Oak View PTO General Meeting Agenda

Date & Time: September 09, 2025 @ 6:00 PM
Location: Oak View Media Center
Virtual: https://meet.google.com/ruv-qnuj-qxw

This Month's Events & Decisions			
Topic	**Chairs**	**Key Information / Updates**	**Time**
Welcome and Introductions	Natalie Anderson	The board, administration, and attendees introduced themselves. There was great turnout with 24 in-person and 8 virtual attendees! The board will explore options to improve audio and visual quality for future hybrid meetings.	6:00 PM

Fun Run	Holly Nicolai, Natalie Anderson	• Fun Run (Sept. 26)
		  ○ The Fun Run is Oak View's largest annual fundraiser. Five years ago, a 3rd party ran the event, but took half of the funds that were raised. Took it in house four years ago and all funds are now Oak View's.
		  ○ Funds support events like field trips, conference catering, and STEM Night.
		  ○ This year's goal is $35,000; if met, students will earn a school-wide silent disco party.
		  ○ Mr Gibbs is exploring options to allow caregivers to safely attend an "Opening Ceremonies" assembly.
			6:10 PM

Liaison Update	Liz Novotny	• Upcoming restaurant nights
		  ○ McDonalds - September 23 - historically great turnout
		  ○ El Rodeo - Date TBD: original date conflicts with October PTO meeting; new date forthcoming.
		• Conference catering (Oct. 22, 28, 30) and book fair
		  ○ After 10 years, Cheryl will be stepping down from coordinating Conference Catering. Volunteers are encouraged to shadow this year to learn the process!
		  ○ The Book Fair will take place in the maker's space during all three conference dates.
		  ○ Free Book Friday will return, using Scholastic funds.
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Volunteer Coordinator Update	Amy Thompson	• Becoming a volunteer at Oak View ○ Volunteer applications must be completed prior to helping at school	

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		■ Background checks: Light check for in-school volunteers; full check (valid for 3 years) for field trips. ● Current and upcoming volunteer needs ○ Upcoming sign-ups: Fun Run, Book Fair, and Conference Catering. ○ Always looking for volunteers for ongoing opportunities - Picture Day, classroom prep projects, and other school needs. ○ Several 5th grade caregivers currently fill volunteer roles - new volunteers will be needed next year to maintain continuity.	
Treasurer Update	Thea Sanford	● Cell phone/Venmo updates ○ PTO now has a credit card for official purchase to reduce reimbursement needs. Coordinate with Thea, when possible, for committee purchases. ○ A new PTO cell phone will be used for Venmo transactions. The Venmo and Instagram handles are the same: @OakViewPTO_279. ● Budget adjustments: Some 2024–2025 checks were delayed, and certain funds (e.g., Read-A-Thon, Student Council) will be prioritized this year to ensure they're used appropriately.	6:20 PM
Principal and Administration Update	Ryan Gibbs, Jody Seppala, Kristina Peterson	● Safety and security measures at Oak View ○ Mr Gibbs shared the District Safety Framework. The district's safety goal is to help students learn and be safe through a three-part approach: ■ Emergency Plans: Developed with law enforcement and emergency management. Includes 11 annual drills (5 lockdown, 5 evacuation, 1 severe weather). All are communicated to caregivers in advance. ■ Physical Security: Single controlled entry point, Raptor Visitor System, secured doors, alarms, and cameras. ■ People: Emphasis on relationships. Ms Angie is known for connecting with students and families. The STOPit App allows students to report bullying anonymously. Officer Laurel of the Maple Grove Police Department continues to partner with	6:30 PM

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		Oak View. ○ Additional information can be found on the school's website: Emergency Response ● Resources and tips for families ○ Ms Peterson introduced herself and shared her background in crisis, trauma, and grief support. ○ Encouraged caregivers to discuss safety drills openly with students and address anxieties early. ○ Invited caregivers to reach out if their student experiences emotional distress - even if concerns seem small. ○ Goal: For all students to feel happy, safe, and proud at school. ○ Contact: PetersonK@District279.org	
Questions / Suggestions	Oak View Families	The agenda ran the full length of the meeting. No additional questions or suggestions were raised.	6:55 PM