

PTO Meeting Minutes
04/03/2019

- I. The PTO meeting was called to order on Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at 9:00 am in the Elementary PD Room at Oak Grove School.
Attendees: Liz Howard, Christine Merrill, Agata Karpowicz, Ashley Wilson, Julie Kovach, Lonny Lemon, Andrew Fenton, Jina Rappaport, Cathie DeMoon, Ken LaCrosse, Laura Reutzler, Donna Griffin, Raabia Khan, Beth Zender
- II. March 6, 2019 minutes were approved as corrected. The Daddy Daughter Dance section should be Mother Son Dance with Lynsey Wolfe.
- III. **Reports of the Officers**
 - A. **President's Report** - Christine reported two thank you notes were received: one from Mrs. McCarty's class - they enjoyed the Chicago Dance Culture Shock Assembly, and one from Mrs. Mahoney personally thanking the PTO for all its support over the last 29 years.
 - B. **Vice-President:** Agata Karpowicz gave a brief overview of the March 19th Board Meeting -
 1. A Standard Based Grading (SBG) correction - SBG is not being implemented for 6th grade next year, it will be a hybrid. A decision would be made in March 2020.
 2. There is a potential Bill to increase PE time to 225 minutes per week. OGS offers 205 minutes so this would be a significant increase going forward. We would need to find 5 minutes a day from somewhere else.
 3. There is a proposed Superintendent consolidation bill debate.
 4. The Board Briefs from March 19th meeting have been included below.

New Business / Information

- PTO, SEDOL, Technology, Curriculum and TAG committee reports are attached to BoardBook. Discussion followed the technology report regarding the need for taking 1:1 devices home in kindergarten and first grade. Discussion also followed the TAG committee's report regarding the three options pertaining to TAG math (attached to the CoW agenda on BoardBook) that came out of the committee. Further discussion will take place at the April meeting.
- Mr. Peter Graves stated that AirCon will be doing the summer boiler replacement project in the Junior High.
- Dr. Lemon updated the board that we have notified our landscape service that we will be doing our own lawn maintenance going forward.
- The classroom lights in the '97 wing are no longer manufactured, thus replacements are not available. The District will hire a firm to work with our maintenance department to replace the lights in one classroom over Spring Break. Existing parts will be saved to be used as replacements as needed until new fixtures can be installed.

- Dr. Lemon updated the Board regarding some proposed bills that could affect Oak Grove negatively, if passed. He is watching this closely and filing opposition witness slips with our local legislators, as appropriate.
- Dr. Lemon reminded the Board that Oak Grove will be used as an election site on April 2nd. A sheriff's deputy will be on site.
- Multicultural Night will be held here at Oak Grove on April 11
- Dr. Lemon thanked retiring Board member, Lane Hasler, who will be finishing up a ten year term on the Board at the April meeting and wished the incumbents well in the upcoming election
- During public comment, a community member asked the Board to make any curriculum materials decisions as soon as possible, specifically tied to this being the math curriculum assessment year, so that the teachers will have time to review and to develop plans that will be implemented in the Fall. A teacher asked the Board to please consider including grade level teachers' opinions when administration is making decisions regarding OTUS and LMS (Learning Management Systems).

Approvals

- The Consent Agenda was approved with the exception of the minutes from the Special meetings.
- Personnel Action was approved.

Next Meeting is April 16, 2019

- C. **Treasurer:** Ashley Wilson reviewed the March PTO financial report. Ashley also had a printout of teachers that still need to use their PTO funds.
- D. **Registrar:** Becky Rynes gave an update on registration for the 2019-2020 school year. She is working on getting registration packets ready. She will review the volunteer section to make sure it is up to date. She is also working to update the responsibilities of the registrar position; Lynsey Wolfe will be taking over next year.

IV. Report from Administrative: Dr. Lemon reported:

- A. The Board is still working on the new Superintendent search. There has been no action yet, there will be a meeting prior to the next PTO meeting.
- B. The next meeting on April 16th will likely be pushed back to Tuesday, April 29th since the election results will not be final by April 16th. Mail-in votes can be counted for 2 weeks after the election date. More details confirming this date to follow.
- C. OGS is watching new legislation. There was originally over 6000 bills and almost 300 were education specific. They are now down to 130 bills. All school districts can be impacted differently by Bills, there are ten that could impact OGS. They will vote April 12th and then adjourn. In May the state budget needs to be done by May 31st though that does not always occur.
- D. OGS probably has more PE hours than many schools, but if the new bill passes, we are unsure where we would find 5 minutes a day. Dr. Lemon added that other schools also use their gym as a cafeteria.

E. There are two proposed consolidation bills that could take control away locally. For example, we could end up with one Superintendent for all 5 Libertyville area schools. Some things related to the Bills come up last minute so OGS is monitoring closely and always encourages Legislators to reach out to OGS Administration with questions. There is also one on district boundaries.

V. Report from Standing Committees:

A. **Teachers Liaison:** Jina Rappaport shared that the Multi-Cultural Fair is coming up on Thursday, April 11th. Battle of the Books will begin on April 23rd with the finals on May 3rd. Fine Arts Day is on April 26th. She will send out a reminder to teachers to use their funds if not done so already.

B. **Meet the Candidate Night** - This was held on May 14th. There was not a huge turnout with approximately 20 people, but overall it went well and ran smooth.

C. **Elementary Book Fair** - The BOGO book fair for K-7th grade will be held Monday-Thursday, April 22-25th. An email will go out when classes will be attending. On Wednesday the 24th the bookfair will also be open during a family event from 6-8pm.

D. **School Supply Pre-Packs** - Jennifer Liu is working on this, she's having some issues with the current supplier. They have increased the rates significantly this year. This would be our second year with this vendor.

E. **Variety Show** - Christine Merrild shared the Variety Show will take place on Friday, May 3rd with two shows at 4:00 and 7:00. Sign-ups were on March 11 and 12th during the student lunch hour. Tryouts are April 8th and 9th with MC tryouts on April 4th. Additional dates regarding mandatory practices were included in the OGS News. It was noted there were 58 Acts that signed-up and last year there were 27 Acts in the show, so there will have to be cuts. Tickets will be \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door.

F. **Report from OGSEF** – Dr. Lemon provided an update:

1. Susie Kiefer requested the one book one school program. This would involve entire school reading the same book including teachers, administration, parents and students.
2. They are going to do another round of mini-grants for the teachers.
3. They have been discussing the succession of the OGSEF Board and planning for 5-6 senior members leaving. They are not looking for new members currently, but will be over the next 1-2 years.
4. This is the 5th year for the Eagle Scholarship. Seniors at LHS can apply and OGSEF will award two \$1,000 scholarships.
5. The date for the next OGS Gala has been set for February 29, 2020 at Independence Grove.
6. Dan Wells is working on a pamphlet of local business & services that will be ready for next Fall. Becky Rynes suggested coordinating with the student directory distribution.

VI. Old Business -

A. **Request for funds for \$1600 from Mr. Jones for Symphonic and Jazz Band Students to see West Side Story** - There was some discussion how this differs from other field trips done by other extracurricular activities such as school choir to the Wolves Game each year. It was shared that the band performed West

Side Story this year and Mr. Henneberry's family is involved so the students may be able to get back stage. Mr. Jones confirmed this would be a one-time request. The performance is on Wednesday, May 8th in Chicago. There would be 74 students and 8 or more chaperones. Tickets are \$20 each. Parents would be charged an estimated \$8 for school bus transportation or \$15-\$20 for a shuttle. Christine Merrild noted another option could be for the PTO to pay for a percentage of the cost. There was a vote to pay for the request in full. Motion passed. It was recommended they take school buses since the PTO was helping to keep costs lower.

VII. **New Business -**

- A. **Request for funds from Ashley Evans for \$95.91 for the purchase of a wireless speaker and 8 extra headphones for the classroom.** This was meant to be a reimbursement request from the PTO versus a request for funds.

VIII. **Announcements –**

- A. Beth Zender asked if the updated calendar had been approved regarding the last day of school. It was suggested the PTO check with all end of year activity liaisons to make sure nothing needed to be moved.
- B. Lunches can now be ordered for the added early release day on April 19th. An email was sent out.
- C. The Multi-Cultural Fair is April 11th.
- D. Please send any recommended changes to the bylaws to Agata Karpowicz. This information is available on the PTO webpages.
- E. The PTO will include an announcement in an upcoming OGS News regarding open committee positions for next year.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 am. The next meeting will be on May 1, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Elementary PD Room. The PTO will present the budget, committees and bylaws. The final PTO meeting for this school year will take place on May 22 at 9:00 am to vote to approve the budget, committees and bylaws.