



Orchard Park High School PTO Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 27, 2021, 7:00
Via Zoom



Attendance:

Mr. Wolf, Caren, Tracy, Donna, Amy, Maura, Karen, Shari, Michelle, Andy, Barb, Elizabeth, Tammy, Barbara, Denise, Sally, Petra, Pam, Jeff, Karen

Reports:

President's Report: Caren Chaffee:

- Welcome!
- The PTO will be holding a virtual book fair
- Check PTO's FaceBook page for PTO related, fact based information

Treasurer's Report: Tracy Brege:

- Post Prom donations down \$200 from last year
- PayPal fees paid
- Membership Toolkit payment due - will see on next month's treasurer's report
- If you would like a copy of the monthly financial report please email Tracy Brege at tracybrege@verizon.net

Principal's Report: Mr. Wolf:

- Pulled off Homecoming on 9/25/2021 as a community especially with the threat of rain. Thank you PTO!
- No more daily health assessments. Please continue to monitor kids' health and call the school nurse if you have any questions.
- Spacing for lunch went from 3 feet to 6 feet with the gym being used as well now. This will result in fewer kids needing to quarantine. We value being in school! Thank you for doing your part!

Questions for Mr. Wolf:

Q: Teachers ease up on work load during Homecoming week? A: Nothing official.

Q: Powder Puff name change? A: Nothing discussed. Some documents listed "Power Puff" probably by mistake. There was no King/Queen this year, just Homecoming Court based on what the student body wanted.

Q: Any word on Graduation location? A: Kleinhan's is booked to save the date. There has been talk but no decisions made. Most likely a decision will be made in the beginning of 2022.

Q: Sophmores have not had freshman boost. What is being done? A: Olweus lessons, library orientation done in English classes.

Committee Reports:

Instructional Leader Council 9/14: Elizabeth Duckham/ Ren Choroser:

- Departments are working on their 2021-2022 goals this month.
- 5-week notification for failures are sent out to senior students. The importance of having grades up to date for these markers was discussed.
- The creation of an OPHS In House Summer School was discussed. This would require an entire district paradigm, financial support, adequate staffing, curriculum creation etc. The council decided that it would be beneficial to continue the conversation to see if this would be a possibility.
- The OPHS Open Houses are virtual this year and teachers will be posting their videos at the beginning of October.

STAP-Comm 9/20: Donna Aylsworth/ Michelle Slotman/ Lisa Taips/ Karen Fuentes

- Three Welcome Back posters
- October 1st - Bills Spirit Day

Building Effectiveness Team (BET) 9/22: Donna Aylsworth/ Elizabeth Duckham

- Building Cleanliness was discussed. There are less cleaning services this school year and any increased need will be evaluated as the year progresses. They are still misting classrooms at night and disinfecting hallways. Teachers expressed that they missed the additional cleaners and that they were valued by the majority of the staff.
- Passing time was discussed. The consensus was that it is helpful.
- Computer desktop timeout is currently 15 minutes to reduce the ability of inappropriate access to computers. The teachers are, however, finding this a nuisance to instruction. IT is looking into this.
- The copiers not being at full capacity and the influence it had on the beginning of the school year was discussed. There is a new process this year and in addition the current contract only allows for automatic toner orders. The contract will change soon and the expectation is that this will not happen in future.
- The mentor list was provided.

Central Council 10/1: Tracy Brege

- Nothing to report since the 1st meeting is scheduled for October 1st, 2021.

Post-Prom Committee: Michelle Bouton

- Looking for committee members! Not just senior parents!
- Meetings will be held before PTO meetings at 6pm starting in October.
- Please contact Michelle at michelle.leigh.bouton@gmail.com

Old Business:

Senior Tie Dye 8/31 - PTO Participation: Marcia Totaro/ Marcy Keats:

- Went well - needed more volunteers.
- Two more volunteers should be added to the soda ash stations next year
- Will the group picture with the tie dyed shirts be rescheduled? Mr. Wolf answered YES!

Freshman Orientation 9/1 - PTO Participation: Elizabeth Duckham:

- In recent years, the OPHS PTO has provided Freshman students with a coupon for an ice cream at the cafeteria. I met with Mr. Wolf over the summer and he agreed to try handing out ice cream again at Freshman Orientation. The ice cream was ordered from the cafeteria. Thank you to Petra Novak, Maili Novak and Owen Duckham for your help volunteering. The students appreciated the ice cream.

Staff Welcome Back Breakfast 9/2: Caren Chaffee:

- The staff was very appreciative and Thank you so much to all the volunteers who donated food, helped setup and cleanup!

Homecoming 9/25 - PTO Participation: Sheri Carter/ Pam Rauh/ Barb Dojnick:

- Coat Check - setup perfect, thank you volunteers! Easier than normal!
- Snack Station - only bottled water available. Kids were looking for snacks.

Sidewalks along Freeman and Baker Roads: Andy Gernold:

- Primary focus was to raise awareness
- In contact with Conor Flynn - Orchard Park town council member who is finding grants for safe access to schools.
- Letters of support from community were provided to Mr. Flynn to support a grant for creating sidewalks at Orchard Park High School, Windom Elementary and Eggert Elementary.
- Petition on change.org

VOTE: PTO to support and add to FaceBook page? Donna made a motion. Petra and Karen seconded. Put to a vote: 18 YES, 0 NO. Measure passed and PTO will support and add to FaceBook page.

New Business:

Membership Update (<https://orchardparkhspto.membershiptoolkit.com/>)

- 121 families joined
- Please help spread the word and encourage other families to join or renew
- Virtual PTO meetings until Spring (depending on circumstances)

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting virtually on Monday, October 25, 2021 at 7pm (please check email for meeting link).

Minutes respectfully submitted by Amy Wierer, Secretary.