

OCE PTA Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2022
Cottage 514

Attendance: Mandy MacNaughton, Erin May, Laurie Jendrasiak, Julie Chase, Carolyn Bentley, Beth Lavin, Ed Hornbeck, Angie Kirkland, Jen Curtis-Maury, Kelli Joyner, Anne Miller, Jeannie Noon, Raunuq Soin

Welcome/Introduction - Mandy MacNaughton, President

- Looking into a new spirit wear company to get softer t shirts; consider one that offers an online store for parents to shop, which makes it more hands-off for us, they can support 2 different designs and can do shirts for one-time events as well. Kathryn is meeting tomorrow with this company.
 - Sold most of our inventory that we ordered over the summer
 - Question: Can we get dry fit shirts like those for landlubbers?
 - Question: Will cost be an issue? Currently we sell shirts for \$15, we may have to sell shirts from this new company at \$17-18.
- Teacher Survey Update
 - Ms. May purchased cork strips for the hallways and 20 new OCE umbrellas and put in a work order to have WCPSS change the filters on the water fountains.
 - New Promethean boards are here now!
 - Ideas for fundraising for this year:
 - Murals for interior and cottages
 - Diversity and inclusion books (in classroom libraries)
 - Mandy attended the Diversity and inclusion meeting yesterday; they are still figuring out how to implement this at OCE. The current idea is to have books in each classroom that tie into grade level curriculums (e.g., PTA purchase 5 books per classroom that tie into lessons)
 - Ideas to get books: book drive with Kids Corp or other clubs; amazon registry for books that can be shipped to the school
 - Could also use Book Fair/Scholastic dollars to purchase books (they don't expire, we could reserve some \$ for later in the year)
 - New classroom signs?
 - Replace the flags that hang outside classrooms; maybe like garden flag material
 - Outdoor classroom possibilities
 - Flooding at cottages: Mandy met with the teachers and they said nothing really works or lasts long-term (e.g., rocks washed away). As the land is below the sidewalk, there is likely no permanent option other than raising the land level.
 - Question: Can we cement more walkways? Ms May will check current work orders
 - Shade structure for outdoor classroom; we can create some sort of classroom outside cottage 514; something around the

- cottage library; could move some picnic tables to create this space
 - Ms May: Can we remove the wood picnic tables? Yes, we can plan to do that.
 - Another request: move Staff appreciation week to the national week (first week of May) and then do it a few weeks later for the staff/teachers that are tracked out that week. We will adopt this suggestion this year and see how it goes
- Update from Sean Kernick
 - \$8400 quote for interior mural project (near cafeteria and gym); some teachers want to keep some elements of the current mural.
 - Next steps involve setting up a phone call to review the vision, explore what content could be illustrated. Then, set milestones for sketches to review and then execute the murals.
- Movie night: Cary teen council volunteered; current needs: 100 ft extension cord and projector; ended up with approx \$100 profit.
 - Let's do one in the spring as well!
 - Rachel made a nice spreadsheet with all the info
- In-school grant fund for next year?
- School-wide sign-up genius for supplies, wants, etc.
- Specialists' wish lists: can add to things to the Beacon regarding needs

Principal Report – Ms. May

- Thank yous: Angie (and volunteers) - sundae bar for early release, Jersey Mike's (teacher work day); book fair has been great; movie night had a huge turnout! (77 pizzas, likely 200-300 people; the purchased screen and speakers worked well)
- Mayela DeGuillermo: our longtime custodian got promoted to head custodian!
- Geetha Brahmanapalli is our new ECS1 IA!
- Kathy Franzone is our new 1st grade Track 2 IA!
- ECS1 and 2 are hard to hire for; Ms May used school money to hire a certified teacher (welcome Chelsea Drob) as part-time to help with lesson planning and paperwork while we have an ECS1 vacancy.
- Music vacancy still open, but have a good candidate
- Open position: track 1 first grade: poor applicant pool right now, takes longer to fill a position (3-6 months) than it used to (3 weeks)
- Updates:
 - New Promethean boards delivered yesterday, will be installed tomorrow
 - Staff meeting on Thursday to learn about them, along with in-house development over the next few months to learn to use them
 - No PTA money needed for these
 - The boards will be on a cart, nothing will be mounted or removed; if old smart boards work, they have to be kept on the wall
 - IA appreciation day this upcoming Friday - administration will provide breakfast for them, and they will celebrate track 1 when they come back in
 - Clubs: Garden, robotics, and craft clubs have started; more will be starting soon

- Kindness club (Marie Jones): starting with 4th graders, have emailed parents already
- Need parent rep for Kids Corps (Ms Mallamut and Ms Miller will help but cannot lead)
 - Could get sent out in a Deckhands email
- Craft club: Question about the supply list: should we have people pay \$5 when joining (like LEGO club used to do)? Needs a collaborator (Mandy will) to chat about funding, priorities for needs for the club
- Night of Poetry coming soon, seems to be lots of interest from the students
- School designation scores (based on EOG 3-5 scores), NC gives each school a letter grade based on growth and proficiency (see [news article](#))
 - OCE received an A; WCPSS does not agree with the state formula so we don't advertise the results (see the [OCE progress report](#))
 - WCPSS Progress Report: based on 2021-2022 school year;
 - OCE had a positive growth measure (0.93); we outperform the region, county (see WCPSS results [here](#)), and state based on EOGs;
 - Also get compared to similar schools; based on this comparison, we have met or exceeded our peer schools the past 7 or so years
 - OCE has an excellent school climate (from the Teacher Working Condition survey, 100% participation)
 - OCE goal based on these results: decrease turnover (under 10%)

Treasurer Report – Julie Chase

Committee Reports

Staff Appreciation – Angie Kirkland and Kelli Joyner

- Jersey Mike's was a hit last week
- She is starting to work on fall treat cart for October

Book Fair – Angie Kirkland and Kelli Joyner

- Amazing! \$16500 in sales so far, movie night had \$3500 in sales
- For spring: How are we going to coordinate with teacher appreciation week, movie night, grandparents' breakfast, and carnival?
 - One idea is to move the spring book fair to Feb/March (Feb 27-Mar 10?) - could combine the gym and cafeteria to make a bigger space for grandparents' breakfast

Movie Night – Rachael Nichols

- Movie night was a big success! New layout worked great.
- Volunteers from Cary Teen council were very helpful as were the parent volunteers and the APs. It is essential to have enough hands on deck.

- Rachael purchased every component needed for a successful movie night, and created a how-to document for the set up. All we need is a projector and a 100-foot extension cord.
- Notes in drive about what worked and didn't work.
- Income: \$920 (pizza and shout outs), \$590 concessions (cash), and \$193 concessions (venmo)
- Expenses: \$271 (screen, cables, DVD player, DVD), \$82.20 (cables and extension cords), \$550.24 concessions, and \$700 pizza
- Wasn't a money maker, but it didn't cost anything and we have most everything needed for a future movie night.

Cultural Arts – Bethany Iannone

- Antonio Rocha Thursday, October 20, Track 4 out
- Ramya Kapadia Wednesday, November 9, Track 3 out
- Transit Vocal Band Thursday, February 16, Track 2 out
- Michael Beadle Wednesday, March 8, Track 1 out
- K-2 1:45-2:45
- 3-5 2:00-3:00

Go Play Save Fundraiser - Raunaq Soin

- \$4150 profit! We planned on raising \$2800.
- Not sending the books home was way easier, and we still surpassed our goal

Walk to School Wednesday – Ed Hornbeck

- Need to communicate about dates, etc.
- Coach Roberts will not be here for Oct 5; Can Ms May meet kids that walk at the front table?
- Maybe Ms May could walk with kids from Kelly Road Park?
- Reaching out to town about ??? sidewalks, etc.
- WCPSS or Wake County want to replicate this program at schools in Raleigh and at Friendship schools; all about safe paths to school
- oce.communications@gmail.com (Alli - for all communication needs)
- Will reach out with volunteer needs

Apex Leadership – Laurie Jendrasiak

- Main fundraiser; Apex Remix Glow Fitness, do fitness moves (25-36) instead of running laps; each grade level will have their own time
- Laurie will send Alli timelines and check in
- Laurie will be tracked out some of the dates, she may need someone to cover
- They handle everything (prizes, meetings, documents, etc.)

Family Marathon – Mandy Wagstaff

- 100 registered
- 220 medals from past years so no need to purchase any more but we do need to order more race numbers.

- Would be good to get a few pictures of kids running that can be tweeted or reposted.

New Family Welcome – Kelli Joyner

- New family welcome socials are 9/21 (9:30 am) and 9/29 (6:30 pm). Kelli could use a few more members to get everyone socializing.

Cheddar Up – Rebecca Patel

- Over the last month, we closed the 5th grade T-shirt orders, OCE Movie Night and Family Marathon Registrations
- Received notice from Katie Paxton that 4th Grade will be setting up orders for T-Shirts so I will work with her to create the CheddarUp order form.
- PTA memberships and Rent the Rock still periodically coming in.
- \$6,394 available for withdrawal across all collections

Additional Information/discussion:

- Pizza night: rolls of stickers - place correct number in each teacher's box, leave note as to when to give kids the stickers