



Orchard Park High School PTO Meeting Minutes
November 27, 2024 @ 7pm
OPHS Library Media Center

Attendance

Jennifer K., Karry K-B., Nicole C., Renee W., Brandon P., Pam R., Michelle F., Jen D., Karen F., Deborah K., Andrea M.

Meeting Opened at 7:05pm

President's Report – Jen D.

- Welcomed attendees
- Jen called for a vote on minutes from October meeting
 - There was a motion to approve and second for the minutes vote
 - PTO voted to unanimously approve the minutes
- Open positions - Nominating Chair and Winter Homecoming Refreshments Chair

Vice President's Report – Jennifer K.

- 149 members on Facebook, Jennifer will be posting regularly and all should be functioning in the new year
- Have submissions in by Dec 2, the Newsletter will be made available Dec 7
 - Send information to: ophspto@gmail.com

Secretary's Report – Karry K-B.

- Please sign-in at meetings and add emails if not already provided
- Membership at 135, drive started at 100 members

Treasurer's Report – Karen F.

- Reviewed the November Treasurer's Report
- Inputs - membership, general donations, and post-prom donations
- Outputs - Central Council dues, Membership Toolkit, earlier events
- Post-Prom fundraising upcoming

Principal's Report – Mr. Pafk

- Discussed course selection process and to have more student driven open enrollment when possible
- Described a timeline for the transition to the Blue Ribbon plan of Portrait of a Graduate. New requirements and fully transitioned for Fall 2029 cohort.
 - Financial literacy and climate education will be requirements
 - Diplomas will use seals for recognition
- Report from student regarding bathroom stall doors missing. Mr. Pafk stated that HS staff monitor bathrooms on an unpredictable schedule.

Member mentioned there are issues that need to be addressed for wheelchair accessibility of bathrooms.

Teacher's Report – Ms. Guzzino and Ms. Markarian

- Teachers not present. PTO will reach out to be sure the Teacher Representatives are aware of the meeting dates/times.

Committee Reports

Instructional Leaders (ILC) – Mr. Pafk

- Instructional rounds occurred, classroom visits to observe what teachers are doing at various levels
- No longer have the funds for summer school at OP. Other summer programs should continue (e.g. Quaker Camp K-8).
- Course proposals and class caps reviewed and discussed
- Move to electronic forms for course changes

STAP-COMM – Deborah K.

- Discussion of movement of the Winter Dance to Spring and possibly changing the event
- Jen let Deborah know that the PTO has many events in the Spring and may not be able to be involved, or need to scale back involvement
- Class rank meeting discussion between students and Mr. Pafk - very few students attended, surveying students on this and other matters (homework and building response to issues)

Building Effectiveness Team (BET) – No report, meeting was cancelled

Member discussion of how the PTO can support efforts to increase building maintenance

Central Council – Jen D.- Next meeting in early December

Post Prom – Karen F.

- Panera fundraiser planned for December, Red Robin for January

Old Business

- Mr. Pafk followed up with information regarding volunteer hours and drop off traffic at Freeman

Member discussion of sidewalks and lights by high school entrances, bus pickup inconsistencies, driver shortage

New Business

- Staff Appreciation Lunch - Nicole C. Use of Columns restaurant as in the past. Sign Up Genius will be sent for folks to volunteer and donate food.

Nicole brought up the possibility of donation of graduation caps and gowns at the high school

- Community Engagement and Wellness Committee - Andrea M. Described the makeup of the committee. The committee is involved with the parent teacher information series and putting together a

coordinated donation/drive calendar. An updated wellness policy was adopted in August including nutrition, physical education, mental, social and emotional wellness.

Member discussion whether there could be remote options for the information series. Might increase participation.

Next PTO Meeting

No December meeting. Happy Holidays!

January 27, 2025 at 7pm in the Library Media Center (6pm Post-Prom meeting)

8:25 Meeting Adjourned

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Minutes Submitted by Karry Kazial-Backes