



## Oakland PTA April General Membership Meeting

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**April 10, 2023**

**7:00 PM EST**

### **Principal's Report – Jason Taylor for Sam Lynch**

- He is honored to continue to work here at Oakland in his new role as Principal. He is thrilled to continue being here and leading this wonderful community that he has been a part of for 13 years.
- Fun picture day is Wednesday April 12th:
  - Pay online or send in the envelope with payment.
  - Can bring in props or dress for favorite sport, activity, etc.
- MStep testing:
  - Starting tomorrow (Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>)
  - Encourage students to do their best, but don't put too much pressure on them.
- Next week ROMS staff will meet with 5<sup>th</sup> graders to get them ready for success at middle school.

### **Teachers' Report - Patti Fitzpatrick**

- Thank you for another great book fair. And thank you for the free books for the kids.
- Reading Night was awesome!
- Tigers game is a go:
  - We have 75 tickets for the May 17<sup>th</sup> game at 1:00 for safety & service squad.
  - We will need parent drivers.
    - Tickets are included but will need to pay for parking.
- Yearbook is coming along nicely.
- Thank you for the popsicle party for the Membership Drive. It was a nice surprise for the kids.

**School Board Liaison – Lauren Jasinski**

- Happy spring and good to see you all. Congratulations to Mr. Taylor for being named the new principal for Oakland.
- Construction is coming along well through the final leg of the bond project.
  - Office/kitchen changes in the schools
  - Safety and security measures are being put in place in all the buildings.
  - Excited to let you know a lot of the good improvements behind the scenes.
    - In 2 weeks, all security/safety protocols will be consistent throughout the district.
    - Big grant to finish the cameras in all the buildings.
- Working on 5<sup>th</sup> grade transition to ROMS. Everyone is welcome to attend ROMS PTA meeting on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

- Lego Camp enrollment is still going on.
  - Camp will be during ½ days now until the end of the year.
  - Available at each elementary school and ROMS.
  - Sign up on the district page.
  - Dan Lopez, “My kids loved Lego Camp. It’s incredible that the district offers this for our kids.”
- April 18<sup>th</sup> is the next Long Range Planning meeting.
  - Looking for input.

#### **Secretary’s Report - Emily Kucinich**

- There are no communications to report.
- March meeting minutes were approved.
  - Nellie Harrie motioned to approve, and Lauren Moroney seconded.

#### **Treasurer’s Report - Duane Kucinich**

- Will update the budget for next year.
- Received at \$113.00 overnight deposit on March 23<sup>rd</sup> into savings with no paperwork. Would like to know what this is for.
  - Will move deposit into checking.
- Budget is filed as written.

#### **Fundraising Report – Lauren Moroney**

- We made \$334.69 at Chipotle dine out. They donated 33% of sales.
- Sherlie’s was this past Saturday. Don’t have a total yet, but we will receive 10% of sales.

- Savvy Sliders dine out will be April 18<sup>th</sup> from 1-9 pm at their John R./Madison Heights location. They will donate 20% of sales.
- Qdoba will be on May 4<sup>th</sup>, and we will receive 25 % of sales.
- Happy's Pizza will be on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at their location on Woodward in Royal Oak. We will receive 25% of sales.

### **Membership Report - Kim Timmington**

- No update.

### **DEI - Kristin Brennan**

- No meeting because of ROMS open house.
- No update.

### **Watch D.O.G.S. – Josh Brennan**

- No update.

### **President's Report - Dan Lopez**

- Reading Night:
  - Everyone seemed to have a great time.
  - Thank you to everyone that donated and/or helped at the event.
  - First event he chaired – a lot of work, but a lot of fun.
  - Each participant was given a lanyard with a card at registration and received stickers when they completed each of the stations.
    - Stations – scavenger hunt, guest reader, flashlight reading, etc.

- Guest readers were members from the Royal Oak Fire Department, Royal Oak Police, and the Mayor of Royal Oak.
- The Royal Oak Public Library was also there signing people up for library cards.
- The main topic of the District PTA meeting was the current state of PTA and volunteers.
  - There seems to be a tapering off of people wanting to help.
  - Tiffany Vosburg, District PTA President, wrote a letter of her thoughts regarding the struggle of the PTA. Letter was read to meeting attendees.
- Board Nominations were read.
- National PTA dues are increasing to \$4 next year for a \$1.75 increase.
  - Nellie, “Council sets membership prices. Will need to clarify with district.”
  - We will need to increase membership dues, so we don’t lose money. Will discuss at next Board Meeting.
- April 20<sup>th</sup> the District PTA is inviting all members for a free Narcan training from 3:30 – 4:00 pm via Zoom.
  - Let Dan know if you would like to attend, and he will send out the email for registration.
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade families are invited to attend the ROMS PTA meeting on April 17<sup>th</sup>.
  - 6:15 – dinner
  - 7:00 – meeting
  - Please pre-register via email
- Upcoming events:
  - Family Fun Night has been cancelled for this year.

- Ms. B is not sure if she will be able to host the Art Fair this year.
  - Maybe in May?
- Muffins in the Morning – May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 am
- Cultural Night is on May 24<sup>th</sup>, and we still need a chair.
  - (Cultural Night was moved to June 1<sup>st</sup>)
- End of Year Picnic will be on Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Field Day – TBD
  - Mr. Lewis is working on finding a date.
- This is Sam's last year as Principal of Oakland.
  - Want to have something to honor his time here.
  - Possibly during the District PTA meeting in June. The meeting is scheduled to be at Oakland.
  - If anyone has any ideas on what to do, please let him know.

### **Bussing - Lauren Jasinski**

- There has been a lot of talk about district bussing/ transportation.
- Unsure where she falls in this.
- The district has not made up their mind on the situation and is looking for insight.
- City/District has committed to start a Safe Routes program.
  - Ways for district and city to work together to find safe walking and biking routes to school.
    - Roll outs expected early summer.
    - Looking for volunteers for walking audits/ surveys.

### **Motion – End of Year Picnic**

- Motion to move funds and increase the End of Year Picnic budget by \$3,000 for a total of \$4,000.
  - Stephanie Obsniuk moved to approve, and Jenny Lopez seconded.

**Adjourn – 7:53 pm**

PENDING APPROVAL