

**OCE PTA Meeting Minutes**  
**May 10, 2022**  
**OCE Courtyard - Thank you, Ms May, for the lovely lunch!!**

**Attendance:** Carolyn Bentley, Mandy MacNaughton, Erin May, Robyn Salzman, Jen Curtis-Maury, Bridget Robertson, Mandy Wagstaff, Shannon May, Laurie Jendrasiak, Kelli Joyner, Angie Kirkland, Julie Chase

**Welcome/Introduction** - Mandy MacNaughton

- **Budget Spending Ideas** for the end of the school year (June 30):
  - The PTA has approximately \$40,000 in surplus right now; if more than ~10% of income is carried over, this may endanger the non-profit status
  - It is important to spend this money on things that benefit all students and on long-lasting purchases
  - Pre-Assembled Benches: \$375 each from Uline
    - Boy Scout will make 3 benches
    - Plan to order 10 additional benches to meet the teachers' request (12); these will be similar to the benches on the picnic tables and will be placed as indicated by the teachers' wish list
    - These benches can be free-standing or mounted in cement
  - World Music Drumming Kit: \$4800
    - Approved!
    - Music teacher has also expressed interest in starting a drumming club
  - Professional power washing of cottages and cement patio areas
    - Approved!
    - Mandy Wagstaff will oversee getting quotes
  - Kiln: ~\$7000
    - Approved!
    - This will have to go through facilities
  - Interior mural/painting
    - Outdoor murals by the cottages might not be possible
    - Will require a facility modification request
    - Mandy is in contact with the artist who did the murals at AFMS
  - Interior bathroom inspirational quotes/art: maybe next year (unless budget allows)
  - Playground structures: this can be on the wish list for fundraising next school year (e.g., additional basketball court, fitness equipment)
  - 5th grade stepping stones from cottages to sidewalk
    - Jen C-M and Mandy were going to walk the cottages to take a look
    - Jen C-M may contact her landscaper to get ideas for dealing with the drainage and water issues near the cottages
  - Umbrellas for students/teachers in cottages:
    - Most students either bring an umbrella or don't care
    - Ms May has requested a few more of the black and white OCE umbrellas for carpool (if funds are available)

- Positivity Project:
  - Yes, Ms May would like this for next year and will renew the contract.
- Art supplies replenishment
- **Donation** to Apex Friendship ES PTA
  - It is common to give new local schools a small gift (\$50-500) once the PTA has formed
  - Approved!
- **Go Play Save Fundraiser**
  - As there is no chair for next year, we are going to send home an envelope with instructions for ordering (not sending home books to all students); this may decrease profit (~\$10K to ~\$4K) but will be less work.
  - Approved this approach.
- **Kindergarten Orientation** is tonight (May 10), and **New Family Orientation** is June 15: Mandy will try to fill some positions at these events.
  - There will be advertisements at these events to sign up to receive the Beacon via a QR code and google doc
  - Ms May will send a flyer with the QR code for Beacon sign-up to the new families
- **Google Drive** is officially set up!
  - Please create a folder and add anything pertaining to your committee; especially if you are leaving the school or will not return to your position next year
  - Would love to have a document / folder / anything that gives a description of the position, tips and hints for success, and anything someone taking over would need to be successful.
- **Fulfilled Positions!**
  - Teacher appreciation: Angie Kirkland
  - Membership and Volunteer Coordinator: Anne Miller
  - Apex Leadership Fun Run: Laurie Jendrasiak
  - Family marathon: Mandy Wagstaff
  - New parent welcome: Kelli Joyner
  - 5th grade present: Laurie Jendrasiak
  - Field day: Kelli Joyner
  - **Positions needed:** Walk to school Wednesday, Spirit wear, Spirit nights, Website/CheddarUp
- Dr Gamble (incoming AFES principal) met with OCE students who will be moving to AFES next school year

### Principal Report – Ms. May

- It is end-of-the-year season and things are crazy!
- Thank you for Sunset Slush on the teacher workday; it was a half day of structured activities and a half day of free work time.
- Updates regarding next school year:
  - No waitlist for 2nd, 4th, or 5th grade

- Enrollment is decreasing from 1030 to 980; primarily losing students in the upper grades as the lower grades are being filled from the waitlist (schools with more than 850 students get 2 APs, so OCE is not in danger of losing an AP position)
- 4th and 5th grade teachers will not have to move cottages next year
- 1st grade
  - New hire for T4
  - Ms Ridpath and Ms Bossman are leaving
- 2nd grade
  - Ms Bechard (T2) is leaving
  - OCE will need 9 2nd grade classes next year, so Ms May is hiring 2 new teachers for 2nd grade
- 3rd grade
  - Ms Ford is leaving (AFES); her replacement has been hired already.
- 4th grade
  - Will likely have only 5-6 classes next year; 3 teachers transferred to other schools (Joyner, Stancil, and Naconieczny); will likely have single track for T1, T2, and T3, with 2 classes for T4 (will add another T1 class if enrollment supports it).
- 5th grade
  - Ms Trainor is moving to AIG; Nicky Parker is a new hire for T4
- Mr Boyer, the new AP, started yesterday (May 9)
- Report cards and teacher assignments for next year will go home on the last day of school.
- Meet the Teacher: tentative dates are July 6 (1 pm for T1, 2 pm for T2, and 3 pm for T3) and July 28 (T4; if early release days are approved)
- Early release days may come back next school year (will know May 17)
  - These days are great for teachers, allow teachers on all tracks to meet and work together
  - If early release days come back, Saturday makeup days are more likely as there will be less banked time.
  - 2022-23 school calendar will be finalized around May 18
- How is the COVID situation at OCE?
  - approximately 4 cases per week, no known clusters → check the WCPSS dashboard for the latest numbers
  - Mr Boyer, Ms Smith, and Ms Rogan are in charge of COVID-related things

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

- OCE PTA Venmo and Paypal accounts are active; will need to set guidelines for using these accounts to ensure easy accounting.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Spirit Night**

- \$55 raised from Kwench
- Need someone to take over Spirit Nights for next year!

### **Grandparents Breakfast**

- Around 325 people showed up! Used indoor and outdoor space.
- Served donuts, yogurt, biscuits and coffee and had games to play.
- Next one is this upcoming Thursday; see the email from Rachael for volunteer needs

### **Spring Carnival**

- Rescheduled for June 4, 4-7 PM

### **Book Fair** - Angie Kirkland

- Bingo winners would like pizza
  - Approved!
- As of this morning (May 10), income was \$11,600, which is in line with previous years
- Shelves are bare, the last reorder will go in tomorrow (Wednesday) morning

### **Field Day** - Kelli Joyner

- First one went well, and things are all set for T4 field day (this Thursday)
- Feedback: let's go bigger! YES! ideas include renting large inflatable balls (perhaps chat with Scotts Ridge to get ideas based on their field day)

### **Fun Run/Apex Leadership**

- Dates are set for next school year: Oct 3-14 (T1-3) and Oct 24-Nov 4 (T4)

### **Advocacy** - Bridget Robertson

- Lindsay Mahaffey (WCPSS Board President) help a meeting last night
  - Discussed early release dates, new schools opening, bond on the ballot in the fall
  - Mentioned that Saturday school is more likely with early release dates
  - Budget: District 8 (Lindsay's district) has lost schools due to population shift
    - Developed and presented by Board, but they have no authority to tax (or other means) to fund the budget
    - This year's recommended budget is ~\$600 million, a \$56 million increase over last year. This amounts to \$3300/student, up from \$2790/student
  - Priorities are compensation, technology, behavioral support, and maintenance/operations
  - There is an open forum for students, teachers, and parents to provide input based on the general question: What is important to obtain before graduating (knowledge, skills, etc.)? After receiving input, people can rate the importance of ideas, and a cycle of input and ranking will continue to identify areas of importance.

### **Additional Information:**

- Next meeting: Proposed location - Vicious Fishes, June 14, 11 am