

Meeting Notes - September 27

27 September 2022/ 6:15 pm

Introduction

Steve Nugent introduced himself as President for the 2022-2023 school year and shared a few thank you cards that PTO has received since the school year started.

Treasurer's Report - Sarah Resutek

- Sarah reported for August and September
- Started off this school year with \$24,000 - \$6,500 is committed to the outdoor classroom.
- August was a busy month with 30 total transactions. Most of these were from Square, PayPal, etc.
- September - \$242 collected - spent approximately \$6,000 on Teacher appreciation, E-hall pass software, spirit wear, and the Hog Mountain tailgate.
- Current balance is \$35,000 with a couple of outstanding payments to be taken care of
- We currently have PayPal and Square and are looking into Venmo. Steve is renewing our non-profit status which expired several years back. We will not make changes with current accounts until this is settled.. PayPal and Square were set up under individuals - will change them over to business accounts under PTO name when the non-profit status is done.

Follow-up (Old Business) - Steve Nugent

- We are currently in the process of changing sign-ins so that there is one password for everything. Board members are creating one centralized area for all of our information which will make it easier for new members coming in in future years. This year, we are building a budget, as we didn't start with one. Getting a feel for how this year goes and then will be able to get a more concrete budget. We were given a lot of good information and ideas from former PTO members, and that has been very helpful.
- PTO is very committee driven this year. The executive board has responsibility for oversight, but people running the committees are very knowledgeable and have done a great job getting us started this year.
- In regards to our social media accounts, we would like clarification as to whether we should support all areas of the school. For example, we promoted the "Dine and Donate" at Texas Roadhouse for the Choir program. We are happy to do this across the board, but we would like an administrative decision guiding that.

- Kristi Williams, secretary, and Danielle West, Vice-President, introduced themselves and discussed more about their roles for this year.
- Steve reports that he checks emails to the PTO account daily and forwards them to the necessary party for replies. He meets with principal Matt Stephens regularly to discuss priorities, agendas, etc.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership - Hope Wiltshire

- Hope that membership is free this year.
- We had a great turnout at Braves camp with lots of positive feedback from parents. A QR code has made it easy for people to join and is currently on our website and will be in the upcoming newsletters as well as the agenda for tonight's meeting. We have 148 members currently.

Activities - Kasey Dillard

- Activities are no longer focused on the end of the school year. She has worked hard with her committee to plan activities that will start fun traditions for students as they enter middle school. They also believe these activities will help to make a connection between middle and high school.
- Hog Mountain Bowl was a great success. 320 dinners were ordered and the event ended up making a bit of money which was unexpected. We would like to once again recognize Golden Pantry, Coca-Cola and Farm 441 for their support of this event!
- Kona Ice has been a great hit at the home football games, and 20% was donated back to the concessions. All proceeds go to FCCLA. Kona is happy to set up future activities on campus and continue to do a 20% giveback.
- Spirit Ribbons were a HUGE hit and we have been asked to order them again for the MBMS game and also for the pink out. The teachers are happy to sell once again in the morning. The cheerleaders would also like to do ribbons for their pink out game (29th) and they plan to donate proceeds to a breast cancer organization (or local cancer org) after breaking even. Sales totaled \$137.50.
- Update on Icee Pops - 10 volunteers - 10 AM -2PM 950 were handed out and the kids thought it was an awesome Friday treat. We plan to do it again in the spring as well as hand out candy canes in December.
- Movie on the Lawn planning is underway, and Tiffany Armour is the contact for this event. The event will be on Friday Dec 2nd, with a rain/potential football playoff conflict date on Dec 4th. Tickets will be \$10 with a possible limit on tickets sold. We plan to sell concessions. The movie shown will be Home Alone and the AV/screen rental contract is already in place.
- The 8th Grade Dance planning has begun - but we are waiting on final approval for this event. The plan is for it to be held on Friday May 12th. This will be in the

Locker Forum and the Cafeteria. The Halloween fundraiser for Chorus will be in the same spot, so that will be a good way to learn logistics for the 8th grade dance. We anticipate a ticket price for the dance, but the price is as yet undecided.

- Other items of note: September 16th is the OCMS Band Rock a Thon fundraiser - a huge social activity and fundraiser for band students. Also, October 28th will be the Chorus Halloween Dance Fundraiser which is open to **ALL** students. Those tickets will be \$10.

Spirit Wear - Kate Patterson

- The summer/fall spirit wear store is now closed. All spirit wear will be delivered to the school 3-4 weeks later and sent home with the child. We will open a second spirit wear store in October for holiday orders.
- Our final sales numbers were as follows:
 - 136 orders
 - 340 products sold
 - Net profit to PTO: \$ 1,331.00
 - All orders have been filled, delivered & sent home
 - Winter store will open in October
- <https://shuma.chipply.com/ocmsbraves/>

Fundraising - Jennifer Lancaster (Tiffany Armour represented)

- Goal of \$25,000. Campaign ran June 30th- August 19th. Extended to August 26th - Final total raised: \$19,752.
- How many students participated?
 - 929 students total/ 138 participated
- How many homerooms reached the \$600 goal?
 - 13 homerooms (Boswell, Cantin, Eversole, Fairbanks, Harvey, Hawthorne, Janssen, Moree, E, Poole, Repetske, Schupska, Thornton, Voyles)
- How many students reached Level 1,2,3, and 4?
 - Level 1- 80, Level 2- 52, Level 3- 38, Level 4- 25
 - Prizes: Level 1- Voucher for a free concession item at any Fall or Winter sporting event, Level 2- Canned soda at lunch + level 1, Level 3- CFA biscuit + level 1 & 2, Level 4- Spirit shirt + level 1, 2 & 3.

- Funds to be used to support new student activities, ramp up teacher appreciation funds and do a few cosmetic improvements around the school that Mr. Stephens has requested while also finishing up the outdoor classroom project that got started last year.

Staff Appreciation - Shea Squire

- We just finished up the staff luncheon in September using donations. We had chips and sodas left over from the tailgate, so we bought BBQ sandwiches for the staff. We still have enough left for the next staff appreciation cart on Oct 13. The next staff luncheons are scheduled for Nov 10 and Dec 8.
- Every content teacher takes their class to lunch and monitors them. In the past, PTO volunteers came in to monitor so teachers could have duty free lunch. We plan to do signups in the future for volunteers. Lunch starts at 10:17 and finishes at 1:40. 3 shifts - 4 parents per shift.
- For the December and May luncheons we will get gift cards donated for staff members.

Principal's Report - Matt Stephens

- This is Matt's first year as principal, and there have been some significant changes, starting with the schedule. These include areas of testing, Advisement (every Wednesday), Braves break (daily break for students in every class), and student ambassadors (new program meeting 9/28 for first time. The Connections classes, along with all 7th and 8th grade teachers, nominated 1 student to help lead as student ambassadors (not only based on academics, but also reflective of behavior/citizenship).
- The Class of '82 will be here next Friday, October 7th for their reunion. Varsity food truck will be here along with current and alumni cheerleaders. Ambassadors will be here to guide tours, etc
- Principal's Advisory committee (also new this year) - 1 student per grade, 2 athletes, 1 CTAE, 1 fine arts - meet monthly. .
- E-hall pass, a software system introduced during the pandemic, is being used this year. It greatly reduces surface to surface transmission. Students create a pass through their chrome books and the teacher approves. This cuts down on disruption and also helps to track students throughout the day. It has helped in curbing behaviors in restrooms, etc. due to the ability to polarize students. PTO has agreed to pay the yearly cost of \$3,000.
- The Safe-Dismissal system was also started during the pandemic. The county pays for this software across the district.
- Revenue at the middle school mainly comes from ticket gates, so money raised through PTO has really impacted students and staff in a positive way.
- Steve Nugent asked about PTO using the Remind system at school to send out notices to PTO parents/members. Matt Stephens will look into this and report back.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 13 - Staff Appreciation Cart
- October 28 - Halloween Dance sponsored by Choir Dept
- November 10 - Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
- December 2 - Movie on the Lawn
- December 8 - Staff Appreciation Luncheon
- December 13 - Candy Cane Day
- April 12-14 - 8th grade trip
- April 17-21 - Staff Appreciation Week
- May 12 - 8th grade dance
- May 17 - 8th grade field day