

OCE PTA Meeting Agenda

July 16, 2024

Attendance: Kelli Joyner, Robyn Salzman, Sandy Pittman, Jessica Hamilton, Kelly O'Hare, Melanie McGraw (Pew), Marianna Jaffe, Mia and Joe Heil, Meagan Bereman, Stephanie Trinkle, Beth Lavin, Bethany Schneider, Sindhu Sripuram, Loretto Ewen, Carolyn Bentley, Laurie Jendrasiak, Mandy MacNaughton, Erin May, Ed & Erica Hornbeck, Kat Roblez, Kathryn Broaddus

Welcome/Updates - Robyn Salzman, President

- New Positions
 - Membership Coordinator - Marianna Jaffe
 - Up to 123 members
 - Volunteer Coordinator - Julie Goudy?
 - Teacher Appreciation - Jessica Ferguson, Jessica Hamilton & Allison Hogan
 - 5th grade PTA liaison - Kelly O'Hare
- Remaining needs:
 - Website updater (see notes below)
 - School kits chair
 - Family marathon
 - Fall/spring fest chair (co-chairs): Fall fest Sept 27
 - Co-chair for book fair: Loretto Ewen
 - Fall book fair Sept 23-Oct 3
 - Spirit wear apprentice: Melanie McGraw
- Volunteers needed on July 23, 5:30-7:30, at Open House to push memberships and sell T shirts
- Upcoming events in the next few months - Go Play Save fundraiser, Apex Leadership Fun Run, Fall Fest, Fall Book Fair!
- Website updates: the PTA website needs a large overhaul and then monthly uploads of meeting minutes and budget updates, with some updates to event dates, etc., throughout the year
 - Yogash currently manages the website but does not have the bandwidth to do all these updates
 - Cannot put all our website things in MemberHub
 - Need a volunteer who knows how to build and update websites; Melanie McGraw will see if her husband is interested
 - PTA is open to different options to simplify/streamline communication/website

Principal's Update

Mrs. May's Update

Celebrations:

- Thank you to the PTA for all of the goodies during clopening. We were treated to Sunset Slush on the final days of school and to three meals throughout the kick-off week! Thank you for making our staff feel appreciated during a busy time.
 - Photo booth to "Spotlight Excellence"
 - Our generous PTA helps get and retain good educators at OCE!
- We had successful Meet the Teacher and Tissue and Tea events to welcome our new families. Thank you for the PTA presence!
- Thank you PTA for painting the rock for my birthday!

School announcements:

- We have 1050 K-5 students this year (1070 including the PreK & ECS classrooms). We are now the largest elementary school in WCPSS out of 122 elementary schools!
 - 109 new students
 - We are not capped in 3 grades (K, 4th, and 5th)
 - We have added an additional classroom (5th grade) and filled each class to add over 100 students from our waitlist.
 - We have added four teaching positions to support the new students: one teacher, one first grade IA, and two part-time teaching positions
 - Our AIG teachers are mobile (one working out of the media center and one working out of track out rooms).
 - We have three specialists that are mobile and go to classrooms.
 - We have hired the BEST new staff for 24-25!
- We are finishing the updates for our new clubs for 24-25! The [OCE Club Hub](#) will be updated by this Friday and sent out to all parents. The first club open is Chorus Club.
 - We still would love new parent leaders for the following clubs or they will be discontinued: Lego Club, Garden Club, Robotics Club (Beth Lavin wants to help but cannot lead) and Chess Club.
 - Kids Corp: Erin May and Kat Roblez
 - Always open to new club ideas!
 - Q: Can parents volunteer for Landlubbers to hold runs when track 1 is out? Likely yes, but need to check with Ms Jones
- Here are the new responses for the [Staff Favorites](#).
- Open House will now have childcare provided by the YMCA! This will be going out today: [Information Here](#)

DEI changes:

- Staggered entry days go through the end of the school day to let students ride the bus home
- 5th grade sail up ceremony will be in the evening starting at the end of this school year

Important dates to remember:

July 23 - Open House for Tracks 1, 2 & 3 [Information](#)

July 26 4:30-5:30 p.m. - Meet the Teacher, Track 4 (1st-5th grade)

July 29 - First Day of School, Track 4 (1st-5th grade)

August 5 - First Day of School, Track 4 (Kindergarten)

August 13 - Open House, Track 4

Treasurer Report - Bethany Schneider

[2024-2025 Draft Budget](#)

The annual financial audit for the 2023-24 school year was completed on 7/10/24. Marianna Jaffe, Jon Stanewick, and Loretto Ewen served as our auditors. All items were marked as compliant again this year. A signed copy of the audit checklist along with the final year-end budget are available for the PTA records and for anyone to review.

Committee Reports

Go Play Save fundraiser - Mandy MacNaughton

- Packets going out starting this week

Spirit Wear - Kathryn Broaddus and Laurie Jendrasiak

- New OCE shirts are for sale in the Spirit wear store
- We have stickers to give out with flyers to join the PTA
- Melanie will apprentice with Kathryn this school year

Teacher Appreciation - Jessica, Jessica, Allison

- Need dates for events (all teachers in session) - Erin May will plan with the team
- Food sensitivities/restrictions - is there a google form? Need to create one
 - Previously, this was done at the level of gluten-free (did approx half and half) and vegetarian
- Look at google drive documents - Laurie can go through them with the team

Fall Book Fair - Stephanie Trinkle

- Loretto Ewen will help with this

Cultural Arts - Meagan Bereman

[Cultural Arts 24-25](#)

- Picket Fence Project in October!
 - October 14-18 - Tracks 1&3
 - 9:35-10:25- Jones/McCarty (1)
 - 10:35-11:25- Pittman (1)
 - 11:35-12:25- Orton (3)
 - 1:25-2:15- Sullivan (3)
 - October 28 - November 1 - Tracks 2&4
 - 9:35-10:25- Hermanson (2)
 - 10:35-11:25- Martin (4)
 - 11:35-12:25- Christenson (4)
 - 7 classes total, ~25 students each = 181 students (Ms May to check headcount)
 - Can Ms Harris help out as well?
 - She will be tracked out for the first session, and one teacher will likely be going on maternity leave (may get a long-term sub) - Additional cost to cover sub if Ms. Harris is not available?
 - Total cost: \$4100 for 7 classes (after receiving the \$500 grant)
 - Need to purchase zip ties to attach the pickets to the fence: \$50 from Amazon (Meagan has leftovers and will purchase a few additional packs)
- February: Dave MacDonald-Graphic Artist (returning from last year)
 - \$950 for 2 performances- 3-5th graders only
 - 3rd grade-will do same program as last year, as new 3rd graders have not seen the program and it's well matched with the peter pan curriculum
 - 4/5th grade-will ask at the Expo for a new workshop for these students
- February: Trent Arterberry: an award-winning performing artist whose unique brand of physical theater combines mime, storytelling, comedy, and drama - four different one-man shows are available.
 - \$795 1 performance- K-2
- Would like to invite specialists to the artist expo to see if there is interest (Kenzie McConnell is the specialist leader)

Spirit Night - Meagan Bereman

- Emails out to Fresh for an end of summer spirit night and to Papa Johns to get 2 dates on the calendar (Oct/Feb)
- Will definitely have spirit nights at Culvers (x2?) and Dugout - any date preferences?
- Any other ideas/connections to pursue?

School Supply Kits - Bethany Schneider

- Sold 16 at Meet the Teacher for Tracks 1, 2, 3
- Sold XX at Kindergarten Meet the Teacher
- Will sell again on July 26 for Track 4
- Feedback?
 - 4th grade agendas were blank and DIY
 - 4th grade only came with 1 pad of post its
 - Teacher lists were not the same as the vendor lists
 - Were these grade-level lists? Where did this discrepancy come from? Seems like an internal OCE communication issue...
 - Concerns about long-term quality for certain items; perhaps leave some items off the list to purchase separately - e.g., agendas, headphones?
 - Can we somehow make the price appear to include free shipping (even if this increases the price)?
 - For supplies that are leftover or can be used from year to year, is there a way to share these extra supplies? E.g., a supply fair/table/drive

Advocacy/DEI - Kat Roblez

- School board updates: meeting tonight at 5:30 - talking about Title IX changes, meeting will be broadcast online, must be in person to speak at the meeting,
- Will start trying to sending out monthly DEI and school board updates

Apex Leadership Fundraiser - Laurie Jendrasiak

- Dates: August 26 - ??
- Back to a fun run this year
- Fall fest will be held at the conclusion of the fundraiser

Additional Information:

- Can we make a shared calendar with all PTA event dates? Some suggestions to use the OCE calendar, which parents can subscribe to, although with this option the PTA could not add tentative dates
- Request for a more public “few months at a glance” PTA calendar
- Rent the Rock sign-up is live
- Room parent coordinator/questions: Laurie will send out the information