

OCE PTA Meeting Agenda

August 13, 2024

Attendance: Robyn Salzman, Kathryn Broaddus, Carolyn Bentley, Ed Hornbeck, Bethany Schneider, Kelly O'Hare, Jessica Hamilton, Julie Chase, Loretto Ewen, Jessica Ferguson, Allison Hogan, Stephanie Trinkle, Laurie Jendrasiak, Erin May

Welcome/Updates - Robyn Salzman, President

- Website Upgrade! <https://www.ocepta.com/>
 - Thank you to Nancy Ku!
- Business Sponsorships
 - Keith O'Hare signed another 2-year sponsorship
 - If you know of any businesses that might want to be a sponsor, please contact Robyn
 - These sponsorships are helpful in providing money for extra things that aren't tied to fundraisers, etc.
- Membership update - 226 members
 - Perhaps add a winter membership drive
 - Track 4 Open House is tonight - will hopefully get more
 - Includes about 75 staff; first 5 got a new t-shirt, then the next 20 teachers who joined got an electronic pencil sharpener or a personal laminator
- New Muralist to update the mural by the gym/cafeteria (Rachel Writes NC)
- Clubs - Lego Club - Stephanie will lead this and change to different grades
- Fall fest: end of Sept/Oct fundraiser
 - food trucks, bounce houses (more than last time but a different company), DJ
 - Send any ideas to Robyn - yard games, magician (Dan the Magic Man), face painting, tattoos
 - Ms May is open to a dunk tank for Spring Fest

Principal's Update

Mrs. May's Update

Celebrations:

- Thank you to the PTA for the popcorn treat at the end of July and for the \$50 gift cards to teachers for school supplies.
- Thank you to our PTA president and Vice President for representing at Open House, Meet the Teacher, and Tissue and Tea. Thank you to all the other volunteers who helped sell shirts and encourage PTA membership.

School announcements:

- New clubs have been loaded each week on the OCE Club Hub

- Just added flag football
- This year, we will have two science fairs:
 - K-2 on January 22, 2025 (experience only)
 - 3-5 on January 23, 2025 (judged competition); Grade 3-5 winners will have the opportunity to compete in a regional competition at NC State
- Anyone interested in helping support OCE being in the Apex Christmas Parade? We would love to host a float this year and have some of our clubs represent our school.
- Traffic and Safety Update- see [8.9.24 Parent Message](#)
- Grade levels are planning field trips. DC is our first confirmed field trip, and the rest should be finalized soon. Typical 4th grade field trips (Wilmington), new 3rd grade field trips
- Lunchroom update
 - Parents are welcome to have lunch with their child at the visitor table.
 - We have a new stoplight in place to help monitor volume. Students can earn two doubloons if they stay in a safe volume range (green/yellow). Getting on red does not indicate students should be silent - it is an indication that students need to quiet down.
- Family Survey:
 - [Family Survey Summary](#)
 - [Family Survey Free Write Responses](#)
 - Our Family Engagement Committee has been working on using this data to make whole school improvements. More to come from this committee.
 - I have already made some changes based on this Family Survey data. We are working hard to streamline communications so that no one misses an important update and/or feels there are too many emails. I am having all staff send me grade-level or whole-school updates, and then I will send updates to parents in my newsletter.
 - I am sending my weekly newsletter through email and text.
 - I am now including the link to the Beacon Newsletter in case families forgot to sign-up.
 - Teachers will continue to send a weekly newsletter with classroom updates, events, and curriculum.
 - Class Dojo is easier for teachers to use; Talking Points has translation but no pictures. Notifications for each can be hit-or-miss for both apps. All important information should be sent through email. Need to ensure that each teacher communicates their preferences at the start of the year.

Important dates to remember:

- August 13 - Track 4 Open House- [Childcare RSVP here](#)
 - 6:00-6:30 pm- First Session

- 6:45 pm- PTA Meeting in Gym
- 7:00-7:30 pm- Second Session
- August 14, 8:00 am and 6:00 pm - DC Trip (5th grade) Parent Meeting
- August 16 - Last day for Track 2
- August 19 - Track 3 returns
- August 22 - Picture Day- Tracks 1 & 3
- August 26 - Apex Leadership Fundraiser Begins
- September 2 - Holiday- NO SCHOOL
- September 17 - Picture Day- Tracks 2 & 4
- September 22 - Book Fair Begins
- September 27, after school - PTA Fall Fest
- Here are [24-25 Whole School Dates](#) at a glance.

Additional Resources:

- Here are the [Staff Favorites](#)

Treasurer Report – Bethany Schneider

- [July Budget Report](#)
- For reimbursements, please use the [Check Request Form](#)

Committee Reports

Go Play Save fundraiser - Mandy MacNaughton

- Sales at about \$3000, need to double sales to reach our goal of take-home \$3K
- Lack of engagement - no books sent home? Coordinator not engaged? People tapped out?
- Push the mobile version to get 2024 coupons again!
- Post some of the hot deals on socials?

Apex Leadership Fun Run - Laurie Jendrasiak

- Moving forward; some different team members will be sent this year (based on negative feedback from last year); no small prizes - only classroom awards
- Doing a Fun Run this year

Spirit Wear - Kathryn Broaddus and Laurie Jendrasiak

- T-shirt sales are going really well
- Switch to an interest form for t-shirts, as sweatshirts are going to be coming out soon anyway

Teacher Appreciation - Jessica, Jessica, & Allison

- Sept 27 - Jersey Mike's subs, chips, cookies

- Oct 18 - (may need volunteers), fall-themed afternoon iced coffee bar with treats
- Nov 8 - Baked potato bar (Wendys?)
- Dec 6 - Mustang Charlies (wraps, sandwiches, chips) + some sort of dessert

Fall Book Fair - Stephanie Trinkle & Loretto Ewen

- Will meet with Scholastic rep next week
- Sept 23 - Oct 4

Cultural Arts - Meagan Bereman

- United Arts Council (UAC) training and expo complete
 - After completing the application (when it becomes available in the coming weeks), our school will be eligible for \$1300 in grants from UAC to bring assemblies and artist residency to OCE!
- Please see the document below for updated picket fence dates - now in January
- Will continue to narrow down assemblies for the year. I received great feedback from our specialist team on programs they would like to see. Will have more info for our September meeting, but you can also see ideas I'm working through in the doc.

 Cultural Arts 24-25

Spirit Night - Meagan Bereman

- Email out to Papa Johns to get dates on the calendar
- Fresh Ice Cream, Sept 5, 5-9 pm: no flyer needed
- Red Robin, September 30, all day: 20% of all sales with a flyer
- Shake Shack Cary, October 23, all day: 25% of all sales with a flyer
- Flyers have both been shared with Allie to promote on socials-thank you!

Advocacy/DEI - Kat Roblez

- Kids Corp: Ms May and Kat will discuss soon
- Family Engagement committee (leads, Bishop and Walker) will reach out to Kat to plan a multicultural night

Additional Information:

- Room parent flyer - Laurie - sent to teachers to share with room parents; Ms May will make a spreadsheet to track which classrooms have a room parent
- Benches need to be put together - get some volunteers on the weekend?
- If you see any gardening things at school that you want to do, just come do it
 - Host a grounds day!
 - WCPSS will do mulch, mowing