



Orchard Park High School PTO Meeting Minutes  
February 25, 2025 @ 7pm  
OPHS Library Media Center

**Attendance**

Ellen J., Nicole C., Michelle F., Renee W., Donna L., Maureen B., Julie S., Kelly K., Andrea M., Karen F., Jennifer K., Jen D., Maura W., Emily M., Brandon P., Karry K-B

**Meeting Opened at 7:05pm**

**President's Report – Jen D.**

- Welcomed attendees
- Jen called for a vote on minutes from January meeting
  - o There was a motion to approve and second for the minutes vote
  - o PTO voted to unanimously approve the minutes

**Vice President's Report – Jennifer K.**

- 162 members on Facebook, fundraiser posted
- Have submissions in by March 1, the Newsletter will be made available March 8
  - o Send information to: [ophspto@gmail.com](mailto:ophspto@gmail.com)

**Secretary's Report – Karry K-B.**

- Please sign-in at meetings and add emails if not already provided
- Minutes will be sent to attendees to review before the minutes vote at the next meeting

**Treasurer's Report – Karen F.**

- 145 PTO members (added one)
- Reviewed the February Treasurer's Report
- New/Continued Inputs - membership, general donations, and post-prom donations (checks from businesses), dining fundraisers (need to add second dining fundraiser amount)
- New Outputs - post-prom deposit

**Principal's Report – Mr. Pafk**

- Class of 2027 will be the first without class rank, counselors will have access to rank if needed for applications. Survey was shared with the PTO. Obtaining feedback on methods for choosing graduation speakers and for recognition of achievements. Suggestions of allowing for cap decoration and cords at graduation are being considered.
- At the HS students will be able to go into an honors class based on their own interest. Information will be provided to families and students, one of the ways will be through the Gazette. Changes to schedules possible through June 1.
- March 7 Superintendents Day - focus is to get prepared for change

Member asked about very short timeline to provide information for NHS letter of application. Mr. Pafk was asked to allow for an extension.

Member requested that parents and students be informed about how a grade follows a student if changing class level and to have consistency across courses in how this is handled.

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

- Ms. Guzzino will not be able to join us due to day/time conflict. Welcome to Emily Markarian! Emily introduced herself including that she has been a physical education and health teacher at the MS and HS.

### **Committee Reports**

Instructional Leaders (ILC) – Chris P. & Mr. Pafk

- March and April early release are now full attendance days, March 7 teacher planning day, Reviewed World Languages curriculum proposal
- Transcripts were discussed regarding how courses are listed and items ordered on the transcript, NCAA consideration. Transcripts can be reformatted locally, however a statewide transcript is coming
- Consideration of credit hour increase for graduation to have seniors have meaningful time in school instead of open campus and study halls. May be better to have late arrival/early dismissal instead of open campus.
- Regents review classes after Spring break, discussion of removing common planning period
- Discussion of mid-terms, ½ year courses express a need for mid-terms, teachers use time for planning, exams in class take class instruction time away, if students miss mid-terms teachers need to chase them down for makeups

STAP-COMM – Kelly K.

- No meeting Dec./Jan., new restrictions coming to students for Google on their chromebooks, Panera fundraiser, donut fundraiser, discussion of building, roof, early dismissal into full attendance
- Spring Fling Homecoming Dance theme is Golden Hour, several events on Friday and Saturday, may include pep rally, flag football, spirit week, lawn games, food trucks, human foosball with teachers, dance on Saturday

Building Effectiveness Team (BET) – No meeting

Central Council – No meeting

Post Prom - Maureen B.

- Fundraising and planning underway
- Maureen will send Karry the "Get Egg'd sales information for setup in the Membership Toolkit

### **New Business**

- Nominations for 25-26 school year PTO positions will be available soon, shared in the Gazette starting in March and in the March and April newsletters. The deadline for nominations is Monday May 5th.

- Post prom fundraiser on Feb. 27 from 4-8.

- Society of Science Scholars Induction Reception will be March 25th. Sign up will be coming mid-March for donations and volunteers.

- Discussion of PTO support for class level sponsored events

- Freshman/New Student Orientation - discussed ideas such as OP branded items to give out (pen, class of branded item, stickers), photo booth activity (possibly provided by middle school tech teachers with greenscreen), snacks, Mr. Pafk mentioned a rethinking of the event overall, suggestion of raffle tickets to be obtained by visiting the club tables, stamp received at club tables

- Mr. Pafk items suggested to benefit students - in-locker phone chargers, teacher grants, furniture for student lounges, senior lounge

- Discussed bringing back funding for DJ at homecoming as a way to support more students

- PTO would need to have general fundraising to support class level items/events, would do this early in the year before post prom fundraising gets underway

### **Next PTO Meeting**

**March 24, 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