



Orchard Park High School PTO Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2025 @ 7pm
OPHS Library Media Center

Attendance

Julie S., Jennifer K., Pam R., Michelle F., Brandon P., Karen F., Nicole C., Maureen B., Karry K-B., Jen D.

Meeting Opened at 7:08pm

President's Report – Jen D.

- Welcomed attendees
- Jen called for a vote on minutes from February meeting
 - There was a motion to approve and second for the minutes vote
 - PTO voted to unanimously approve the minutes

Vice President's Report – Jennifer K.

- Facebook fundraisers posted
- Have submissions in by April 1, the Newsletter will be made available April 10
 - Send information to: ophspto@gmail.com

Secretary's Report – Karry K-B.

- Please sign-in at meetings and add emails if not already provided
- Minutes will be sent to attendees to review before the minutes vote at the next meeting

Treasurer's Report – Karen F.

- Reviewed the March Treasurer's Report
- Board considering to raise membership dues to \$10 or \$7. Need to check with Central Council and Teachers Union.

Member question regarding the reason to raise membership dues. Provide information to families regarding what the dues pays for, specifically in support of students

- PTO Budget planning meeting announced for 4/24 at 6pm in LMC. All PTO members welcome to attend.

Principal's Report – Mr. Pafk

- Mr. Pafk visited the Health classes to talk with students and gain feedback from students about issues they wanted to raise. Issues raised by students included -
 - Request for longer lunch periods. Issue acknowledged. Constraints are that the OPHS school day is the shortest day in our region. Being able to serve faster by hiring staff may help and has been explored.
 - Choice of open periods. Mr. Pafk let students know information about the complicated Master Schedule.

Member asked whether students were talking about a possible cell phone ban. This would need approval by the State Legislature. Difficult to see how funding proposed would be enough to deal with implementation.

Member suggestion to be able to see more school event information in the Gazette. Parents were not aware of the Musical or Spring Fling information. Mr. Pafk mentioned that school groups have access to the Gazette to add their fliers and information. Not sure why this is not happening on a consistent basis.

Teacher's Report – Ms. Markarian

- Ms. Markarian could not attend due to Spring Sports. No report.

Committee Reports

Instructional Leaders (ILC) – Mr. Pafk

- Curriculum proposals reviewed, discussion of transcripts and how classes are listed in curriculum handbook and powerschool. Move to have these all correspond so this is not an issue for students when applying to colleges. Will not change NCAA courses since they have a more involved process for change.
- Discussed adding credit hour requirements per year in order to decrease the number of study halls and open periods.

STAP-COMM – Julie S.

- Shared the student activities are listed on a calendar and that fundraisers will be posted 10 school days ahead of the event.

Building Effectiveness Team (BET) – Mr. Pafk

- Facilities update discussion. 15 new radios purchased and updates will occur to 40-50 older radios in order to assist with building communication.

Central Council – Jen D.

- Family Resource Center on Banks St. is a place for families to go for counseling, clothing and school supplies. Counseling can be separate from the school of attendance of the student.
- Shared calendar for all PTO Presidents to add events to in order to coordinate events
- Central Council is looking for nominations for treasurer and secretary positions
- Other PTOs have challenges with fundraising and volunteer numbers. Suggestion of a OP district PTO fundraiser that is a craft show weekend. Craft vendors pay to rent tables at the event and contribute to a basket raffle. Fall event with funds raised split among PTOs.

Member question whether students are able to reach out directly to the Family Resource Center for counseling. Mr. Pafk offered to find out.

Post Prom - Maureen B.

- Get Egg'd Fundraiser underway, over 800 eggs ordered already. Thanks to Karry for emails to set up sales. April 29th Chick Fil A fundraiser and BBQ Fundraiser in May. Nicole asked about the donuts and earlier start to donut sales as well as needing to prepare a Sign Up Genius for volunteers.

Old Business - Jen D.

- Call for nominations for 25-26 school year PTO positions are listed and descriptions are available. The deadline for nominations is Monday May 5th.

New Business - Jen D.

- Sign Up available for the Spring Fling Dance and Tri-M Music Honor Society Reception. Coming up Sign Up for World Languages Honor Society Reception and the NHS Induction Reception.
- School vote preview at April meeting

Next PTO Meeting

April, 28 2025 at 7pm in the Library Media Center (6pm Post-Prom meeting)

8:03 Meeting Adjourned

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Minutes Submitted by Karry Kazial-Backes