

OCE PTA Meeting Agenda

June 13, 2024

Attendance: Erin May, Julie Chase, Ed Hornbeck, Robyn Salzman, Laurie Jendrasiak, Mandy MacNaughton, Bethany Schneider, Kat Roblez, Angie Kirkland, Kelli Joyner, Loretto Ewen, Carolyn Bentley, Megan Bereman, Marianna Jaffe, Allie Sandoval, Kathryn Broaddus, Melissa Timm

Welcome/Updates - Robyn Salzman, President

- Vote for new board for 2024-2025 school year:
 - Voted in Bethany Schneider as Treasurer
- PTA positions for next school year:
 - Volunteer/Membership Coordinator
 - Teacher Appreciation: Jessica Ferguson, Jessica Hamilton, Allison Hogan
 - (new position) 5th grade PTA liaison to handle all things related to 5th grade (Sunset Slush, signs - no names!, Sail-up, DC trip, etc.)
 - Megan Bereman will help with this
- School kits!
 - We received 25 per grade level to sell at Meet the Teacher, going to store them on the stage (any that don't sell can be returned)
 - Volunteers (June 28): Bethany, Robyn
 - \$60 per kit; can use stripe for transactions; will settle expenses once we return unsold kits
 - Can advertise in the Beacon (first come-first serve) that these will be available
- Volunteers for Meet the Teacher July 3 to sell school kits and spiritwear (sign up genius will go out)
- Some ideas for end-of-school-year spending (budget turns over July 1; currently approx \$14K carryover)
 - Track-out carts - could perhaps get from WCPSS supply
 - Big shed for extra storage right outside doors across from the copy/mailbox room
 - More benches outside in recess areas
 - New paper cutter for the copy room
 - Pave the gravel lot - Ms May would need to submit a facility request
 - PTA laptop - for quickbooks and Treasurer things
 - Sun umbrellas for picnic tables near the 5th grade cottages
 - 2 across from Ms Christianson, 3 others
 - Ms May can put out a request/survey to teachers
 - Standing freezer in staff lounge

- Lighting on the stage - working with a vendor (original quote was \$40K, which is way too much)
- Yubbler credits (\$495) - ideas for spending:
 - Games for special person breakfast
 - Pencil sharpener raffle at the start of the school year
 - Copy paper, clorox/lysol wipes, cardstock, smartboard screen wipes (specific brand - ask Melissa), whiteout, duct tape, packing tape
- There has been some confusion regarding the Amazon gift card that certified teachers receive from the PTA upon joining the PTA; we need to clarify the instructions to convey that the gift card should be used to purchase classroom supplies, and the whole classroom team should be involved in this decision-making.

Principal's Update

Mrs. May's Update

Celebrations:

- Thank you to all PTA committee members, board members, and volunteers for another successful year! I am so grateful for our PTA and appreciate all you do for our school!
- We had a successful New Family Orientation on May 28th and welcomed our new students (70-80 families) from Turner Creek Elementary.
- We had a great few weeks sending off Track 1 and hosting end of year celebrations for all tracks.
- EOGs (Tracks 2-4) started yesterday and will go until next week.
 - Thank you to all the EOG volunteers! We really appreciate the extra hands on deck!
- Senior clap out was organized by Ms. Paxton and Ms. Norman and went incredibly well! It was a special day for all students and staff!
- 80 certified staff filled out the NC [Teacher Working Condition \(TWC\) survey](#) in March 2024.
 - This is a very important climate survey that all schools in NC complete.
 - The results are extremely positive for OCE.
 - Regarding the Hiring score: admin has to move quickly to get good candidates, so there is not always time to involve the whole team
- 642 parents completed the Family Engagement Survey in April/May 2024, and the [Panorama Parent Engagement Survey Results](#) are in. Scores have positively increased and are higher than the district averages. We appreciate the input, and we will make some changes based on the feedback.

School announcements:

- New teacher welcome letters will go home in report cards on the last day of school.
- 24-25 Staff Changes:
 - We are the second biggest elementary school in WCPSS (120 total) with 117 staff.
 - We have 13% turnover this year which is lower than the district average.

Team	Leaving	Change	New
K	Tovi Heffron		Krista Schumann Track 2
1st	Becky Brady		Penny O'Brien Track 4
3rd	Cherie Miller Denise Walsh	Tania Knapp to Track 4 Melissa Malamutt to Track Kisha King to Track 1 Ginny Turnau to Track 1	Mandy Chegash Track 2 (adding a class) Michelle Maier Track 3
4th	Nikki Parker		Amanda Pollock Track 4
5th		Kristi Orton to Track 3	Meghan Martin Track 4 (adding a class)
SPED	Theresa Thurman Kalli Prince Hannah Eure Kaylie Kittner		Torry Greene ECS 2 Tammie Larsen PreK Marlene Gnatek CCR Alexis Kuzma
IA	Katie Paxton Pam Duke Sarah Thomas		Leslie Armbruster K Track 3 Aimee Gallimore- 1st Track 3 Abbey Ewen- K Track 2
SSS	Sherry Davis Lindsay Bryant Megan Pohl		Becky Reeves Sallie Wooten Alexandria Mumford

- Let me know if you are interested in being the new leader for Lego Club, Garden Club, Kids Corp, or Robotics Club. Some of our staff leaders would like to pass this leadership role onto a parent or the clubs will be discontinued.

Important dates to remember

Whole School Upcoming Events (does not include specific track out dates- adhere to the WCPSS calendar)

- June 12-25 - EOG Testing window for 3-5 grades- Tracks 2, 3, and 4
- June 19- NO SCHOOL - TEACHER WORKDAY
- 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
2:45 p.m. - Track 3
- July 8- First Day of School for Tracks 1, 2, and 3 (1st-5th grades)
- July 23- Open House for Tracks 1, 2 & 3
- July 26- Meet the Teacher for Track 4 (1st-5th grades)
4:30-5:30 p.m.
- July 29- First Day of School for Track 4 (1st-5th grades)
- August 13- Open House for Track 4

Treasurer Report – Julie Chase

- [May budget update](#)
- 2024-25 proposed budget
 - Added some new categories: fall fest, spring fest, winter dance, 5th grade
 - Increased allocations to numerous categories (due to increased costs)
 - All numbers will be affected by carryover from the 23-24 school year
 - Final draft to be approved at Open House
 - GoPlaySave - perhaps decrease income projection if we are not going to send books home - still waiting to hear options from the rep
 - Teacher instructional grant program: previously paid sub for LETRS or \$130 for classroom supplies, will transition to a more grant-like program (with applications that are reviewed/approved as a board/team, etc.)
 - Staff development line item can be used for LETRS subs
 - Club grants: one pot of money for any club that needs funds
- Annual audit volunteers; need three volunteers for the annual audit (1.5 h commitment, likely in early July) - Loretto, Carolyn

- Monthly audit committee: Loretto Ewen will continue, need one more volunteer

Committee Reports

Spirit Wear - Kathryn Broaddus and Laurie Jendrasiak

- Stocking up sweatshirts while they are on sale right now (replenish Youth S and M and Adult sizes)
- Ordering some shirts - would love someone to tag along with shirt design for next year before Kathryn moves on
 - Sell at Open House (Meet the teacher is a difficult event to sell things at)

Teacher Appreciation - Angie & Kelli

- Need to plan Clopening meals/snacks
 - Will stock the lounge with snacks/drinks for the next few weeks
 - Sunset Slush was wonderful! Would love to do that again in a few weeks (June 25)
- Train replacements for next year: Jessica Ferguson, Jessica Hamilton, Allison Hogan
- Kelli will help pass out Sail Up signs on June 26 at the 1:30 ceremony

Spirit Night - Meagan Bereman

- Picket Fence project planned for October, dates are selected and waiting for approval from the artist

School Supply Kits - Bethany Schneider

- Final total: 273 kits sold during the main sale
 - Bring kits to meet the teacher to leave in the classroom
 - So far 3X profit versus Yubbler (!!)
- Will have 25 kits per grade to sell in-person at Meet the Teacher

Advocacy/DEI - Kat Roblez

- Still working on budgets and talking to schools about multicultural events
- Will collaborate with the Family Engagement Committee

Additional Information: