

OCE PTA Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2022
Olive Chapel Media Center

Attendance: Mandy MacNaughton, Carolyn Bentley, Julie Chase, Robyn Salzman, Amy Skorich, Shannon May, Erin May, Kelli Joyner, Laurie Jendrasiak, Mandy Wagstaff

Welcome/Introduction - Mandy MacNaughton

- Wake Up and Read Book Drive – 2744 books collected!
- Signs for cottages have been installed! Thanks to Shawn Trawinski and Carter Allen for helping get these installed and to Rachael Nichols for organizing their creation.
- Landscaping installed by cottages - go check it out!
- Clipper Ship has been painted on the sidewalk by the cottages to help with directions-thank you, Amanda Owens.
 - One more ship to be painted soon.
- Staff who are required to do LETRS training all had a ½ day of planning thanks to PTA funding. They were very appreciative of the gift of time!
- An Eagle Scout who went to OCE reached out about potentially partnering with OCE to complete his Eagle Scout project. We are going to see if he can install some benches around the playground areas!
- Soccer goals: metal bar is bent from children hanging on it, the goals will be replaced by Dicks' Sporting Goods (but we cannot replace them indefinitely). The permanent goals at Apex parks and such are sturdier but much more expensive.
 - Should we add a Ninja-type course? something for the 4th and 5th graders to play appropriately on (monkey bars, ropes, etc.). We will discuss this for fundraisers next school year.

Principal Report – Ms. May

- Masking optional started yesterday. Things went smoothly; there were announcements and counselor lesson plans to help prep the children with a focus on being respectful, accepting, and kind. It was nice to have the ~1.5 weeks to plan for this transition.
- Started outdoor lunch yesterday; lunch will move indoors if weather dictates. In the cafeteria, the every-other-seat arrangement will stay in place for at least the next few weeks (perhaps until the end of Q3).
- All COVID-related restrictions are off as of now (now allowed: in-person parent-teacher conferences, end-of-year parties, in-class group mixing, etc.). All these changes will be addressed at the upcoming leadership meeting.
- K and 5th are using volunteers - the option is there for all grades as needed.
- Teachers are grateful for the ½ day provided by PTA.
- Cottage teachers love the new landscaping!
- Campus messages are being created regarding taking care of our campus - landscaping, soccer goal destruction

- Still need a K and 1st grade teacher assistant, track 2 special education, AIG teacher, and COVID coordinator; 42 internal WCPSS candidates would like to come to OCE and only 4-5 have requested transfers out.
- Clopening: only 3 workdays between grades; July 6 likely date for meet the teacher, 2022-2023 school year starts July 7.
- Hoping to not lose too many teachers to AFES; doing everything we can to keep teachers as happy as possible

Treasurer Report – Julie Chase

Committee Reports

Jump Rope for Heart – Amy Skorich

- Total collection \$11202.34. Thanks for all the great help
- Still waiting for the big prizes to arrive; will need help on one day to help distribute the rest of these prizes
- Announcement tomorrow about most jumps per grade
- Coach Roberts is so excited to order new PE supplies

Staff Appreciation – Laurie Jendrasiak

- Staff Appreciation weeks are set:
3/21-3/25 Tracks 3/4 3/28-4/1 Tracks 1/2
- Flyers went home last week / this week with information.
- Peak City Coffee is coming on Friday 3/25 to set up coffee in the staff lounge
- Lowe's Food reached out about doing a teacher appreciation event (sandwiches, etc.). Also offered to do a spirit night - give 10% back
- On Wednesday of each teacher appreciation week there will be coffee and donuts for the teachers/staff and bus drivers
- Need a new person for this position for next year.

Spirit Night

- City BBQ raised \$350!
- Looking for someone to plan March, April, and May spirit nights. If you have ideas, let us know!
 - Quench (new juice place by Harris Teeter)?

Spring Carnival / Book Fair / Grandparents Breakfast

- Rachael, Shannon, Robyn and Mandy met to go over the basic initial plan. Will plan for an outdoor event on May 6th with Carnival Games, Bounce Houses, and Food Trucks (will give back 5-20%). Other ideas include music (Bach to Rock), Tae-kwon-do, and a Dunk tank (for principals and assistants)
 - Will include raffles for various baskets and perhaps an online auction piece.
 - Perhaps give each child 5 tickets with the option for parents to purchase more

- Aiming to keep it as a free community-type event; not going to call more businesses for more donations; a few baskets will be curated with items that we already have
- Auction front-row graduation ceremony tickets and the golden carpool cone
- A high school group reached out to volunteer
- Rachael will begin planning and reach out when she needs committees to help.
- Grandparent's breakfasts will be on Thursday, May 5th and Thursday, May 12th.
- Book fair will also be during this time (Kelli and Angie leading the book fair)
 - Full 2-week book fair (preview and purchase days but perhaps not for all grades)
 - Will need lots of parent volunteers

Field Day

- Kelli Joyner is helping Coach Roberts with initial planning.
- Planned for May 12 (Track 3/4) and April 28 (Track 1/2)
- Need two more signs to be made - Carter Allen?
- Budget \$400
- Katie Paxton is making shirts for 3rd grade - Ms May can offer this to all the teachers

Additional Information

- If we can book it, an assembly on track-out day would be fine for 4th quarter
- Kindergarten Orientation (come visit classroom, presentation by Ms May, PTA presence) - tentatively May 10 or 11; could sell spirit wear to the new K families; new K families can shop at the book fair if we choose this date
- Likely 5-6 teacher/staff postings coming up in the next month or so; interviewing now for potential openings
- School supply kits for next year: ordering information will come soon
 - Did we get the check from Yubbler for last year? Mandy W. will check