

**OCE PTA Meeting Minutes**  
**January 9, 2023**  
**Media Center**

**Attendance:** Erin May, Mandy MacNaughton, Beth Lavin, Robyn Salzman, Laurie Jendrasiak, Harsha Sipani, Kelli Joyner, Ed Hornbeck, Allie Sandoval, Kathryn Broadus, Carolyn Bentley

**Principal Update** - Erin May

- Shout out to Ms. Sandoval for starting our OCE First Mate program. First time on Jan 6 with Mr Hammers was a hit!
- New teachers: Ms. McConnell (music), Ms. Abdella (math intervention), and Ms. Speas (OT)
- Kelly Bishop will be back from maternity leave next Tuesday (Jan 17); thank you to Ms. Parker (Track 4 5th grade) for covering her leave.
- Elizabeth McMaster is out on maternity leave
- Tori Scuderi retired on 12/22, and Erica Hornbeck starts Tuesday (1/17) as Track 4 IA.
- Ms Moon (Track 1 IA) is leaving to take a new job; a Track 1 mom who is a regular sub has expressed interest in this open position.
- Nov/Dec treats - thank you! all the staff felt spoiled rotten :)
- Act of Service - gift wrapping - really sweet and teachers appreciated it!
- Open House tonight for prospective families (getting a few new kids each week, spots get filled as kids move, some spaces open in certain grade levels)
  - WCPSS has all schools do an Open House to showcase public schools. Even though we are capped, we have to participate. I also give tours to prospective families every other week. I started this in November and continue this the whole spring semester.
- Track change request form goes out this week; only a handful will be granted this year
  - As there are three Track 1 1st grade classes but only 2 K classes, there is some room to move to Track 1 when entering 1st grade
  - Numbers for next year will be in around March 1
- Kelly Rd traffic:
  - Apex PD cannot supply traffic control all the time, unless we are willing to pay for this (but we don't have funds for this)
  - Ms May will meet with the Chief of Police about this issue
  - One option is to double stack carpool, but we don't have staff to make this work, and the spacing doesn't work to release the double stack with the light at Kelly Rd & Olive Chapel Rd.
    - Could double stack the waiting line (up to the dumpster) and then zip the lines together prior to kids getting into the car, but this creates an issue with getting kids to the right cone
    - This has been an issue for many years, going back to Dr Steidinger's time
- YR calendar changed last August - please check the calendar on the OCE website and in the principal's update. The calendar updated 8-2-22 is the correct one!

## **Welcome/Introduction** - Mandy MacNaughton, President

- Sean Kernick - For the Cottage Project:
  - 5 scenes, one on each building, moving left to right. Would start on the ocean floor on the first building then move to the middle of the ocean in the next one. The middle would feature the clipper ship on the surface of the ocean. The last two would feature some critters on land and in the sky. Each scene would showcase a clear value that OCE promotes within the school culture.
  - Two attached pencil sketches to get an idea of the concept. Bridge this general concept to the inside wall as well if this feels right.
  - Let's think about the 5 key words: Determination is a good one, maybe we can center these words on growth mindset principles



- WAKE up and Read Book Drive - We are in need of someone to head up the book drive.
  - Tasks would include setting up a collection bin at the school, checking/emptying it as needed, and delivering books to the collection center at the end of the drive.
  - Book drive will run January 28 - February 28.
  - The book drive is to ensure that ALL children have access to books necessary to foster a love for reading and the literacy skills to thrive!
  - Need to Post on Social Media, Beacon, etc. <https://wakeupandread.org/>
- Google Doc idea for Meeting Minutes
  - Send out the agenda the week before. Everyone add their own bullet points to the google doc to prep for the meeting. Makes it easier on the Secretary and also ensures all points get covered.

## **Treasurer Report** – Julie Chase

- no real update; Julie sent out the budget update; let her know if any questions

## **Committee Reports**

### **Teacher Appreciation** – Angie Kirkland and Kelli Joyner

- Teacher lunches planned for Feb 14 (Alpaca), May 9, June 28
- Book fair Feb 27 - March 10

### **Heart Challenge/Field Day** – Kelli Joyner

- May 4 (Tracks 2/4) and May 11 (Tracks 1/3), with rain dates the day after.
- Heart Challenge packets for teachers will be created January 18 to go in boxes.
- The event starts on January 19.
- Kelli could use volunteers each Friday to help distribute prizes during the 6-8 weeks of the challenge. Need to blast in Beacon, etc.
  - Ann will send out a volunteer blast with a sign-up genius (Mandy will create one)
  - Zef Hammers is helping with this; Kelli will coordinate a time with Zef and let Mandy know; tentatively set at 10 am starting January 20 through March 3

### **25th Anniversary Events** – Harsha Sipani and Laurie Jendrasiak

- Harsha Sipani has agreed to take the lead with Laurie Jendrasiak helping.
- The celebration week is planned for the week of April 17.
- A parade/speakers at the school will need to be planned for April 17.
  - Laurie will talk with Erin to set times, speakers, guests, etc.
  - Ceremony with speakers: can't likely involve all tracked-in students, but still working out details
- Spirit Week will be the remainder of the week - need to figure out ideas for this!
  - Allie will decide the Spirit Day themes! Maybe dress to impress for Monday
- Carnival will be on Thursday April 20 (5-8 pm) and run by Rachael Nichols with a 25th anniversary theme. (Mandy will fill out the communities in use form).
  - This is the part of the celebration that will be open to everyone
- There is no school on Friday April 21.
- Laurie will send an email to start delegating/planning/etc. - let her know if you are interested in joining, have ideas, etc.
- How will we allow Track 4 to participate? For events during the school day, how can we allow track 4 students to participate?
  - Idea is to invite families to be a part of it

### **Spirit Night** -

- Still need a spirit night coordinator!
  - Allie will blast in the Beacon, etc.
- Robyn planned a spirit night at Kilwins for Wednesday, February 8 from 3 to 9 pm, no flyer needed, OCE will get 15% for all customers

### **Additional Information:**

- Beth Lavin: loyalty things are being advertised in the Beacon, etc.
- Spirit Wear: Kathryn

- Feedback was to offer nicer shirts; goal is to have the shirts in hand by the April celebration
- Bella shirts (nice ones): there is not a clear option for our OCE teal/aqua with navy, red, white accents, so we are looking at various options
- We typically do a colorful shirt with basic logo, but we could switch to do a more plain shirt with a more colorful logo/screen print; this would cost less than \$1 more per shirt
- Could offer a simple print on like 4 shirt colors, or could offer a single shirt
  - seems to be some feedback to have a single shirt option
- Harsha can help Kathryn with design the logo
- Could do 5 stickers based on the 5 images for the cottage
- Can the words chosen for the murals be incorporated into the screen print design?
  - maybe in the waves for the ship in the ocean?
  - Add the "EST" and year? let's not state "25th anniversary" on it so we can re-use the design.
- What else can we make with the logo? Magnets, water bottle stickers, etc.
- Will price out shirts with a small logo on the front and a larger logo on the back
- Ed Hornbeck: 21 students participated in walk to school in January
  - Needs day-of volunteer for February 1 walk to school wednesday
    - Robyn can do this
  - Could coordinate the WAKE up to read challenge with walk to school wednesday - bring a book with you as you walk!
  - Will sign up for bike to school thing in May; helmet donation is involved