

**Oakridge Middle School
PTSO Executive Board Meeting
September 18th, 2020**

Attendees

Laurie Bliss	Alfred Smith
Chance Albertson	Kari Didonato
Saysha Mei	Simone Sedillo
Jennifer Touchstone	Nana Cronan
Megan Bobak	Meg Dorenzo
Kelley Crowe	Charlene Horgan

President's Report

-Minutes for July and August meetings were approved.

-Reminder that PTSO meetings will be held every 3rd Friday of the month. The next meeting will be held on October 16th.

-Two spirit rocks are in place in front of the school and Sign-Up Geniuses are in place for reserving dates. Reservations run from Sunday to Wednesday and Wednesday to Sunday.

-A sixth grade parent reached out to Chance to discuss a possible fundraiser to raise money for any student in the district who does not have access to wifi and provide service using a hotspot. While all students in the middle school have access to wifi at this time we believe there are other students in the district in need. Another suggestion was made to offer sponsorship for those in need of wifi service. It was also suggested to check with Comporium to find out if they offer assistance as well. Chance and PTSO will continue communication and decide how to proceed further.

-Nana shared OMS custodians' need/request for an outdoor blower and two round tables for the cafeteria. PTSO approved the purchase of all three items.

Treasurer's Report

-Laurie provided updated budget. PTSO approved 2020-2021 budget. (See detailed budget prepared for today's meeting.)

-Nana reminded everyone that PTSO would be acting conservatively regarding this year's budget spending as we are uncertain of upcoming fundraisers. PTSO can not predict participation and/or the ability to execute fundraisers as we have in past years

due to COVID restrictions and fewer students attending OMS. PTSO is also anticipating fewer state funds allocated for public schools for the next school year.

Committees

Grade Level Liaisons

-Megan shared feedback regarding communication between school and CVA parents/ students. (i.e. picture day dates/times). Kari Didonato continues to handle communications for OMS PTSO and is also assisting us in coordinating information for CVA students as well. Kari asked grade level liaisons to pass along any CVA questions that they see on social media so that she can help answer them. She shared that there are several parent pages for CVA and suggested that a more centralized place for coordinating information would be beneficial. We'll continue to try to get information out as effectively as we can.

-Teacher Appreciation breakfast will be on September 23rd. Jennifer is coordinating with Lauren's Cafe (Lauren McGill) and Events to provide breakfast for teachers and school staff.

Spirit Nights

-Sarah Chase continues to help us organize spirit nights. If you or anyone you know would like to help the PTSO arrange these please contact us!

-Domino's Spirit Night will be every 3rd Tuesday of the month. Drive through only.

-We are meeting with Fast Frog next week.

-Kochi, Moe's and Thai Fusion opted out of participating this year.

-Charlene is checking with Ms. England to see how we did on our Back to School Pelican's fundraiser.

Fundraising

-Saysha shared that Step It Up (our largest annual fundraiser) has offered a completely virtual version of the program. The kick-off would include a 15 minute video. In addition the verbiage for requesting donations is sensitive to the fact that many families may not be in a position to donate this year. Step It Up also offered to give us an additional 10% of the profits if we opt out of having an in-person Day of Awesomeness. We currently receive 50% of the profits. Mr. Largen would like to see the materials before approving it.

-Kelley presented a popcorn fundraiser. This one is traditional in that students take written orders, we order the popcorn, and families distribute. There is no additional cost for marketing or materials and school receives 40% of the sales. We are still discussing details and will make a decision as to whether we use this as a fundraiser. January 19th is National Popcorn Day.

-Pura Vida Bracelet fundraiser- we'll order a small batch for the first order to test interest. Students can purchase these for school spirit. Bracelets come braided and unbraided and are sold for about \$6.00 each.

-Arbor Day Foundation fundraiser (sell/purchase tree saplings) would take place in April. Saysha continues to gather details and is in the process of getting commitments from other participating schools so that we can determine actual cost and profit margin. Trees will need to be pre ordered.

-Mr. Largen wanted to hold off on selling pretzels in the carpool line but approved selling Philly Soft Pretzels via pre sale and arranging for pick-up in the bus loop. Charlene and Kelley will coordinate dates and times with Mr. Largen and get dates out for pretzel sales asap. Reminder: Make sure pretzel pick-up date is on a day when there are no home sports events.

-Jackson's Kitchen dinner fundraiser will be on November 10th. Families will be able to pre order dinners and pick them up in the bus loop. Profits will range from 10%-20% depending on numbers of orders.

Principal's Report

-Mr. Largen is pleased with the way students have responded to new COVID safety and social distancing procedures. Students are following distancing and mask rules and class sizes make it possible to appropriately separate students. He shared that the students' lunches are very quiet and that they are considering allowing them to "invite a friend" for lunch to allow kids to socialize safely. They are still working out the details.

-Questions from meeting attendees included current protocols for symptomatic students. Students who have COVID 19 symptoms are sent home for 10 days. They may however return to school earlier if they have a negative COVID 19 test. School is able to remain open in the event that a student tests positive because students are social distanced within the school.

-OMS has partnered with GO FAN to distribute tickets for OMS sports events. This is so that they can proactively control the numbers of spectators at the events. Links are sent to families of the athletes and parents can reserve their places using the links.

-Currently class sizes range from 8-14 students in a class with the exception of chorus which is held in the cafeteria. Students are appropriately spaced out there.

-Parents asked if CVA students would be able to participate in OMS clubs. Mr. Largen guesses that it is possible that CVA students can participate in after school clubs only but this will need to be verified.

-Mr. Largen reiterated that spending would be very conservative this year in preparation for a decrease in funding for the 2021-2022 school year.

-E-learning concerns include the length of time it takes to download recorded lessons and credit for assignments that are late due to technical difficulties. Parents and students are encouraged to stay on top of assignments and communicate technical difficulties with teachers. Students are able to receive 50% credit for late virtual assignments but teachers have been working hard to coordinate assignments for A and B schedules and there are times that work does not post (on student's end) until their class is actually scheduled.

-The carpool line seems to be running smoothly at this time.

-There are currently 2,200 CVA students district-wide with a waiting list for students who wish to return to school.

-A parent shared concerns regarding 6th graders riding on the bus (or busses) with high schoolers and that there are issues with inappropriate language and topics. Mr. Largen shared that students should be seated in sections with their grade level peers. Mr. Largen provided the name of the head of transportation for parent to follow up on recent changes in bus routes.

-Simone Sedillo is going to assist with our Care Committee. She is going to connect with grade level counselors to coordinate outreach as needed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15

Next Meeting October 16th. All are welcome.

Topics to revisit for next meeting:

- Spirit Wear Update
- Sanitation Items Drive

Upcoming Events

- Teacher Appreciation Breakfast September 23rd
- Dominos Day ALL DAY 3rd Tuesday of every month
- End of grading period - Oct. 16th
- Report Cards- Oct 21st
- Unity Day October 21st
- NO SCHOOL - Oct 26th
- NO SCHOOL - Nov 3rd

- NO SCHOOL- November 25th -27th
- Book Fair December 5th -11th
- End of Grading Period- December 22nd
- NO SCHOOL December 23rd - January 4th
- Report Cards- January 6th
- NO SCHOOL Jan 18th
- Popcorn Sale January 18th and 19th ?
- NO SCHOOL Feb 12th
- Pur Vida Bracelet Sale -February 14th ?
- NO SCHOOL February 15th
- Rising 6th Graders Visit- February 19th
- Battle of the Books -March
- Ending of Grading Period -March 12th
- Career Day -March 12th
- Report Cards -March 17th
- NO SCHOOL - March 15th
- Spring Break- April 5th-9th
- Rising 9th Graders Visit CHS- April 22-23
- Tree Fundraiser -April 26th
- Report Cards -May 27th
- Step It Up -Date TBD