

**PTO Meeting Minutes**  
**01/09/2019**

I. The PTO meeting was called to order on Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at 9:01 am in the Elementary PD Room at Oak Grove School.

**Attendees:** Liz Howard, Christine Merrill, Ashley Wilson, Julie Kovach, Lonny Lemon, Andrew Fenton, Jina Rappaport, Ken LaCrosse, Mia Hughes, Cathie DeMoon, Raabia Khan, Beth Zender, Donna Griffin, Ambria Mayer

II. December 5, 2018 minutes were approved as distributed.

III. **Reports of the Officers**

A. **President's Report -**

1. Liz reported the PTO received several thank you notes from students for PTO activities. Thank you notes were also received from Mrs. McCarty's class and Mrs. Saia's class for the Mousetrap Machine Show Assembly, and from the 8<sup>th</sup> graders for author Jordan Sonnenblick.

B. **Vice-President:** A summary of the December 20<sup>th</sup> BOE minutes has been included below. Agata was not able to attend so Christine provided a summary.

**New Business/Information**

- The 8th grade girl's volleyball team was recognized for their 9-0 undefeated season. They were Lakeside Conference champions two years in a row.
- Dr. Cacciatore showed a presentation to the Board regarding the "Hour of Code"
- District will send out bid requests to replace the Junior High boilers over Spring Break or next summer
- First reading of suggested PRESS policy updates
- Letter received from Beth Zander regarding her opinion on Standards Based Grading
- Various committee reports attached to BoardBook

**Approvals**

- The Consent Agenda was approved
- Personnel Action was approved
- Two additional kindergarten aides were approved to be hired for the remainder of the 2018-19 year
- The Board approved to keep the previous six months of Executive Session minutes closed
- The Board approved the Canon copier 5-year contract

**Next Meeting is January 29, 2019**

C. **Treasurer:** Ashley Wilson reviewed the December PTO financial report.

D. **Registrar:** Becky Rynes was not in attendance, but emailed she had nothing new to report.

IV. **Report from Administrative:** Dr. Lemon reported:

A. The Foundation meeting was the previous night and they talked about Oak Grove Rocks which was scheduled for Friday, January 18th at Post Time with three local bands.

- B. School Board Election candidates have filed their paper work and there are four candidates and three spots. The PTO usually sponsors a forum if it is a contested race. The election is April 2, 2019. There was some discussion about possible dates and times in March for the forum. Christine and Liz will coordinate to get it scheduled and more details will follow.

V. **Report from Standing Committees:**

A. **Teachers Liaison:**

1. Jina Rappaport thanked the PTO for covering the staff breakfast before the holidays. She also thanked the PTO for bringing in Jorden Sonnenblick. The student's enjoyed his overall message to find something you are good at and like, practice to get better, and use it to help other people.
2. There was some discussion on how teachers are notified if they receive a lunch through's Marla's Lunch Program from a parent or student. Christine and Liz will ask Marla if the student's name that the lunch was from can also be included in the email sent to teacher's versus having to log into their account to see the name. A reminder this opportunity is available will also be put in an upcoming OGS newsletter.
3. Christine asked Mrs. Rappaport to remind Staff if students are not going to be there for lunch, to please let the PTO know as soon as possible to coordinate with Marla's. Mrs. Gilbert, Christine, or Liz can be contacted.

- B. **Daddy Daughter Dance** - The Daddy Daughter Dance will take place on February 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30-9:00 pm with a western theme. Details were included in the OGS News. Tickets are \$25/couple and there will be good raffle prizes. If anyone has rustic western props, barrels, spools, wheels, or saddles, please spread the word. Dessert only will be served. There will also be a DJ and photo booth, and they are working to bring in line dancers. The event will also be added to the online calendar.

- C. **Mother Son Dance** - Liz provided an update for Lynsey Wolfe. The dance will take place on February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:30-8:30 and will also have a western theme. Things are moving along well. They have a comedian, magician, and the raffle committee is working on bringing in prizes. They are sharing decorations with the Daddy Daughter Dance.

D. **Fundraising**

1. Liz noted the PTO is trying to do more take-and-go spiritwear. Beanies, hats and cinch bags were purchased and sold at the holiday halls. Socks were also ordered but they arrived late. We may put something in the Oak Grove News that items are still available.
2. Mia Hughes shared that Ultimate Ninjas Libertyville started an adult fitness class in October and they want to work with local schools to donate money back to the school. They will be offering parents and faculty of OGS an opportunity to participate in a 6-week fitness program and will give 100% of the cost back to the school as a donation. Details and cost will be included in an upcoming OGS news.

- E. **Report from OGSEF** – Dr. Lemon previously shared the Oak Grove Rocks date and details. Tickets could be purchased in advance or at the door.

VI. **Old Business** -

- A. **Request from Erin Smith & the 7<sup>th</sup> grade team to match their Penny Wars fundraising up to \$1,000** - This request was discussed at the previous PTO meeting and there was a consensus that \$1000 is a lot to come from the PTO for a donation; and that and when people give money to the PTO, they expect those funds to stay with the school. Occasionally the PTO will give smaller donations, but only for up to \$200 or less historically per year. Christine and Liz therefore contacted Erin Smith prior to today's meeting and explained that based on discussion, it was not looking likely that the vote would be in favor of this request and it had been suggested the student's try to reach out to local companies in the area and maybe they would match. Based on the amount requested, the vote needed to wait until this meeting. A vote was held, the motion did not pass.

VII. **New Business** - None

VIII. **Announcements** –

- A. Susan Kurland is beginning to shop for the Holiday Halls/Shopping Village for next year. She is looking for helpers if anyone is interested. Please help spread the word and let Christine or Susan know.
- B. Liz reminded everyone the PTO Board will be turning over next year. Becky Rynes will stay on as Registrar. If anyone is interested, please contact Christine or Liz and help spread the word. It would be great if next year's Board can start attending meetings.
- C. Valentine's Day Parties are coming up, watch for details being emailed.
- D. The DJ at lunch for grades 5-8 was a success as their winter holiday party. It would be good to plan ahead to get this included as part of the budget for next year so can continue to do in the future.
- E. Beth Zender asked if Dr. Lemon was doing pencil collections again. Dr. Lemon responded yes. It was suggested putting something in an OGS News prior to the end of the year regarding pencils or other supplies so parents can let their kids know they can leave extra supplies in boxes provided. Additional extra supplies are sent to other area schools in need.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:39 am. The next meeting will be on February 3, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Elementary PD Room.