

**Oakridge Middle School
PTSO Executive Board Meeting
October 9th, 2020**

Attendees

Amy Hutchins
Simone Sedillo
Laurie Bliss
Jennifer Willoughby
Charlene Horgan

Meg Darienzo
Chance Alberston
Kari DiDonato
Kathy Miller

President's Report

-Chance led introductions for new members/attendees and shared that meetings are held the third Friday of every month at 8:30 in the middle school cafeteria. The next meeting is on November 20th and all are welcome.

-Review of September's meeting minutes was completed and minutes were approved.

-The signs for the two spirit rocks should be completed soon so as not to get the rocks confused when painting for events.

-The new leaf blower and two round tables for the cafeteria which were purchased by the PTSO have been delivered and are in use.

Principal's Update

-Mr. Largen reported that sports are up and running and that the online ticket reservation system seems to be working well.

-Hybrid Learning Update: One of the most problematic issues the school is facing at this time is students not completing work on their "off days". However students are beginning to talk more during their lunch breaks which shows they are becoming more comfortable. He was able to get some groups of 6th graders outdoors to run during recess which they enjoyed.

-NJHS letters/invites have been mailed out. The induction ceremony scheduled for November 13th (time to be determined) will be the first event in which parents will be invited back into the school to accompany students.

-New updates for a re-opening timeline will be shared by Dr. Quinn soon.

Treasurer's Report

-Laurie provided a copy of the budget and detailed report. (See full report.) Adjustments have been made to reflect incoming and outgoing funds for spirit nights and purchases. Total available funds at time of meeting: \$33,610.15.

Committees

Fundraising/Communication

-Communication: Saysha asked how she can effectively get the information out to our CVA students. Mr. Largen suggested that she provide both he and Kathy Miller (teacher liaison) the information electronically to that it goes out with teachers as well as on the weekly Sunday evening call. Kari DiDonato will continue post information to the CVA Facebook pages that she has access to. M. Largen asked if any additional pages (i.e. Google Docs) are used for communication that they are kept separate from academic pages.

-Kelley Crowe explained that PTSO Facebook posts will be more visible if more comments are made on the posts. Facebook continues to be a widely used resource for getting information to parents. PTSO will continue to post events and information as well as provide order forms for fundraising as often as possible.

-STEP IT UP VIRTUAL KICKOFF: November 2nd. Step It Up is our largest fundraiser for the year. Saysha and Kathy Miller will coordinate to determine the most efficient way to get information out to parents and begin promoting asap.

-Tree Fundraiser: We are still gathering information for pricing.

-Popcorn Fundraiser: This will be held after the holidays in January or February.

-Soft Pretzel Sale: Charlene reported that we sold 170 pretzels and hope to sell more at the next sale. Pick-up went smoothly in the bus loop. Information/order forms need to go out sooner for the next sale. The next sale will be November 9th-17th. Pretzels will be distributed on the 19th.

-Pelican's Back to School Night raised \$100.00. Thank you to Theresa England!

-Pura Vida Bracelet Sale: Order forms have gone out and orders are due back October 15th. Sales have been good so far. Another bracelet sale is being planned around Valentine's Day. Profits range between \$3 and \$5 for each bracelet.

-Spirit Wear profits were \$400.00 and the next sale will be at the end of October.

-Teacher/Staff Appreciation- Jennifer coordinated breakfast for teachers and staff members on September 23rd. All feedback was positive from teachers. She is planning to deliver a birthday cake to acknowledge September and October birthdays on Friday October 16th.

CARE Committee: Simone is planning to launch the CARE committee at the middle school. The committee will work with the guidance counselors to identify teachers and/or students who could use some encouragement, acknowledgment, or support throughout the year. Committee plans to send cards or notes to send encouraging messages or words of support when appropriate.

*****Items to be addressed at next meeting: Wipes/classroom supply drive, cookie exchange or another school wide collection for teachers.

-Meeting adjourned at 9:32.

-Next meeting is November 20th at 8:30 in the middle school cafeteria.

Upcoming Events

- 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
- Pretzel Sale- November November 9th-17th
- Angel Tree Ornament Selection- November 16th -19th (need volunteers)
- ANGEL TREE gifts due back: December 4th.
- 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 November 2nd launch date