

**Oakridge PTSO**  
**Executive Board/General Meeting**  
**Friday, August 20, 2021**

**Attendance**

Nana Cronan	Kandy Copley	Mandy Cutts
Charlene Horgan	Melissa Cornish	Maria Lopez
Chance Albertson	Laura Norwood	Jennifer Badillo
Lisa Mahan	Simone Sedillo	Angel Badillo
Cortnee Rushlow	Jennifer Touchstone	Alfred Smith
Megan Bobak	Crystal Davidson	Sherry Kiser
Kari DiDonato	Amy Matejek	Laurie Bliss
Natalie Ward	Ashanti Rakes	Amy Segars
Jen Kane	Lynn Setliffe	Christine Menard
Angel Bell	Lauri Dunnam	Jaime Domicolo
Kat Litten	Mary Kate Noel	Amelia Warren
Shawniqua Wideman	Joanne Zeck	

Student Representatives: Gus Bailey & Mia Martinez

**President's Report**

-Welcome to all new parents especially parents/guardians of incoming 6th grade class. Meetings will be every 3rd Friday of the month at 8:15 a.m. in the cafeteria. Next meeting is September 17th.

-Chance announced the Bond Referendum vote is on September 18th. More information can be found at [VoteYesCSD.com](http://VoteYesCSD.com). Yard signs are also available

-The following new roles have been created to facilitate additional communication and help where needed:

Student Advocates -Gus Bailey and Maria Martinez  
Library Liaisons -Maria Lopez and Joanne Zeck  
Programs -Maria Lopez and Shawniqua Wideman  
Rookie Liaison- Jamodd Jenkins  
Chorus Representative -Jennifer Hirak and Sherry Kiser  
Band Representative- Jennifer Willoughby (one more position open)

-There is a closet full of clothes for middle school boys and girls to be used as needed. Volunteers are needed periodically to organize as clothes are added throughout the year.

**Principal's Update**

-Despite heavy traffic and bus confusion the year is off to a good start. There are currently 1,175 students enrolled in OMS. Every classroom and office is being utilized.

-The bell schedule for OMS will change beginning Monday August 23rd. Students will be able to be dropped off beginning at 7:15 and will begin school at 8:00 am. Dismissal will be at 3:00 pm and busses will no longer bus high school students with middle school students. They are expecting busses to be on schedule next week.

-Lunches are going smoothly. If students do not finish their lunches inside the cafeteria they are permitted to take them outside (for recess) to finish. Students are on a rotating lunch schedule to ensure that they are able to interact with their age-mates.

-Fall sports have begun and clubs are ready to begin as well. Students can view clubs and descriptions on the middle school website.

-Lockdown and fire drills were conducted during the first week. Adjustments will be made accordingly but for the most part these went smoothly.

-Carpool reminder: The left carpool lane heading into the school is for teachers and staff members only. This lane provides access to the parking lot. The parking lot is not to be used for general student drop-off unless there is a hardship or special need. Also please pull all the way to the end of the sidewalk in front of the middle school when dropping students off.

-There are two teachers out for COVID protocol but no positive cases for students at this time. Students who need to stay at home for COVID protocol will be able to access school lessons at home.

-Parent reminded attendees that incoming 6th graders are experiencing a big transition this year after having not been in school for much of their 5th grade year. Chance and Mr. Lergen addressed concerns with parent.

### **Treasurer's Report**

-See detailed report prepared by Laurie Bliss and Nana Cronan.

-Chance explained the reimbursement process for PTSO spending. Receipts and reimbursement forms can be given to Nana Cronan and/or Chance. Forms are available on the PTSO website and in the PTSO mailbox.

-Reminder that many companies will match donations for schools.

### **Committees**

-Teacher Liaison: Kathy Smith continues to be our Teacher Liaison. Kathy thanked the PTSO for the breakfast provided on August 10th for all staff members.

-Rookie Liaison: Mr. Jenkins is leading our new teachers this year. PTSO provided lunch for 25 teachers on August 3rd.

-Fundraising: Our largest fundraiser for the year will launch on **August 30th**. Step It Up is similar to Boosterthon in that donations are mostly collected online. Instructions will come home with students on how to reach out to family and friends for donations. Step It Up ends with a Day of Awesomeness to celebrate the efforts of the students. Jumpies, games, and dance area are set up on the middle school fields that day. All students are able to participate regardless of fundraising efforts. We will need volunteers to manage the jumpies, games, and contests that day. Look for a Sign-Up Genius. Day of Awesomeness is scheduled for **September 30th**.

-Back To School Cookie Day (Little Cakes By the Lake) orders are due by August 28th and pick-up will be on August 31st. We will post a reminder on the Facebook page shortly.

-Teacher Appreciation: We provided breakfast for all teachers and staff on August 10th. Breakfast casseroles were purchased from Lauren's Cafe (formally McGill's). Birthday cakes will continue to be provided every other month to recognize teacher birthdays. We are brainstorming ideas for Holiday gifts for the teachers. Collection for holiday gifts begins in December. New ideas for future events include Little Cakes by the Lake which also offers

boxed lunches. Dave Pinti's BBQ was mentioned as another option as well when providing lunches for teachers and/or Spirit Nights.

-Grade Level Liaisons: Introductions for Megan Bobak 6th grade, Amy Segars 7th grade, and Jennifer Touchstone 8th grade. Megan shared that if parents/guardians are trying to join the Facebook pages for their child's grade that they need to answer the questions provided. These pages are for parents/guardians with children in those designated grades only. The Facebook links will be posted on the OMS webpage.

-Spirit Wear: We brought in about \$572.95 in sales for our first spirit wear sale of the year. Another sale will begin in October and run through November with a delivery date before Christmas/Winter break. There have been suggestions for tie-dye items and zip-up hoodies. The committee is exploring all ideas.

-Care Committee: Simone Sedillo continues to lead our Care Committee. She makes sure the guidance counselors have cards and stamps stocked so that they can reach out to students who could use encouragement or congratulations. Guidance counselors handle giving out the cards to keep matters confidential. Simone also volunteered to put together care packages of feminine products to be discreetly provided if needed at school. More details to follow.

-Communications: Kari Didonato continues to coordinate communication for OMS via Facebook. She encourages us to share fundraising/Spirit Night information on our neighborhood pages when possible in order to spread the word.

-Library Liaison: Maria Lopez is working with Mrs. Corbiere to possibly have an author come in to speak with students. This will take some fundraising. Details to come. The book fair will be during the week of 12/2-12/9. There will be two BOB competitions this year. One will be for 6th graders only which will be in-house. The other will be for the whole school and will be district-wide. Mrs. Corbiere would also like to add SMAC (student media advisor club) and the Mock Newberry Club this year.

-Programs Committee: Angel Tree will fall under this category.

### **Important Dates**

August 23rd- New Start Time

August 28th -Deadline for Cookie orders Little Cakes Fundraiser

August 30th- Step It Up Fundraiser Kick Off

September 24th-Moe's Spirit Night

September 17th - Next PTSO Meeting

September 18th- CSD Bond Vote

September 21st- Domino's Spirit Night

September 30th- Day of Awesomeness

October- Arby's Spirit Night

October 15th- PTSO Meeting

October 19th- Domino's Spirit Night

October 20th- Unity Day

November 4th - Shane's BBQ

November 16th- Domino's Spirit Night

November 19th- PTSO Meeting

December 2nd- 9th - Book Fair

December 9th-Little Cakes/3H BBQ Spirit Night

December 17th - PTSO Meeting  
December 21st- Domino's Spirit Night  
January - Jackson's Catering Spirit Night  
January 18th - Domino's Spirit Night  
January 21st-PTSO Meeting  
February- Carolina Chocolate Company  
February 15th - Domino's Spirit Night  
February 18th - Rising 6th grade Tour  
February 18th- PTSO Meeting  
March- Battle of the Books  
March 15th- Domino's Spirit Night  
March 18th - PTSO Meeting  
April- Rising 9th Grade Tour  
April 15th- PTSO Meeting  
April 19th- Domino's Spirit Night  
May- BOGO Book Fair  
May- Pelican's Spirit Night  
May 17th- Domino's Spirit Night  
May 20th- PTSO Meeting  
May 26th- 8th Grade Celebration

Meeting Adjourned at 9:58.