



Orchard Park High School PTO Meeting Minutes
March 23, 2026 @ 6pm
OPHS Library Media Center

Attendance

Kelly K., Jen D., Karen F., Maura W., Karry K.-B., Brandon P., Erin H., Rich H

Meeting Opened at 6:00pm

Welcome to those in attendance

President's Report – Jen D.

Nominations are available for PTO open positions for the 26/27 school year. There are nominees so far for Senior Class Assistant.

Vice President's Report – Erin H.

Facebook has 230 members and there are 165 PTO memberships

Secretary's Report – Karry K.-B.

Vote to accept February meeting minutes was put in motion by Maura W. and seconded by Jen D. Approved.

Please sign in to our PTO meetings and I will be sending the minutes to attendees for review before we vote on them at the following meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Karen F.

Review of the March financial report

- Income
 - Membership dues and General Fund PTO donations have exceeded budget
 - Post Prom donations are continuing to come in
 - Additional fundraisers are Get Egged, Senior Signs, BBQ
- Expenses
 - Staff Luncheon was slightly less than budgeted due to some food item changes
 - Purchasing Post Prom decorations
- Budget planning will occur in early May

Principal's Report – Brandon P.

- Thank you for Staff Appreciation Luncheon. Much appreciated by the staff.
- Summer renovations at all buildings. Summer activities will move to the High School including OP Town Rec, Community Ed, and Extended School Year. This will be a challenge.
- High School renovations include a gym remodel (bleachers, floors, walls), tennis court resurfacing, older wing of the school abatement and new roof, LMC carpet, bathroom near cafeteria and cafeteria ceiling

redone. Lockers replaced on all 3 floors. Discussion of bathrooms needed the focus potentially instead of the lockers.

- Senior Tie Dye needs a new location – that area will be a construction area for the next 2 years.

Member suggestion – the Athletic field area possibly for Senior Tie Dye

Member question – question about location of activities in the HS during renovations, Reply – science wing for some, some activities only need a few rooms, there will be no access to the pool or gym, the music and auditorium roof replacement will impact summer band/QMB

- HS is attempted to gain funds for new cafeteria tables that will be easier to move and store
- Brandon P. is having conversations with students regarding use of Securly for bathroom passes. Swipe access on doors too expensive.
- Senior opens will have at most 2 allowed (right now 20% of Senior class has 3 opens). Trying to add elective options opposite PE. Advertising of electives.
- Freshman orientation ideas to have a student and parent program run at the same time. Have parents complete the Keeping Kids Safe program, talk with the SRO. Have a senior buddy for groups of new students.

Member suggestion – have information at parent program about volunteer/community hours

Teacher's Report – Rich H.

- Thanks and gratitude for the Staff Appreciation Lunch.
- Teachers are supportive of prioritizing bathroom renovations. Personally optimistic about locker renovation and increasing student use of lockers.
Member – not sure why students are resistant to using the lockers, perhaps passing time is too short, Reply – should be possible, students add walking each other to classrooms to passing time
- Teachers happy about the Securly digital bathroom pass
- Teachers enjoy teaching electives and would like to encourage students to take these (decrease Senior opens)
Member – how many students needed to run a class? Reply – typically 10 students, however, if students need it for a course sequence it will run with less.

Committee Reports

Instructional Leadership (ILC) - Brandon P.

- Powerschool will include information on June exams, discussed Master scheduling, NY Inspires discussions.
- Discussed ways to increase the instructional hours and possibility of putting homeroom into first period, having true ½ days instead of early dismissal
- What does attendance accountability look like and discussion of the purpose of ILC, should be more than just sharing of information

STAP-Comm – Karen F. - Meeting tonight

Building Effectiveness Team (BET) - Maura W.

- Master Schedule discussion

- The goal is to maximize student instructional time and create more usable blocks of time for staff development.
 - Suggestions: limit seniors to two open campus periods a day and increase minimum class requirement to 6 instead of 5.5, removing homeroom by pushing it into first period, go to three lunch periods, move to true half days once a quarter **need to be mindful of state minimum instructional hours
- Yonder pouch update
 - Inventory check after break went well, spot checks so far, so good. The word is out, so that helps with compliance.
- Digital Pass Update
 - Securly presentation at conference day 3/20/26. The goal is to try the system out the remainder of this year and see if it is a good fit and work out the bugs before implementing it next school year.
- Class Coverage Issues
 - There was a concern brought up about when teachers are asked to cover other classes that they are only provided an attendance roster and not other information like allergies, IEP's or health issues. Mr. Pafk will see if they could access PowerSchool Substitute to have access to all that info as well as take attendance easier.

Central Council PTO – Jen D. - Meeting next Friday

Post Prom – Jen D.

- Get Egged in need of volunteers to deliver eggs, suggestions of Educational Outreach and Future Teachers Clubs, Sports Teams, Google Slide to advertise for volunteers

Old Business

- Thank you to all volunteers and donors for the Staff Appreciation Lunch
- Get Egged needs volunteers!
- Senior Sign Sale is going on now until May 8th. It is \$21 per sign and benefits Post Prom.

New Business

- Science Awards Reception tomorrow
- Tri-M Music Honor Society Induction Reception hosted by the PTO will take place on April 15th
- World Language Honor Society Reception also hosted by the PTO will take place on April 22nd
- BBQ and Krispy Kreme donut sale to benefit Post Prom will be on May 19th. Look for the flyer to come out in April. There will be an option to pre-order.

Member – PTO could present at the parent portion of New Student Orientation. PTO needs to know involvement for budget for the New Student Orientation.

Next PTO Meeting Monday, April 27th at 7pm, Post Prom Meeting Monday, April 27th at 6pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm

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Minutes Submitted by Karry Kazial-Backes