# Oak View PTO General Meeting Agenda

**Date & Time: November 11, 2025 @ 6:00 PM**
**Location: Oak View Media Center**
**Virtual: https://meet.google.com/ruv-qnuj-qxw**

| This Month's Events & Decisions | | | |
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| Welcome and Introductions | Natalie Anderson | The meeting opened with introductions from the PTO board, school administration, and attendees. We were glad to welcome both new and returning families, with 15 in-person and 4 virtual participants.<br><br>The Board continues to explore improvements to the audio/visual setup to support more seamless and accessible hybrid meetings. | 6:00 PM |
| Treasurer Update | Thea Sanford | • Monthly financial update shared; account balances remain healthy.<br>• Met with the school's Resource Manager to review outstanding expenses - well within budget.<br>• The Book Fair performance was great.<br>• Corporate matching donations for the Fun Run continue to come in. The total donations exceed the original goal by more than $4000. | 6:10 PM |
| Teacher Grants | Natalie Anderson | • An overview of the Teacher Grant program was shared. Teachers may apply for classroom funding with up to $1000 allocated per semester and individual requests capped at $200.<br>  ○ One application has been received so far this year (4th grade guest artist).<br>  ○ Mr Gibbs will communicate grant availability to teachers, and the application will be shared for easy access.<br>• Recent and past grant approvals include:<br>  ○ Racially diverse classroom books.<br>  ○ Snacks for special education classrooms.<br>  ○ Field trip support (Oak View TV visit to a news station).<br>  ○ 2nd grade Ancient Greece enrichment activity. | 6:15 PM |
| Liaison Update | Liz Novotny | • Restaurant nights were reviewed; Culver's was especially successful with strong participation, including student volunteers.<br>• Upcoming restaurant night: 3Squares on December 4.<br>• Conference catering and book fair logistics were also reviewed. | 6:20 PM |
| Volunteer Coordinator Update | Amy Thompson | • Gratitude shared for the many families who volunteered recently. | 6:25 PM |

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| Harvest Bingo | Erin Dietz, Alison Edgar | • Volunteer sign-ups have been shared with staff and the volunteer database.<br>• Shifts are short, allowing volunteers to enjoy the event as well.<br>• Bingo boards are prepared and will be shared with the school for Student of the Month assemblies.<br>• Food options include a food truck, Nothing Bundt Cakes, and snacks.<br>• Donations for C.E.A.P. will be collected during the event.<br>• Winter clothing pickup options will not be offered this year; however, the school will continue working with the district to support students in need. | 6:30 PM |
| Upcoming Events | Natalie Anderson | • December PTO Meeting: Canceled.<br>• Parents' Night Out at Code Ninjas (benefiting Oak View PTO):<br>  ○ Saturday, February 7 \| 5:00-8:00 PM.<br>  ○ Ages 5+, $39 per child, STEM activities with pizza and refreshments.<br>• Minnesota TImberwolves Game - Oak View Offer:<br>  o Saturday, March 7 \| 2:00 PM.<br>  ○ Includes Crunch's Birthday celebration and youth jersey giveaway.<br>  ○ Promo code: OAKVIEW2526.<br>• Spring Carnival: Seeking new committee members. | 6:35 PM |
| Principal and Administration Update | Ryan Gibbs | • Update on district boundary changes.<br>  o The PTO discussed ways to support students and families impacted by upcoming district boundary changes. We appreciate the thoughtful input shared by families and staff and are aligned with the school and district on prioritizing connection, belonging, and clear communication throughout this transition.<br>  o The conversation focused on:<br>  ▪ Welcoming families joining Oak View through early connections, invitations to school events, and opportunities to meet staff and other families.<br>  ▪ Supporting students emotionally and socially, including maintaining friendships, building peer connections, and centering student voices.<br>  ▪ Reinforcing positive, respectful messaging across our broader school community and emphasizing the shared curriculum and commitment to student success across all schools.<br>  ▪ Strengthening community and belonging for both new and returning families through inclusive communication and culture-building efforts.<br>• Other Updates.<br>  o The Silent Disco was well received, with plans to explore additional grade-level activities in the future.<br>  o Construction is nearing completion. | 6:40 PM |

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| | | o Superintendent Dr Hiel and the district leadership team will host the Minnesota Education Legislative Group at Oak View on February 9.<br>o Grant efforts are underway to expand the outdoor classroom, and continued funding has been secured for the "Move Mindfully" program.<br>o Participation in the MN School of Excellence survey has been strong; results will be shared once data analysis is complete. | |
| Questions / Suggestions | Oak View Families | ● The nurse is seeking donations of extra clothing, particularly pants in smaller sizes.<br>● 4th grade teachers are hosting visiting art educators through grant funding, and additional enrichment opportunities (such as museum partnerships) are being explored for other grade levels. | 6:55 PM |