

OCE PTA Meeting Minutes
June 13, 2022
OCE Media Center

Attendance: Mandy MacNaughton, Robyn Salzman, Julie Chase, Carolyn Bentley, Angie Kirkland, Laurie Jendrasiak, Kelli Joyner, Anne Miller (new membership and volunteer coordinator for next year), Jen Curtis-Maury, Kathryn Broaddus, Amy Skorich

Welcome/Introduction - Mandy MacNaughton

- **Budget Spending**
 - Purchased benches (ordered 8 6-foot benches), Drum kit for Music (ordered and paid for but on backorder), power washed cottages and garden patios, ordered Staff T-shirts for new staff (2022-23 school year), new signs for cottages (for new teachers and the new AIG teacher)
 - One dead crepe myrtle will be replaced by the landscaping company.
- **2022-2023 Budget**
 - Executive Board met to discuss the budget for next year. Julie is playing with numbers to have everything ready for the beginning of the year. We discussed making next year a true community-building year with so many new families joining OCE; we want to make events accessible for all, etc. (hoping to bring back the Silent Auction Gala at a reduced rate)
- **Open Positions** - Spirit Wear, Spirit Nights, Website, Cheddar Up, Go Play Save, Walk to School Wednesdays
 - Advertise in the Beacon to hopefully get some interest.
- **Spirit Rock** - Purchased as the 5th grade gift. Laurie Jendrasiak will coordinate a sign up genius for next year to "rent the rock." Will block off dates for PTA or school to use for certain events.
 - PTA will purchase paint for PTA/teachers/staff to use (school colors plus a few extra colors) with the leftover money
 - Q: Rate to charge? Asked Scotts Ridge, they said \$15 per week
 - Q: Should we do a whole week or maybe 3-day stints?
 - Q: How will payment be collected? Payment will be through Cheddar-up. Amy will coordinate Cheddar-up until someone takes over.
- **Spirit Wear:** Thinking of pre-ordering t-shirts to maintain a stock on hand; if we order this week, we can get them by the end of June. Mandy will bring out what we have for tomorrow night (welcome night for new families); Ali will create a sign-up to pre-order t-shirts (will order July 1).
 - For teachers: let's find out what size they want and we can order neon and regular tie-dye; only up to XL available right now.
- **Carnival:** approx 1000-1200 people attended; we still ended up making money.
 - Rachel will do carnival again next year (and movie night and grandparents' breakfast)
 - Notes for next year: more shade (canopies?) and volunteer difficulties with the date change

- Would like to purchase a microphone-type sound system for music, etc. - would eliminate the need to rely on Bach to Rock (or another place) to supply the sound system (Approx \$200). Approved.

Principal Report – Ms. May

- Thank you to our wonderful PTA for the Pineapple Sol luncheon! (June 3)
- Carnival was an absolute blast! Thank you Rachel and PTA!
- Thank you to New Life Church for campus improvements! Shannon (lead), cleared garden, added flowers, will add mulch and pebbles
- Upcoming dates
 - Meet the teacher dates on the website and in an email from Ms May
 - Track 4 meet the teacher on the early release day in July (July 28, 2:30-3:30 pm)
 - Tracks 1, 2, and 3 will have meet the teacher on July 6
 - Open house is usually the 3rd week of school
- New Family Orientation: June 15th at 6 pm (welcoming 250 new families), have RSVPs for 130 families; PTA will have a table.
- Preliminary EOGs results are in: [Tk 1 EOGs 21-22](#)
 - Scores are up 5 percentage points for proficiency, growth is up too, OCE is ahead of county results.
- [OCE Teacher Working Conditions Comparison Results](#)
 - Anonymous survey on working conditions (leadership, space, equity, etc.) that occurs every two years
 - Ms May considers >80 a positive response and likes to see our scores above those at the state and district levels.
 - An equity measure was added this year; OCE is doing well.
 - Data dig typically occurs the 3rd week of August when all EOG data are in; teachers, staff, and administration review all data, including TWC data.
- [OCE Teacher Working Conditions Historical Comparison](#)
 - 2016-2020 (historical data)
- Cottages:
 - Three cottages (of 14) are not usable right now; really need all 14 in working order to accommodate all classes and such; 2 cottages do not have working AC, 1 has an unstable floor; AIG is meeting in the media center for right now.
 - Process: ask maintenance, then ask the head maintenance person. Un-usable rooms are an issue throughout the district; we are in the queue to get the AC in the cottages looked at this week and next week. We have the support of the area superintendent, but other emergencies keep trumping our issues.
 - Q: Should we tweet or email someone? Not necessary at this point

- Refresh of the AC system for the main building is ongoing.
- Additional Farewells**
- Pretiger- leaving education
- Brehm- going to Oak Grove
- J. Smith- relocating closer to home
- Babusiak- moving (2nd grade Track 4), 5 applicants for this position
- Daggerhart- leaving education
- Allie Savich- working from home
- Hayes- leaving education
- Mrs. Smith- becoming a principal (there is currently a great pool of applicants for leadership positions)
- Gas prices have not helped with commutes (those with a commute longer than 30 minutes are trying to find schools closer to home)
- All other positions at OCE have been filled (besides 2nd grade and AP) for the start of next school year

Treasurer Report – Julie Chase

- Changing focus from bringing in income to being inclusive and accessible with new school families/population
- Added to budget:
 - Startup gift for AFES PTA (\$500)
 - Line item for the Spirit rock
- Moved some items out of the regular budget (things PTA functions as a pass-through for) to clarify the actual PTA income/expenses: trying to be transparent about the purpose of each event, which events fund the PTA to support initiatives versus which we function more as a banking system.
- Trying hard to achieve the PTA purpose of being a school non-profit by spending money that is brought in to improve the school.
- Book fair: We were able to decrease the budget due to the use of credit cards (these transactions go straight through) versus cash (which funnels through the PTA).
- Last call for outstanding reimbursements
 - This year there has been a transition to a paperless system; hoping to keep this system for next year as well.

Committee Reports

Staff Appreciation – Laurie Jendrasiak/Angie Kirkland

- Lunches on early release days
- Q: Should we do lunch on purple staff work days? Yes, teachers always love lunches, but maybe not on random work days in the middle of track-outs.

Carnival:

- Huge success!

- Guesstimating 1000-1200 people attended!
- Total expenses were \$4972.22; total income was \$8084.27 (\$4409.96 of the income came from the Orthodontic Treatment Auction item). Each child got 10 free tickets (so, we “made” less money from ticket sales than in previous years).

Book Fair - Angie Kirkland

- Over \$23,000 in sales (highest she’s ever done); even given the limited stock of erasers, pencils, etc. (which were not available). We get 25% of the sale back, so around \$5000 will go to Ms. Lanier to purchase books for the library.
- For next school year (2022-23):
 - September 6-16 (setup Tuesday morning, start preview in that afternoon); emphasize Track 1 the first week.
 - Q: Do we do movie night with book fair in the fall? Maybe movie night on Sept 9?
 - Ms May okayed contacting Scholastic with these dates
 - Grandparents’ breakfast is usually in the fall. This year we did movie night with the book fair in the fall and then held Grandparents’ breakfast with the book fair in the spring. In the past, we did book fair with carnival in the spring.
 - Q: For the spring book fair (approx March), would we like to coordinate with Grandparents’ breakfast, and then have carnival on its own in May? Tentatively plan to have movie night with fall book fair, Grandparents’ breakfast with spring book fair, and carnival on its own.

Field Day - Kelli Joyner

- We had one, it was fun! Was the favorite memory of the school year for lots of kids.
- Increased budget for next year
- Salem had a bucket toss water thing

Additional Information:

- Dates for Apex Fun Run: Oct 3-14 (Tracks 1, 2, 3), Oct 25-Nov 4 (Track 4)
- Movie night has to be before Oct 22 (to use our current subscription).
- Maybe aim for April or so for carnival? Don’t need to hold carnival and the spring book fair at the same time.
- Also talked about re-starting a new welcome committee - meet once a month at Wake Zone or somewhere similar; Jen C-M will send her notes to Kelli
- PTA attendance/participation: Make it clearer that PTA meetings are open to all (in the Beacon, etc.); clarify opportunities/roles for new people (plan ahead to have tasks for new people).