

**OCE PTA Meeting Agenda  
November 14, 2022  
Media Center**

**Attendance:** Mandy MacNaughton, Carolyn Bentley, Ashley Charles, Erin May, Jen Curtis-Maury, Robyn Salzman, Bridget Robertson, Anne Miller, Allie Sandoval, Kelli Joyner, Julie Chase, Ed Hornbeck, Beth Lavin, Kathryn Broadus

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

- Fac Mod approved for murals
  - Waiting for the timeline, draft, etc. from Sean, the artist
- Needs:
  - Spirit Night Coordinator (Robyn is helping for now)
  - Jump Rope for Heart Lead: work with Coach Roberts and Michelle Gray (lead from the organization); mostly just three Fridays to hand out prizes; Kelli Joyner is willing to take this on but let's look for someone else as Kelli is quite busy

**Principal Report** – Ms. May

- Maribeth Priest is leaving OCE 12/2/2022 and going to the central office as a teacher coordinator for the district.
- This week is Intervention Coordinator and Instructional Coach Appreciation Week. Shout out to Annie, Julia, and Maribeth! These ladies are the curriculum squad that do so much to support our staff and students.
- New Track 1 1st grade teacher - Welcome Meghan Cutler! She started November 9!
  - Shout out to Katie Glover for providing stability in this classroom by subbing until we could find a replacement for this position. Katie has also helped sub in music when track 2 is out.
- Teacher and IA of the year at OCE!!
  - Congratulations to Victoria Truitt on being selected IA of the Year! Here are reasons given by IAs and staff for why she was chosen: [IA of the Year](#).
  - Congratulations to Hannah Dunklin on being selected Teacher of the Year! Here are reasons given by teachers for why she was chosen: [Teacher of the Year](#).
- Kelley Bishop (Track 1 4th grade) is on maternity leave. Ms. Chaffee (Track 2 4th grade) and Ms. Parker (Track 4- 5th grade) are covering her maternity leave.
- Apex Leadership Fundraiser was awesome! We surpassed our goal! Thank you PTA and Laurie!
- Music:
  - Shout out to Bethany Iannone (mom, sub, and PTA leader) for providing stability in our music classroom during this vacancy. She has lesson planned, collaborated with staff, and gone above and beyond the job responsibilities of a sub.
  - New Music Sub started 11/14- Welcome Susie Fletcher

- The paperwork for a new music teacher was submitted about 2 months ago; this candidate is a local mom with credentials from UK, and it does not look like these will get cleared, but nothing is certain yet.
  - Ms May wants a chorus for the 25th anniversary party!!
- Ms. Newberger hosted two successful Poetry Nights!
- Track 4 IA: Tori Scuderi is retiring on 12/22/2022, and Erika Hornbeck is starting on 1/17/2023
- Thank you PTA for the Halloween treat cart! Everyone LOVED it!
- Parents have concerns about traffic on Kelly Road during arrival and dismissal:
  - Ms May has done everything possible to advocate and recently spent money on signage to prevent left turns. OCE cannot afford the cost to add a daily police officer to patrol traffic. There is no more Ms May or OCE can do as a school, but parents can continue to post on social media, etc., to try to gain attention for this issue.
- Need a parent party planner for the 25th anniversary party (April) - same date as opening ceremony but date TBD
  - Partner with Ms May to plan and execute this anniversary celebration
  - Anne will reach out to volunteer list
- Parents can now eat lunch inside. There is a parent table by the lost and found.
- Thank you to Carolin Roberts and PTA for putting on the Family Marathon! It was a great event!
- Important upcoming dates:
  - November 16: Family Marathon (Tracks 1 & 3)
  - November 23-25: NO SCHOOL (HOLIDAYS)
  - November 29: STEM Night 6:00-8:00pm
  - November 29: Track 1 🧠 Q2 Growth Mindset Assembly, Time TBD
  - December 20: Tracks 2, 3, 4 🧠 Q2 Growth Mindset Assemblies. Times TBD

### **Treasurer Report** – Julie Chase

- Taxes filed as of last night.
- All money has come in from the Apex Leadership fundraiser

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Apex Leadership** – Laurie Jendrasiak

- \$55,886 take-home profit (budgeted for \$50k)
- For next year: Mandy has reached out to other companies to get competitive offers, etc., just to do due diligence research prior to signing a contract for next year. Some other companies offer t-shirts, a discount on playground equipment, a corporate match program, etc., which could make it easier and could increase \$ received. Mandy will circle back with details.
- Apex Leadership contract for next year has been received, but we haven't signed it or decided for sure to go with them for next school year.

- Tracks 1, 2, and 3 all together (all tracked in), then Track 4 later: worked well! Dance/glow party was nice as it is not weather-dependent and fewer volunteers were needed
- Good timing - less confusion with scheduling, versus family marathon, etc.
- Feedback: more glow sticks, more glow-related prizes, more decorations, spirit day dress up in neon glow
- Stick to the dance glow party!

### **Walk to School Wednesday** – Ed Hornbeck

- Last one was not super successful - poetry practice for Tracks 2 and 4 was that morning.
- More communication for next month about collection for Western Wake Ministry
- Lindsay Mahaffey participated
- Apex Mayor will come to a future walk to school Wednesday
- Ed will provide more communication to teachers

### **Family Marathon** – Mandy Wagstaff

- Tracks 2 and 4 last week
- Tracks 1 and 3: tomorrow, parents can run with their children, 2:30 pm
- Need more communication with teachers (Mandy W had issues with emails not being sent out); need to educate new families and remind families what the event is
- Not a ton of participation (approx 160 students total); how do we increase engagement and participation? Coach Roberts is very passionate about this event.

### **Volunteer Program** – Allie Sandoval

- Watch DOGS (Dads Of Great Students): national program since late 1990s to provide positive male role models to students; level of bullying was found to decrease when more males were present
- At OCE: Be introduced on the morning news, wear a badge with name and children, help with lunch duty, run errands, assist with dismissal
  - All must be WCPSS-approved volunteers
  - Allie would complete groundwork for the program
  - Run in conjunction with the PTA
  - Funding needs:
    - \$3 per day for each volunteer to provide school lunch
    - \$16 for t-shirts (maybe just do a badge?)
  - Tuesday and Friday (two days per week)
  - Executed by front office, who will guide volunteers
  - Hoping to start in Jan 2023
  - Half day or full day options; easy opportunity to use volunteer hours
  - One AM and one PM shift per day
  - Open to fathers, father-figures, grandparents, etc.
- A place to start to increase engagement...

### **Staff appreciation** - Angie

- Gift wrapping for teachers/staff by volunteers
- Mr Salzman is doing an upcoming staff lunch

### **Additional Information:**

- Let's try to put more information on Facebook - Beacon links, maybe daily posts/reminders
- Lufkin band would like to come on Dec 7 to play music for 4th and 5th grades during lunch
- Lufkin program: Dads on campus
- PTA graphic (Beth): numbers for last school year or current?
  - Do current numbers (for 2022)... needs information about what to state the money is going toward. Yay Julie - put together some info for Beth
- City BBQ: ~\$153 profit
- Change text on ocepta website to indicate open meetings rather than Board meetings.
- Parent connection meetings: should we try to have more? maybe another evening one after the holidays
- Spirit Wear: ordered a bunch of neon shirts, have 70 left, paid \$2500 and have collected \$2100 so far; planning a flash sale at track out for \$10 to just reduce stock - limited sizes, cleaning out; then can have fresh merchandise in the spring
- We have 250 magnets; no plan for how to use them - contest? give to Watch DOGS? give to PTA members?
- Board advisory meeting - Bridget Robertson
  - Lindsay Mahaffey remains our district representative
  - Someone from facilities: asked lifespan of cottages; Ms May got this person (Charles? Charlie?) to agree to come take a look at OCE cottages
    - Apparently ours are in good condition comparatively