



Oakland PTA September General Membership Meeting

September 11, 2023

7:02 PM EST

Welcome – Dan Lopez

- Thank you for coming to the first PTA meeting of the year.
- Introduction of the new Board:
 - President – Dan Lopez
 - Vice President – Rebekah Savona
 - Treasurer – Ryan Pidcock
 - Secretary – Emily Kucinich
 - Membership – Kim Timmington
 - Fundraising – Christina Etheridge

Principal's Report – Jason Taylor

- This group is great; it exists not only for your children, but also for you to help support you along the way as a parent of an Oakland student.
- We are lucky to have you all here.

- Thank you, PTA for the start of school treats for the teachers and staff. We all appreciated it very much.
- We also received support from the PTA Board for Kindergarten Welcome and the Welcome Back Social.
- Thursday at the School Board meeting there will be a quick introduction of new staff members/teachers and refreshments at 6:15 pm. Board meetings are open to all.

Reminder – volunteer forms need to be filled out every year. Don't wait until the last minute; background checks take a little while to get back.

Teachers' Report - Patti Fitzpatrick

- I've had several teachers reach out to thank the PTA for stocking the teacher's lounge.
- Kindergarten Welcome had a great turnout. Thank you for the goodie bags.
- Service Squad and Safety has started. Some students still need to be trained.
 - We need more 5th grade students for safety patrol.
 - I am here to help anyone that has any questions, etc.

School Board Liaison – Dan Lopez for Lauren Jasinski

- ROPAC group of parents has 1st meeting on September 19th at 6:30 pm at the administration building.
- Back to school welcome week was a success.
 - Focus was on safety.
 - 70 staff were present to lead sections.

- Thank you to PTA for welcoming teachers and staff.
- Please update your contact information and how you would like to be contacted on MIStar.
- The State of Schools address will be on September 28th at 6:30 pm.
 - Strategic plan – goals and strategies to support the school community.

Secretary's Report - Emily Kucinich

- Correspondence was read.
 - Thank you letter from former Principal, Sam Lynch.
- Minutes from the June PTA meeting are approved.
 - Nellie Harrie motioned to approve.
 - Jenny Lopez seconded.
 - June meeting minutes are filed as written.

Treasurer's Report – Ryan Pidcock

- I had a successful transition meeting with Duane Kucinich (former treasurer) over the weekend.
- Still getting familiar with the setup.
- Went over aspects of the budget.
- Budget is filed as written.

Fundraising Report – Christina Etheridge

- Oakland's first Dine Out will be at Treat Dreams on September 24th all day.
- Flyers will go out when it gets closer.

Membership Report - Kim Timmington

- Updated the membership forms.
- So far, most memberships have been online.
- Membership drive:
 - Flyers went out last week.
 - Dessert Oasis donated a gift certificate to raffle off.
 - All current PTA members will be entered into the raffle.

DEI - Kristin Brennan

- We had a really great get connected event with all of the PTAs in the district along with other groups the Saturday before school started.
- The first DEI meeting is Wednesday the 20th at 7:00 pm on Zoom.
- If anyone is interested in joining the DEI group for Oakland, please let me know.
- DEI group is solely PTA focused.
 - Advocate for our school.

President's Report - Dan Lopez

- Events Recap:
 - Welcome Back Social was a lot of fun. It was great to get everyone back and mingling. The D.J. was great 😊
- We have several events coming up that we need volunteers for.
- Upcoming events and dates:
 - Curriculum Night is Wednesday, September 13th in-person.
 - Please leave the kids at home if possible.

- Trunk or Treat is October 27th – chaired by Jessica Stickel
- STEM Night is November 14th – chaired by Heather Sadler

Adjourn – 8:15 pm

APPROVED