

**OCE PTA Board Meeting Minutes  
December 12, 2019, 11AM, Room 223**

**Attendance:** Dr. Ruth Steidinger (OCE Principal), Ms. Erin May (OCE Assistant Principal), Mr. Shane Arce (OCE Assistant Principal), Whitney Ludlow (OCE PTA President), Mandy MacNaughton (OCE PTA Vice President), Jolene Dunn (OCE PTA Treasurer), Shveta Malhotra (OCE PTA Secretary), Monica Cox, Sharon Putney, Kelly McAlarney, Laurie Jendrasiak, Angie Kirkland, Stephanie Mitchell

**Welcome/Introduction - Whitney Ludlow, OCE PTA President**

- A) Whitney introduced the OCE board members and began the meeting.
- B) Mandy MacNaughton mentioned that Jump Rope for Heart initiative would be starting back up in the Spring.

Stephanie Mitchell from the Apex Public School Foundation (APSF) came to talk about the foundation and what it does. Stephanie is a former PTA president, advocacy chair at Apex Friendship High and secretary at Apex Middle school.

- The foundation serves the 18 schools in Wake county with an Apex address.
- The goal of the foundation is to strengthen school and community partnerships. Also collaborate with school PTAs.
- They are approved by Wake county and members of the Chamber of Commerce. They also have community events.
- Provide grants for teachers beyond the traditional sources. Grants are scored using a blind rubric and are funded by community and businesses. Already had their first round of grants. Winners will be announced in February.
- For more information: [www.helpapexschools.org](http://www.helpapexschools.org)

**Administration Report - Dr. Ruth Steidinger/Ms. Erin May/Mr. Shane Arce**

- A) Dr. Steidinger read a thank you note from PoGo Jo (Boosterthon Coach). She thanked everyone for a successful boosterthon and hoped to work together in the future.
- B) Dr. Steidinger placed the orders for the chrome books and iPads according to the individual needs of the different grades. Enough funds from boosterthon and the PTA were allocated for the purchase.
- C) Dr. Steidinger would also like the PTA to pay for Teacher/TA membership for their individual societies. She would also like the PTA to pay for their banquet dinner costs-teacher/TA of the year and 3 guests each. PTA members attending the meeting agreed to this.

**Treasurer Report - Jolene Dunn**

- A) The PTA board met a few weeks ago to allocate enough funds for the technology purchase.
- B) We still have not gotten an invoice from Boosterthon to pay them their percentage. Need to contact them regarding this.

## Committee Reports

- **Silent Auction and Gala**

**Whitney Brown**

- A) February 15, 2020.
- B) Adults only event. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the gala. Held at MacGregor Downs Country Club. Save-the-date has already gone out.
- C) PTA needs help with picking up donation items from different businesses.
- D) Tickets will go on sale January 4, 2020-February 10, 2020. Online bidding starts February 14, 2020.
- E) Still need big ticket items such as beach house, weekend getaway.
- F) Next meeting in January.

- **Movie Night, Bingo, Fundraising**

**Christine Rooney and Kelly McAlarney**

- A) Spring Artapalooza will take place April 23, 2020 5-8pm. This event will take place in conjunction with the bookfair and grandparent's breakfast.
- B) Kids will paint tiles based on the positivity project. Tiles will then be placed in the courtyard of the school.
- C) There will be face painting, fairy hair/hair dye, games, food trucks.
- D) Also want to reach out to local businesses for donations
- E) Maybe we can ask the local middle school students to get involved somehow as well.

- **Spirit Night**

**Angie Kirkland**

- A) Still need to call Five Below regarding total from spirit night with them.
- B) Possible spirit night with Marco's pizza. Have students decorate pizza boxes?
- C) Possible spirit night with Wake Zone. Tie in with a walk to school Wednesday.
- D) Also, a possible spirit night with Texas Roadhouse. Could tie in with Spring bookfair.

**Next Meeting -**

Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 11am