



Orchard Park High School PTO Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 25, 2021, 7:00
Via Zoom



Attendance:

Mr. Wolf, Caren, Tracy, Donna, Amy, Karen, Barb, Maura, Michelle, Michelle B., Michelle F., Nicole, Parker, Tammy, Barbara, Sally, Denise and Stephanie

Approval of Minutes from Monday, September 27, 2021 meeting:

Motion made by Tracy

Second made by Karen

VOTE: 10 YES, 0 NO, 1 Abstain

Reports:

President's Report: Caren Chaffee:

- Be on the lookout for Spam emails from PTO members. If it looks suspicious, it probably is. Also, double check the sender's email address.
- Virtual PTO meetings will continue in order to keep everyone as safe as possible.
- Virtual Book Fair coming soon before the holidays!

Treasurer's Report: Tracy Brege:

- 100% teacher participation as PTO members....Amazing....THANK YOU!
- Membership ToolKit raised their price
- If you would like a copy of the monthly financial report please email Tracy Brege at tracybrege@verizon.net

Principal's Report: Mr. Wolf:

- Nearing the end of the 1st quarter
- Concerts and Drama starts in November

Questions for Mr. Wolf:

Q: Do students have a limit on how many times they can print? A: Yes, 100 copies; however, students are able to request more from the tech office through email. There's a supply issue with purchasing copy paper.

Committee Reports:

Instructional Leader Council (ILC) 10/5: Elizabeth Duckham/ Ren Choroser:

Ren Choroser reported via email:

- Ann Linder from guidance brings to department chairs the issue of dropping/adding timeframe - again. There are various feelings from different departments regarding appropriate amount of time spent in class before allowing drops. All recognized how one consistent timeframe is beneficial and will be discussing with faculty within their departments. Whole year vs. half year courses having potentially different timeframes was also discussed.
- New goals for DCIP were discussed:
CDEP/DCIP transition (J.Wolf): The district is transitioning from CDEP to District Comprehensive Improvement Plan (DCIP)..
 - a. The DCIP will look at the following goals:
 - Establish tier 1 - 3 interventions in ELA and Math.
 - A plan to assess and support academic gaps brought about by Covid.
 - A systematic approach to social emotional learning to ensure that all are met for students and staff.
 - A core district belief in diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Building Effectiveness Team (BET) 10/13: Donna Aylsworth/ Elizabeth Duckham

Donna Aylsworth reported:

- Trying to get Gender Neutral bathrooms on 2nd and 3rd floors
- Night time cleaning
- Loudness of fire alarms

STAP-Comm 10/18: Donna Aylsworth/ Michelle Slotman/ Lisa Taips/ Karen Fuentes

Karen Fuentes reported:

- Homecoming fundraised \$16,700
- Planning spirit week
- November 5th - Bills Spirit Day
- Discussion on outdoor events
- Thefts are occurring in bathrooms
- STAP-Comm provided candy and apple cider for OPHS staff members
- All clubs approved
- Wegmans paid \$100 fee for everyone
- Trying to get Gender Neutral bathrooms on 2nd and 3rd floors (there is currently one near the gym)

Q: Where does \$16,700 raised from Homecoming go? A: It funds the senior class banquet.

Q: Is \$16,700 typical? A: 1,100 kids purchased tickets for Homecoming.

Central Council 10/1: Tracy Brege

Tracy Brege reported:

- Recruit PTO members without being in person
- Phishing scams
- Equity for all students survey from district about internet access
- Sidewalk petition
- District funded field trips this year, not PTO funded
- Parent committees - contact Tracy
- Parent information series on technology/phone usage - very good!

Post-Prom Committee 10/25: Michelle Bouton

Michelle Bouton reported:

- Looking for committee members! Not just senior parents! Please consider joining us! The more the merrier!
- Senior class officers met - we are surveying the kids about what they want for Post Prom via 2022 Google Classroom. Ideas will be ranked.
- Fundraising, food and prizes were discussed
- Meetings will be held before PTO meetings at 6pm.
- Please contact Michelle at michelle.leigh.bouton@gmail.com

Old Business:

Sidewalks along Freeman and Baker Roads:

- Petition on change.org
- Board of Education heard from a resident on Freeman Road
- Conor Flynn - Orchard Park town council member wrote a grant for safe access to schools, which would include the addition of sidewalks along Freeman and Baker Roads. Waiting to hear if we receive the grant.

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

- 142 families joined (gained more members over the last month)
- Grateful for 100% teacher participation!
- Please help spread the word and encourage other families to join or renew
- Virtual PTO meetings until Spring (depending on circumstances)

New Business:

- No New Business to report.

Questions:

Q: Where does the newsletter come from? A: Via email from the district.

Q: Problems with Nicole's MTK account. A: Caren will look into this.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting virtually on Monday, November 22, 2021 at 7pm (please check email for meeting link).

Minutes respectfully submitted by Amy Wierer, Secretary.

