

OCE PTA Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2024

Attendance: Robyn Salzman, Erin May, Mandy MacNaughton, Kelli Joyner, Angie Kirkland, Julie Chase, Kathryn Broaddus, Loretto Ewen, Charissa Bruckman, Meagan Bereman, Bethany Schneider, Carolyn Bentley

Welcome/Updates - Robyn Salzman, President

- Thursday, June 13, 11 am - lunch PTA meeting
- Carnival Feedback?
 - Profit approx. \$7600
 - It was perfect - fun, less stressful
- Positions for next school year - everyone staying on?
 - Teacher Appreciation - Jessica Ferguson and Jessica ? (from Ed)
 - Volunteer/Membership Coordinator - maybe Anne Miller?
 - Treasurer - Bethany Schneider
 - Charissa Bruckman may get pulled to Friendship
- Yubbler Credits
 - Need to spend \$495 in Yubbler credits
 - Whiteboard needs? Classroom needs? Crayons? Colored pencils? Pretty copy paper? Fancy pencil sharpeners? Teacher raffle? New paper cutter? Backpacks for kids in need (ask Meghan Pohl)?
- Red Bench Project
 - Erica Hornbeck has 2 donated benches, Ed will build a third one
 - One for each playground
- Incentive to sign up as a PTA member
 - For teachers - Fancy pencil sharpener?
 - For broader school community - need to connect membership #s with meeting PTA quote (to remain a PTA in good standing) and thus the things that the PTA does at the school
 - Reminder that you don't need to attend the meetings, etc.
 - Paper/sign-up inundation...
 - Maybe send home something small with membership - magnet, sticker, welcome/thank you letter
 - Raffle for school shirt
 - In the Open House/welcome meeting, stress the knowledge/connection between the PTA and the school?
 - Send some sort of communication to people who join - meeting minutes? Updates?

- Emphasize school funding per student (\$62/student) - the PTA is more than doubling the per-student spending per year
 - Cultural differences - no background context for the purpose of the PTA as a partner to the school to raise money, etc.
 - » Start with more explicit information about the PTA in early school year communications; communicating the “why” more clearly (with numbers, etc.) - Ms May will work on this
- 4 potential events for next year - FallFest (post FunRun), Winter/Valentine’s Dance, Grandparent/Special Person Breakfast, SpringFest/Carnival (could pivot to an international night-type event)
- High school honor societies are a great place to find volunteers!

Principal’s Update

[Mrs. May’s Update](#)

Celebrations:

- Shout out to the PTA for several successful events! The Spring Fest was a blast for students and families and the Staff Appreciation meals and decorations were very appreciated.
- Our school has loved the PTA hosted artist in residence, Virginia Maier, and the picket fence project. The students loved making their picket fences! This legacy project for our fifth-graders will not be forgotten!
- Kindergarten Orientation last night was a successful event for our new students! Thank you PTA for being a part of the evening.
- In the last month, we had several successful night events. We had a wonderful Chorus Concert and a successful Cary Community Outreach Night!

School announcements:

- EOGs start next week! Consider volunteering:
 - Track 1 sign-up:
 - [23-24 Track 1 Lunch Schedule during EOGs](#)
 - Tracks 2, 3, 4 sign-ups:
 - [23-24 Tracks 2,3,4 Proctor Volunteer Sign Up](#)
 - [23-24 Tracks 2,3,4 Hallway/Cottage Monitor Volunteer Sign Up](#)
 - [23-24 Tracks 2, 3, and 4 Lunch Schedule during EOGs](#)
- If anyone has interest in leading Lego Club, Garden Club, Kids Corp, or Robotics Club, please let me know. Some of our staff leaders would like to pass leadership roles on.
- We have a New Family Orientation coming up for new students to OCE (about 80 new students from the waitlist are coming to OCE for 24-25).
- I would be grateful for parent input in the 23-24 WCPSS Family Engagement Survey live now: surveys.panoramaed.com/wakecounty/family.

- 14 new staff for next year; on par for yearly turnover; exit interviews have been positive
 - K track 2, K track 4, 3 track 4, 3 track 3, 3 track 2, 5 track 3, etc.
 - Some track changes as well

Important dates to remember:

(This list does not include specific track out dates- adhere to WCPSS calendar)

23-24 dates:

May 20-31 - EOG Testing window for Grades 3-5, Track 1

May 27 - NO SCHOOL-HOLIDAY

June 3 - Sail Up Ceremony at 10:30 a.m. - 5th Grade, Track 1

June 3 - Last day of school - Track 1

June 19 - NO SCHOOL - TEACHER WORKDAY

June 12-25 - EOG Testing window for Grades 3-5, Tracks 2, 3, and 4

June 26 - Sail Up Ceremony at 10:30 a.m. - 5th Grade, Tracks 2 & 3

June 26 - Sail Up Ceremony at 1:30 p.m. - 5th Grade, Track 4

June 26 - Last day of school - Tracks 2, 3, and 4

24-25 dates:

July 3 - Meet the Teacher for Tracks 1, 2, and 3 (1st-5th grades)

12:30 p.m. - Track 1

1:45 p.m. - Track 2

3:00 p.m. - Track 3

July 8 - First Day of School for Tracks 1, 2, and 3 (1st-5th grades)

(tentative) July 23 - Open House for Tracks 1, 2, and 3

July 26 - Meet the Teacher - Track 4 (1st-5th grades)

4:30-5:30 p.m. Track 4

July 29 - First Day of School for Track 4 (1st-5th grades)

(tentative) August 13 - Open House for Track 4

Treasurer Report - Julie Chase

- NC PTA dues are \$7 per member; we raised dues this past year
 - Dues go to NC PTA and insurance
 - Do we raise dues to meet this goal?
 - \$7 for a teacher » \$7 (keep same)
 - \$10 individual » \$10 (keep same)
 - \$15 family » \$18 (possible increase)
 - Need communication to explain the increase
 - Minimum of \$10 and then could suggest increased donation (with stated purpose)?

- Need a certain number of members to maintain standing; money is only pot that goes to “overhead”
- Next year’s budget - added in a line item for the picket fence project
 - Unsure of cost to do it on our own (~\$2000)
 - Added a line item for the spirit rock (paying someone to paint the rock at the beginning of the year and sail up)

Committee Reports

Spirit Wear - Kathryn Broaddus and Laurie Jendrasiak

- 2 potential designs; PTA voted; design will be on a navy shirt

Teacher Appreciation - Angie & Kelli

- Sunset Slush - add on for all the teachers/staff?
 - At the 5th grade picnics
 - July 1st & 3rd: need help with teacher breakfast and lunch, Angie will help with clopening

Spirit Night - Meagan Bereman

- Culvers \$500
- Dugout \$350

Cultural Arts - Meagan Bereman

- We will build the Picket fence cost into the Cultural arts budgets and aim for October/November for the picket fence projects


Cultural Arts 23-24

School Supply Kits - Bethany Schneider

- Sale deadline is this Friday
- 177 kits sold so far- hoping for a bump this last week from kindergarten orientation (sold 20)
- How many kits per grade do we want to order to sell at Meet the Teacher? Need to let them know by Wednesday.
 - We discussed marking them up a bit for in-person sales to a flat \$50 per kit regardless of grade

Walk to School Wednesday - Ed Hornbeck

Advocacy/DEI - Kat Roblez

- Working on research for an OCE International Night. Please share with anyone else you know whose school has had one of these events so we can figure out the most inclusive way to structure this event
-  International Night/OCE's Got Talent Research

Additional Information:

- DC dates:
 - October 10-11 Tracks 1 & 3
 - October 24-25 Tracks 2 & 4
- Apex leadership dates
 - August 26-September 6 Tracks 1 & 3
 - Sept 9-20 Tracks 2 & 4
- Fall Fest 9/27?
- Book Fair Sept 23-October 4?