- SRO - moving to light duty as she is expecting her 2nd child (maybe back in June). New SRO officer Darell filling in. The information and resources provided by the SRO has been valued.
- January exam week is back to normal this year.
- Regular Regents exams in June.

Questions for Mr. Wolf:

Q: With the Covid numbers increasing in Erie County are there concerns OPHS would need to go back to hybrid or remote learning? A: We started the year with a plan. Probably not hybrid because of scheduling. More than likely fully remote on the OPHS rotation so kids don't miss any classes. Not emanate in our district but we do have a plan if needed.

Committee Reports:

Instructional Leader Council (ILC) 11/2: Elizabeth Duckham/ Ren Choroser:

Elizabeth Duckham reported:

- The OPHS Electives Fair at the OPMS will be virtual this year and teachers are working on their videos.
- January Midterm exams will be happening this year. Social distancing and the testing environments are being worked on. Students will be taking their exams in the gym etc.
- A revised drop / add timeline has been discussed and is being worked on.

Building Effectiveness Team (BET) 11/10: Donna Aylsworth/ Elizabeth Duckham

Elizabeth Duckham reported:

- There was an extensive discussion about cell phone policies and usage by students at OPHS during the school day. Mr. Wolf is reviewing these policies and looking at updating them.
- There was also a discussion about students correctly wearing their masks, covering both their mouth and nose.

STAP-Comm 11/15: Donna Aylsworth/ Michelle Slotman/ Lisa Taips/ Karen Fuentes

Donna Aylsworth reported:

- Spirit Days - 11/22 - Flannel/Sweater Day and 11/23 - PJ/ Buffalo Bills Day
- Junior class was responsible for the November Staff Appreciation Day - Leaf thank you notes that will be displayed in staff rooms.
- Roswell Adopt-a-family - Adopted two families. Collecting gift cards - drop off in main and house offices. Fundraising by selling stickers and ribbons in Homeroom - \$1 each.
- Recycling Initiative - Bottle Drive December 6th-11th - Collection in Cafe/Commons/Gym/Stairwells. District purchased recycling receptacles for Cafe and commons to be able to separate recyclables.
- Winter Homecoming theme - Fire and Ice. Typical spirit week, boys and girls basketball games, making snowflakes; however, no winter pep rally due to Covid.

Central Council: Tracy Brege

Tracy Brege reported:

- Nothing to report

Post-Prom Committee : Michelle Bouton

Caren Chaffee reported:

- November Post-Prom meeting canceled, will resume in January.
- Looking for committee members! Not just senior parents! Please consider joining!
- Please reach out to Michelle at michelle.leigh.bouton@gmail.com

Old Business:

Sidewalks along Freeman and Baker Roads:

- According to the Orchard Park Bee the grant went out. If received there will be no impact on Orchard Park tax payers.

Q: Timeline? A: Unknown as it's in the government's hands.

Q: Have we heard from any residents on Freeman and Baker Roads? A: Board of Education heard from a resident on Freeman Road. Some residents are concerned with losing their trees along with liability and responsibility for clearing sidewalks. Some residents are concerned about losing bussing to school because they will be within walking distance when the sidewalks are put in.

New Business:

Virtual Book Fair 11/22 - 11/29:

- Starts TODAY!
- Partnered with Monkey See Monkey Do for the fundraiser.
- Librarians set it up with QR codes on flyers and they also created a gift guide for all ages.
- Great fundraiser with 50% of proceeds going to the PTO!
- Free Shipping from November 26-28.

Staff Appreciation - January 28, 2022:

Sheri Carter reported:

- No volunteers allowed in school
- Reaching out to Poppyseed, who provided boxed lunches for the Staff Appreciation last year.
- Bakers are needed to provide individually wrapped baked goods. An email will be sent out through Membership Toolkit requesting assistance.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting virtually on Monday, January 24, 2021 at 7pm (please check email for meeting link).

Minutes respectfully submitted by Amy Wierer, Secretary.