Orchard Park High School PTO Meeting Minutes
June 15, 2026 @ 6pm
OPHS Library Media Center

Attendance

Maura W., Andrea Y., Lisa H., Karry K.-B., Cristi O., Carrie S., Tammy V.-W., Anne B., Karen F., Jen D., Erin H., Pam R.

Meeting Opened at 6:05pm

Welcome to those in attendance

President's Report – Jen D.

- PTO positions 26/27 school year - Thank You to all who accepted nominations for committee reps and event chairs! We had additional positions filled. We still need a Homecoming Refreshments Chair.
- Discussion of Homecoming teaching contacts, drink containers, date of Homecoming

Vice President's Report – Erin H.

- Facebook has 230 members and there are 185 PTO memberships, goal for memberships is 200

Secretary's Report – Karry K.-B.

- Vote to accept May meeting minutes was put in motion by Karen F. and seconded by Maura W. 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.

Member suggestion to put a link to the PTO minutes in the Gazette.

Treasurer's Report – Karen F.

Review of the June financial report

- Income
    - From Prom and Post Prom Ticket Sales
    - Donations and Memberships
- Expense
    - Post Prom Prizes and Decorations
- PTO will be covering the Homecoming DJ. We will also use any Post Prom carry-over funds for early purchases of Post Prom prizes.
- Call for questions, none raised

Principal's Report – N/A

Teacher's Report – N/A

Member discussion about the events for the transition from Middle School to High School. It was disappointing that the High School elective event scheduled for April was canceled. There is a Parent Day event as well. This could perhaps be a place for the PTO to talk to incoming parents about the PTO. Suggestion to include the High School PTO call out for volunteers in the Middle School Observer.

Committee Reports

Instructional Leadership (ILC) - Carrie S.

- Discussion of summer construction work and activities in the building. Room clean out for teachers accelerated. Questions about where deliveries would go and where administrative staff would be located.

Member mention that there are outside groups using the building in the summer.

STAP-Comm – N/A

Member response to what this group is – student run government

Building Effectiveness Team (BET) - Maura W.

- Meeting canceled. Concern that this decision was made. Suggestion that 2 PTO representatives should be on BET for parent input.
- Many important issues are covered by this committee including attendance, Securly for hall passes, elevator, Yonder pouches, open campus, drop off
- Want to be sure that issues worked on will be transmitted to the new Principal

Member discussion and complaints about bathroom access. Question raised about why bathrooms were being locked. The suggested reasons offered by other members were to limit vaping, vandalism, and meet-ups by several students. Also, that there are not enough staff to monitor bathrooms in the building. The number of bathrooms open is not enough for the size of the school. Securly implementation was paused due to the Principal transition – concern whether the decisions already made would be carried out. Bathroom access is especially important for female students, any limitation to access disproportionally impact female students.

Members discussed practices regarding bathrooms being used at other schools including that teacher planning periods were used instead to have teachers on bathroom monitoring duty. A similarly sized school, Clarence, went to single use bathrooms (one stall/sink).

Member discussion of how locker assignments occur. Discussion of students buying, selling, and transportation of vapes and vandalism at other schools.

Jen D. will pass along bathroom concerns to Mr. Hackford, PTO teacher representative

Central Council PTO – Jen D.

No meeting

Old Business

- Post Prom event was a success overall. We had strong pre-sale of tickets, sale at the senior picnic, and at the door (about 50 additional tickets).

Member comments: The reception to check-in students worked smoothly and efficiently. Lighted cone game was a fun addition, according to student feedback.

Member comments: Suggestions for change include a new method for prize drawing at the end of the night – too long, the DJ music could be louder in the cafeteria at least earlier in the night, we need students to decide on whether they approve of being filmed if we create a video of the night.

- Member suggestion regarding PTO communications to families – use Text; this is happening at the elementary and middle school levels.

New Business

- Summer fundraisers - Panera in July and Red Robin in August

Member additional discussion regarding communications, at the Middle School there is use of the Observer, Text Messages and Emails sent by the school. Use Facebook. Acknowledged that word of mouth, personal contacts are used to recruit for PTO volunteers.

- Beginning of the year events
    - Senior Tie Dye – we have 3 PTO senior assistants coordinating for this event, awaiting correspondence from teacher contacts, will be on Sept. 1st from 10am-1pm, possibly in new location. Sign Up is started.
    - Welcome Back Breakfast – Sign Up will be in Aug., the PTO Board is running with a Shadowing PTO volunteer.
    - New Student/Freshman Orientation – PTO Board is participating, providing drinks and snacks and a PTO sticker, reminder to request that the school provide staff aids for students that need them. The PTO has provided suggestions to improve this event. There is a change this upcoming year where students will go to the auditorium first, then split into 2 groups headed to chromebook pick up OR clubs, then switch, and walking schedule last. PTO will be in the cafeteria with the chromebook pick up. There is a shadowing PTO volunteer.
    - Open House – there will be a PTO table staffed by the PTO Board, we will be taking memberships on paper (cash/check) and online, have a flyer with our QR code on the table through the night. We also have a sign with what the PTO does. Suggestion to have a slide show of images of PTO events running.
    - Homecoming – PTO covering DJ, providing refreshments and volunteers for refreshments & coat check, there will be one Sign Up for these both. We have lemonade already. Trays needed.

Next PTO Meeting Monday, Sept. 28th at 7pm. Post Prom meeting , the same day at 6pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm

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