

OCE PTA Meeting Minutes
June 20, 2023
Media Center

Attendance: Erin May, Mandy MacNaughton, Robyn Salzman, Laurie Jendrasiak, Angie Kirkland, Julie Chase, Loretto Ewen, Carolyn Bentley, Beth Lavin, Melissa Tumm, Charissa Bruckman, Allie Sandoval, Ed Hornbeck, Kathryn Broaddus

Principal Update - Erin May

Shout-outs and Celebrations:

- We are almost done with the "CI" in Clopening! Tracks 2, 3, and 4 staff are pushing through.
 - EOG scores are coming in, and the growth as a school looks awesome! mClass scores are looking great as well.
- Shout out to Karen Davis, who is retiring June 30, after 30 years in education! We have been so fortunate to have her at OCE for 22 of those years!
- Big thanks to all the EOG, office, and lunch volunteers. The extra help has been awesome!
- Big thank you to the volunteers for installing the new stepping stones to the cottages!

School announcements:

- On Monday, June 26, we will begin to utilize a new carpool system. Similar to the drive-thru line at our local Chick-fil-A, we will use a double-stack system; one lane will become two lanes, then will revert back to one lane.
 - Thank you to the Apex Chick-fil-a for helping create our new carpool video. We had so much fun making it and hope it helps parents pay attention to the new system. Thank you to Kathryn Broaddus, Ashley Charles, and Allie Sandoval for organizing the whole production!
 - New carpool process starts next Monday
 - Apex PD will be present at the beginning to help direct traffic
 - Q: Should we place funny signs along the carpool line??
 - We created a video, map and a diagram that we hope you will find helpful.
- Welcome letters (next year's teacher), EOG scores and report cards will continue to be sent home on the last day of school.
- We are fully staffed for the 23-24 school year!
 - Changes:
 - New speech teacher- Jennifer Wiley (experienced)
 - New AIG teacher- Julie Morgan (Mrs McMaster will stay home) - coming from Chatham County
- WCPSS will no longer support Google Classroom and will be mandating that schools use Canvas for the digital learning platform. Will be a phased-in process, so expect some different use during the transition period.

Important dates for 2022-23 school year:

- June 20 - 5th Grade TK234 Math EOG
- June 21 - 5th Grade TK234 Science EOG
- June 22 - 4th Grade TK234 ELA EOG & 3rd Grade RTA TK234
- June 23 - 4th Grade TK234 Math EOG

- June 26 - EOG makeups
- June 27- 5th Grade Sail Up Ceremonies
 - T23 at 10 am
 - T4 at 1:30 pm
- June 29: NO SCHOOL - TEACHER WORKDAY
- June 30: NO SCHOOL - TEACHER WORKDAY

Important dates for 2023-24 school year:

- Meet the teacher: you can meet your child's teacher, tour the school, and sign up for our PTA
- Open House: you will learn more about your child's classroom and curriculum
- July 10: Meet the Teacher T123
 - Track 1: 1:00-1:45
 - Track 2: 2:00-2:45
 - Track 3: 3:00-3:45
- July 25, 6:00-7:30 pm: Open House T123
- July 28, 4:30 pm: Meet the Teacher T4
- August 17, 6:00-7:30 pm: Open House T4
- Must register to be a WCPSS volunteer each year, but next year you will be able to complete this process from home
- New check-in procedure starting next school year (similar to IdentiKid), paid for by WCPSS, will scan ID at school door

Welcome/Introduction - Mandy MacNaughton, President

- Robyn set out a Sign-up Genius to fill open positions for next year, which was very successful. A few remaining spots are open: Go Play Save, Event Co-Chairs (would like to have someone co-chair with Rachael this year as it's her last year at OCE), and Jump Rope for Heart.
- Sean Kernick - Muralist
 - Here are the latest updates on the mural from Sean for the exterior. We have been through 2 more review rounds. Will continue to tweak until it is right!
 - Latest Round:



- Change "vision" to growth
- Incorporate words into the graphic (e.g., determination in the boat)
- Scrapping borders
- Robyn Salzman: approved as PTA President for 2023-2025 term
- Ed Hornbeck: approved as PTA Vice President for 2023-2025 term
- Fence will be installed by the lower playground, from Kelly Rd fence, wrap around by carpool all the way to the existing fence in the bushes with a gate near the bushes to enter the lower playground - estimate \$4000 - will be installed between school years
- Rock wall in gym will be taken down, and wall will be painted

VP Report – Robyn Salzman

- working on MemberHub (soon to be "Give Backs") set-up; PTA is required to use MemberHub - Melissa is taking over membership for 2023-24
- Laurie is working on Rent the Rock set-up as a fundraiser

- PTA table and Spirit Wear at Meet the Teacher July 10 (Grades 1-5) and July 17 (K)

Treasurer Report – Julie Chase

- May budget update:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qeIVRyldfMICdPJAUlb8Ow-zZQqOLiZ-/view?usp=sharing>
- 2023-24 Budget Draft
 - Carryover from this year will impact next year's budget
 - Most \$ will go through MemberHub, which will simplify things
 - Goal to eliminate Venmo and Paypal and be as cash-less and check-less as possible
 - Will vote on final budget at T123 Open House
- Debit Card!
 - NCPTA just approved the use of debit cards by PTA; will eliminate the need for the reimbursement process for larger purchases
- End of year budget procedures
 - Any remaining invoices to be paid or reimbursements need to be submitted asap: <http://bit.ly/OCEPTAchecks>
 - 2022-23 financial audit will be completed in June/July, will then be filed with NCPTA
 - Thank you to Kelly Joyner and Kari Hughes (audit committee)
 - Welcome Loretto Ewen to the audit committee for 2023-24
- Considerable carryover: Julie will create restricted funds categories to deal with this carryover based on conversation with NCPTA rep
- The 2023-24 planned budget is scaled back 23% across the board regarding income, and we haven't had the planned big items the last few years that we used to have (no need for technology line items since COVID) - continue our goal of not aiming to make money in all things

Committee Reports

Teacher appreciation: Angie Kirkland

- We will provide breakfast and lunch for teachers at Clopening
- For EOG testing this week, we've provided snacks and drinks
 - Lost ice cream over the weekend due to freezer opening
 - Angie will order some freezer door latches
 - Angie will replace all the ice cream!
- Sunset Slush next Friday
- July 5: First Watch for breakfast and Mexican lunch
- Cleaned out the teachers' and PTA fridges/freezers!
- July 10: Lunch from Randy's Pizza - Beth and Robyn will help out

Spirit Wear: Kathryn Broaddus

- Inventory: low on Youth Medium, tighter fitting shirt so expected more sizing up
- Plenty for new staff (school will pay for these)

- Jody (spirit wear rep): other hot items - drawstring backpacks, water bottles, t-shirts (same logo but different color shirts), stress balls, pencils, bucket cap hats, stickers, lanyards, tumblers
 - Thoughts: nice water bottles but otherwise we don't really need these things
- Sweatshirts in fall
- Stock can be through MemberHub, can pre-order through here to give us an idea of what inventory people want

Additional Information:

- Is there space for another freezer? If someone can find one, there will be space for it.
- Rent the Rock:
 - Laurie is working on the sign-up now, will go live for everyone at the same time
 - Send Laurie specific dates for PTA to block sign-ups
 - A paint-the-rock artist reached out (you can hire her to paint the rock)
 - Thoughts: negative feel for people who cannot afford her
 - Don't want it to be a sponsored competition
 - Spray paint for background, super thick paint pens work well for details
 - Could make a flyer with information on painting the rock based on the one for Morrisville Elementary (??)