

OCMS PTO Meeting Minutes

26 September 2023 / 6:00 PM / Cafeteria

Attendance: Matt Stephens, Brian Roberson, Danielle West, Kristi Williams, Jennifer Lancaster, Tiffany Armour, Joslyn Holton, Bob Guy, Ivy Campbell, Ashley Toms, Carol Anne Kelley, Sarah Resutek

Agenda

Danielle started the meeting by welcoming everyone and introducing the board.

Treasurer Report

1. Financial Update
 - a. Current Account Balance: \$17,904.61
 - b. Old Account Balance: \$7,079.04
 - Jennifer gave a bit of a background about EIN and creating the new bank account.
 - Old account balance is earmarked for an outdoor classroom (looking to spend \$5,000). Steve Nugent is heading up the outdoor classroom project.
 - Question: why don't the numbers add up - Jennifer explained fees taken out, etc.
2. Fundraiser Summary
 - a. Corporate Sponsor Highlight- \$12,392.50 total raised
 - b. Donation Totals- \$12,610 total raised
 - Jennifer gave an account of money raised from corporate and donations.
 - All prizes have been distributed. Pie the Principals will happen at the Pep Rally tomorrow 9/27

Principal's Report - Brian Roberson spoke for Matt Stephens

1. Outdoor Classroom Update -
 - a. Mr. Stephens added to the above discussion regarding the classroom. He is pleased that Steve Nugent is able to continue to help us with this project and thankful for all that he has done in the past to make the outdoor classroom happen. Continued work will be done including plants, trees, grading, etc. Long range plans include more outdoor spaces for student learning. Admin would like to provide more opportunities for students to move around and learn in different settings.
2. 2023 -2024 PTO Donations
 - a. Mr. Roberson commented on the sweatshirts purchased for staff by PTO funds from last year.
 - b. A golf cart was the main request for the 23-24 donations. It was purchased and delivered on Sept 22. The custodial team and staff will greatly benefit from it for years to come.
 - Luncheons, snack carts and student popsicles were mentioned as additional things the PTO has provided thus far this school year.

3. Mini- Grants
 - a. Mini Grant forms have been provided to all certified staff. All requests must have a direct impact on student learning. Deadline is September 30. The PTO Board will approve grants in October.

Committees

1. Events - Tiffany Armour
 - Hog Mountain Bowl tailgate
 - Popsicle handout for students
 - Grade Liaisons - 8th - Brittany McGlohon, 7th - Betsy Boswell, 6th - Jennifer Chittipagna
 - Committees are needed for each grade. 6& 7 grade committees will help with Field Day. The 8 grade committee will assist with 8 grade dance. If anyone is interested in helping out, please let someone on the board know.
 - Candy cane handouts for students will be near holiday break
2. Luncheons
 - a. Sep. 28 - Tailgate - BBQ will be from Farm 441. Parents are bringing in appetizers, sides, drinks, etc and have contributed monetary donations. Brock Toole donated Pimento Cheese from Satisfied Foods
 - b. November 9 - Texas Roadhouse is donating the food. They will be providing grilled chicken salads, loaded baked potatoes, and rolls.
3. Book Fair -
 - a. Libby Boosalis is the chair. Amazing Race is the theme. It will be November 10-17, with a Family Night Nov 14
4. Communications
 - a. Mary Beth Guest is responsible for social media and the newsletter. The monthly newsletter is emailed on the first Monday of each month. Danielle West and Kristi Williams manage the website.

Upcoming dates/events

1. September Dates
 - a. 28th -Staff Luncheon
2. October
 - a. 2nd-Custodians Day
 - b. 16-20th- Bus Safety Week
 - c. 27th -Staff candy treats
3. November
 - a. 9th -17th BookFair
 - b. 17th tailgate

Questions/Comments

Curriculum Night? Mr. Stephens will send out info for a virtual curriculum night in the next week or so. There will be a landing page to navigate to your child's class, activity, etc.

Athletic Funds? There is a general account. Some money is taken from ticket gates for all sports. Recently, the gym floors were redone and new goals put in the gymnasium. The Field house

project has been ongoing. A new roof was approved by the school board. OCMS has been working on aesthetics. It's a work in progress and is being done at a manageable pace. OCMS have been given new HVAC units (2) for the field house and plan to get a 3rd one. Long term plan is to have a weight training facility/field house. Football and soccer are only sports using the field house. Bathrooms are functional and have been freshly painted.

It was noted that 6th grade sports teams are being added showing a 4% increase. Most feedback has been positive. The plan for basketball and soccer is to have an A team and a B team. The goal is to get more students involved and not discourage students.

Boosters? We have band and chorus boosters but not sports boosters at this time.

Are there student-led conferences? Some but not generally. Most are SPED and 504 plans which are part of those individual programs mandated by the state. Most conferences are set up due to concerns about grades, behavior, etc. If a parent wants a conference, they can contact the teacher, counselor or administrator to set up a meeting. Parents are encouraged to reach out with any questions they may have. Mr. Stephens shared that the expectation is that teachers address and answer all questions to the best of their ability and in a timely manner.

Meeting adjourned by Danielle West at 6:55 pm

Next Meeting

9:00 AM. Tuesday, November 28, 2023. OCMS Lunchroom