



Orchard Park High School PTO Meeting Minutes
October 28, 2024 @ 6pm
OPHS Library Media Center

Attendance

Karry K-B., Jennifer K., Julie S., Jolene Z., Deborah K., Renee W., Barbra L., Tara M., Nicole C., Sarah R., Brenda C., Nicole B., Maura W., Brandon P., Russell F., Michelle F., Karen F., Jen D., Chris P.

Meeting Opened at 7:05pm

President's Report – Jen D.

- Welcomed attendees and introductions
- Jen called for a vote on minutes from Sept. 30, 2024, meeting
 - Brandon P. motioned to approve, and Michelle F. seconded the motion
 - PTO voted to unanimously approve the minutes
- Announced open PTO positions of Nominating Chair and Winter Homecoming Refreshments Chair
 - Contact Jen D. if interested or have any questions. Nicole C. described the Winter Homecoming Refreshments duties and offered assistance

Vice President's Report – Jennifer K.

- Jennifer K. is the PTO Facebook coordinator and prepares the PTO Newsletter
- Have submissions in by Nov 1, the Newsletter will be made available Nov 9. Have submissions in by Dec 1, the Newsletter will be made available Dec 7
 - Send information to: ophspto@gmail.com
- Facebook has 150 members

Discussion of Central Council consideration of \$5 membership fee, Membership Toolkit, membership information and fee by paper form, membership payment for 4 yrs instead of 1 yr.

Secretary's Report – Karry K-B.

- Please sign-in at meetings so that PTO meeting minutes can be sent to attendees for review and any corrections
- Membership update was provided – we started the drive with 100 members and now have 129 members as of 10/28
 - PTO Board will run the drive until Jan. We have used several ideas provided by PTO members including providing details on what the PTO does, using thermometer graphic, having the drive information in the Quaker Gazette and PTO Newsletter

Treasurer's Report – Karen F.

- Reviewed the October Treasurer's Report
- Inputs - membership, general donations, and post-prom donations
- Outputs - Central Council dues, Membership Toolkit, earlier events

Principal's Report – Mr. Pafk

- Elevator update, was discussed in STAP-COMM as well, monthly check-ups on the elevator will occur, the school is purchasing elevator parts to have on hand for the technician for repairs. There is a second elevator as part of the Capital Plan for improvements to the building.
- OPHS School Board decision to move away from Class Rank focus. Mr. Pafk asked for input by February on a new way to acknowledge student achievement.
 - Asked for input on when to have meetings day/night? Both? Decided on at least two sessions with parents.
- No teacher identified yet to act as the PTO teacher representative. Mr. Pafk will continue to recruit.

Discussion regarding NHS and Humanitarian volunteer hours

Committee Reports

Instructional Leaders (ILC) – Chris P.

- Change in process of curriculum proposal review
- Drop/add for students discussed
- Blue Ribbon Commission on high school graduation changes - voting at November meeting
- Mr. Pafk - relayed information from Blue Ribbon Commission
 - Regents determined to not be the best indicator of future success
 - Mandatory personal finance class added (OPHS already includes)
 - Possibility of diploma with seals showing special achievement

STAP-COMM – Julie S.

- Discussion of elevator
- Class rank meeting discussion between students and Mr. Pafk
- Adopt a family with Roswell Park initiative

Orchard Park Foundation for Academic Excellence is looking for members, meet once per month, contact: info@opfae.org

Building Effectiveness Team (BET) – Barbara L.

- Class rank discussion, how best to acknowledge student achievement, possibly with *summa cum laude*, *magna cum laude*, *cum laude* as in colleges, how to determine valedictorian and salutatorian, counselors will have rank information if needed for college applications
- Freeman drop-off is crowded and people are making a left turn, ignoring the sign, adding to the back up. There are safety concerns for the students going to other schools. People are parking in teacher spaces. Noted that in the past a police officer has been present to discourage left turn and to help with traffic flow. In the middle school there is a school staff member directing drop off.
- Noted safety concern on Kathryn, Baker, and Freeman due to no sidewalks or crosswalks. Noted that there has been a survey crew for sidewalks and crosswalks on Baker.
- A faculty bathroom and a student bathroom have been repaired

Central Council – Jen D.

- Discussion of all-school apparel sale, high school already has athletic department, sports teams, and bookstore apparel sales, do not see a reason to add a PTO sale, suggestion to add links to the already existing sites to the Quaker Gazette.

- District finalized the safe snack list which applies to school and PTO events.
 - Homemade items are prohibited as well as bakery items. Snacks must be individually packaged.
 - PTO event chairs need to be specific on SignUp Genius requests for items.
 - Mr. Pafk will share information regarding this with teachers at the November meeting.

Post Prom – Maureen B.

- First meeting was tonight prior to PTO meeting
- Discussion of fundraisers including Turkey Bingo
- Call out for additional helpers, let Maureen know if interested

Other - Jen D.

- Read thank you from Tammy for everyone who helped at the homecoming dance
- Consider adding a Membership Chairperson to run membership drives

Question when First Quarter ends, let students know in advance when they no longer have access to the portal, let parents/guardians know when quarter ends, suggestion to put information in the calendar for ½ way point and end of quarter.

Next PTO Meeting

November 25, 2024 at 7pm in the Library Media Center (6pm Post-Prom meeting)

8:20 Meeting Adjourned

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Minutes Submitted by Karry Kazial-Backes