

PTO Meeting Minutes
02/06/2019

- I. The PTO meeting was called to order on Wednesday, February 6, 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, Becky Rynes, Lonny Lemon, Andrew Fenton, Jina Rappaport, Ken LaCrosse, Christy Swanson, Melissa Sallmann, Beth Zender, Donna Griffin, Lynsey Wolfe

- II. January 9, 2019 minutes were approved as distributed.

III. **Reports of the Officers**

A. **President's Report -**

1. Christine reported a few thank you notes were received for the MouseTrap Machine Show Assembly, from Mrs. McCarty's class for the Peter Dankelson Assembly, and from Mrs. Gilbert.

- B. **Vice-President:** Agata Karpowicz gave a brief overview of the January Board Meeting. The Lake County Superintendent's Organization was reviewed. The Board is discussing options for using upcoming days off since the four snow days pushes us to Monday, June 10. E-learning options were also requested by the Board, but there is a bill pending that could impact e-learning options. There was public comment related to standards-based grading, particularly pertaining to Junior High. At the previous meeting the Board asked to be presented options for going forward and the teachers made 3 suggestions for the 2020 or 2021 school year. The TAG committee met and shared data to date and future steps. The Board Briefs from the January BOE minutes has been included below.

New Business/Information

- Various committee reports attached to BoardBook
- Mr. Blumberg gave a technology report:
 - E-rate, no one bid on the equipment, we have until March to get bids
 - Internet, we've received bids, and will go through them with consultant
 - Junior High Cafeteria projector work is done
 - Three new teacher laptops were purchased for a trial run: elementary level, mid level and Junior High level. Decision will be made by Spring Break regarding which to buy
- Architect, Mr. Graves, reported that the numbers came in favorably to replace two boilers instead of one. The plan is to get proposals and bring them back to the board, with the work being done over the summer
- The administration and the architect would like the Board to begin planning for Capital Project replacement according to the Master Facility Plan
- Ms. Waehner shared the draft plan with the board regarding how Oak Grove is working to bring more awareness to mental health issues in order to support our students better
- Dr. Lemon presented three options to the Board regarding the 2019/20 school calendar
- The Board asked the administration to bring possible options for making up snow days used this year

- We are beginning the process to change our District number as there are two other Oak Grove Schools in Illinois with the same number and it causes a lot of confusion
- Two FOIA's were received and a letter from a community member
- Four community members spoke during public comment regarding Standards Based Grading and the TAG program
- There was extensive discussion of the TAG committee work, regarding the recommendations the committee will bring to the Board for possible changes for admittance to the TAG program
- Discussion was held regarding the status of the Junior High math program review. Administration will provide more data prior to the February Board meeting
- The administration provided options for a 6th grade standard based reporting pilot. The Board instructed the administrative team to continue refining and presenting a plan for such pilot
- Dr. Lemon gave an update regarding e-learning

Approvals

- The Consent Agenda was approved
- Personnel Action was approved
- The Application for Recognition of Schools was approved
- The PRESS suggested policy changes were approved with the exception of policy 2:80 & 5:60

Next Meeting is February 26, 2019

C. **Treasurer:** Ashley Wilson reviewed the January PTO financial report. Regarding teacher funds, it was noted Teacher Aides have also been added to the list of eligible teachers.

D. **Registrar:** Becky Rynes had nothing new to report.

IV. Report from Administrative: Dr. Lemon reported:

A. PARCC testing - The State was going to switch to a new test based on a recent bidding process, but there is a lawsuit and the funds are frozen. Therefore, the new company can't administer the test until resolved. We are waiting for more details and the next testing date. The test is expected to remain similar to past tests.

B. Mr. Fenton went with Dr. Lemon to a recent Legislator's meeting. Our administration makes a strong effort to meet and talk with our Legislators throughout year. Dr. Lemon noted it is very important for everyone to stay in contact and keep open communication. Dr. Lemon always invites our Legislators to reach out at any time to our District should they have questions.

C. Dr. Lemon sent an email to OGS families on the status of e-learning. There was a pilot in 2014 with a couple schools. E-learning was made legal, but now there is a bill proposing it go back to the previous way in which 5 hours of direct instruction would be needed, therefore eliminating the option of e-learning. Oak Grove is looking into e-learning options in the meantime, but if done, wants a solid plan. It would be up to the individual District to decide how to implement.

D. The Board and Staff are looking into options to make up one snow day so that Friday, June 7th could potentially be the last day of school. We have one snow day left which could push us no later than June 11th.

V. **Report from Standing Committees:**

A. **Teachers Liaison:**

1. Jina Rappaport noted she is on the Executive Board and they met that morning and reviewed the survey to go out to teachers ranking options for making up one snow day.

B. **Daddy Daughter Dance** - The Daddy Daughter Dance took place on February 2nd from 6:30-9:00 pm with a western theme. There were 225 girls plus dads in attendance for a total over 400. There was plenty of volunteers which was fantastic, including both decorating and clean up. Liz added that Brian the custodian went above and beyond helping out. While they brought in two photographers this year in hopes that formal pictures would go quicker, there was a miscommunication and one did candid shots instead. They will work next year to make sure there are two backdrops for photos. The raffle was a huge success and it was anticipated they made over \$2500. Liz noted that after 5 years, this was her last year chairing the Daddy/Daughter Dance. Melissa Sallmann and Shannon Bilcox were involved this year and will be taking over.

C. **K-1 Social** - Melissa Sallmann provided an overview of the recent K-1 Social at the Libertyville Sports Complex. This has been the location used for the last couple years and it is a great venue and it is great to work with them. She recommended continuing to host it there. She noted several parents asked about transportation to the Sports Complex. There was some discussion about trying to get buses in future years to take students there, but the PTO would then also need to provide transportation back to school for those that did after school care. If done for the K-1 Social, the PTO would also need to offer for all socials. In the end it was agreed that identifying a point of contact for those that may need help coordinating a ride would be the best route.

D. **Meet the Candidate Night** - Meet the Candidate Night has been confirmed for Thursday March 14 from 7:00-9:00 pm at Oak Grove. Each School Board Member Candidate will be given a chance to provide an introduction. Questions will be solicited in advance that the candidates will then answer. The event is expected to fun from 7:00-9:00 the latest. Watch the OGS News for how to submit questions. This date has already been added to the OGS Calendar.

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

1. Oak Grove Rocks was held in January. The weather was expected to be really bad, but they had a great turnout and the venue was great. They estimated making a little over \$2,000. The event is also meant to be a way to get everyone together on an off-Gala year. The bands all donated their time.
2. The February OGSEF meeting was cancelled due to weather.
3. They are working on a directory of local businesses and doing pre-planning for next year's Gala.

VI. **Old Business** - None

VII. **New Business** -

- A. **Request for funds from Gayle Timlin and Kim Wesley for \$100 for the multi-district parent workshop at Vernon Hills High School on Tuesday, February 19th.** This workshop will be a viewing of the movie Angst. This showing benefits about 500 parents and all districts support this event. They do something similar each year sharing an educational topic for parents. The PTO did ask if this is something they would like to request as a line item in the future for social work for \$100 per year. Beth Zender asked whether this was funded by the PTO at other schools, it was not for certain. It was agreed to vote for this year and more questions could be asked prior to determining whether a line item should be added for future years. Motion was approved.
- B. **Request for funds from Aimee Brown for \$137 for 2 Ikea Billy Bookcase lockers for Special Education students to hang coats and book bags in the classroom. These students need a space in the classroom as the hallway lockers is too over stimulating for some students.** Mrs. Brown's teacher funds have already been spent. Jina noted Mrs. Brown has a smaller classroom and a couple kids that check in with her each morning and then she gets them to class. The personal belongings would stay in her room and these lockers will continue to be used in in the years ahead. Dr. Lemon added they anticipate keeping this classroom which was created because SEDAL was not budgeted for this year or next. The lockers can always be moved if needed. Motion was approved.
- C. **Request for funds from Jean Hattendorf and Paula Forman for \$500 to purchase items for an OGS family event, "BINGO for Books!" to celebrate Drop Everything and Read Month.** This purchase would include 60 children books, book marks and bingo game. The event will be held in April. They hope by coordinating this event with the Spring Book Fair it will also increase traffic for the event. All K-5 families will be invited and they anticipate 100 participating. They are shopping for the best deals. Motion was approved.
- D. **Request for funds from Rebecca Sims for approximately \$1500 for the Improv Playhouse performance of the Giver for 7th and 8th grade students. The Giver is a book that the 7th graders read each year.** Julie Kovach, Programs & Assemblies Chair, provided some background details as this was also discussed as something that could be funded out of programs and assemblies if enough funds were available. This performance could benefit grades 6-8. More information will be available regarding remaining funds in the programs & assembly budget over the next few weeks and a vote will need to take place at the March meeting based on the funding amount requested.

VIII. Announcements –

- A. Christy Swanson shared the local Cub Scouts would be doing a book drive this spring and asked if there were any old text books or library books that school may have available to donate. Dr. Lemon will look into and Christy can coordinate with Sarah. This is a Children's book drive for kids in Uganda. There is a banquet in March, but there is no deadline for donations.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 am. The next meeting will be on March 6, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Elementary PD Room.