



Oakland PTA November General Membership Meeting

November 14, 2022

7:00 PM EST

President- Dan Lopez

- Ribbon cutting ceremony happened earlier this evening.
- Kids got to say a few words.
- Really nice event.

Principal's Report- Sam Lynch

- Holiday baskets are in the works. Mr. Meisel is making calls to the families.
- Parent-teacher conference reminder for this Thursday 1-3 pm and 4-7 pm. It is also a half day with dismissal at 12:05 pm. December 1st conferences are from 4-7 pm.
- It is great having the Watch D.O.G.S. back in the building. It was so nice to see the T-shirts around today.

Teachers' Report- Patti Fitzpatrick

- It was a great day with Watch D.O.G.S. The kids loved it and a lot of them said they wanted to get their dads to do it too. There will probably be more signing up to be a Watch D.O.G. after today.
- The Book Fair was a huge success. A big thank you to Heather for organizing and running it. Thank you also for the classroom book donations.
- Trunk or Treat was a great success as well. The kids had a lot of fun, and the weather was great. Thank you to everyone that helped put it on.

School Board Liaison- Marty Cardemone

- Thank you to the community for passing the Sinking Fund
- The bond renewal does include technology which will be helpful down the road.
- The next long range planning meeting will be on November 30th from 6-8 pm. They are moving on to curriculum.
- The new website has been launched.
- Two new school board members were elected.
- Thank you to Oakland PTA. PTAs are an important part of the education system.

Secretary's Report- Emily Kucinich

- October Meeting Minutes pending approval.
 - Melissa's last name is spelled incorrectly
 - Kristin motioned to approve the amended minutes and Lauren Moroney seconded.
 - Approved as amended.

- Correspondence was read.
 - Thank you notes from Book Fair donations.

Treasurer's Report- Emily Kucinich filling in for Duane Kucinich

- The \$75 check from Tapped was incorrectly deposited into savings. The full amount will be moved into checking.
- Scholastic Reading Counts Program and Holiday Baskets are highlighted in red on budget form as they are pending approval to raise amounts.
- File budget pending motion approvals.

Fundraising Report- Lauren Moroney

- We earned \$75 from our Tapped Dine Out.
- Step it Up Fundraiser wrapped up end of October.
 - We raised over \$19,000.
 - 80/20 split between our school and the company.
 - We receive 40% direct profit. The rest goes to prizes and Day of Awesome.
- We earned \$204.07 from our Blaze Pizza Dine Out in October
- Vera Asian Dine Out on November 1st
 - We had \$1,262 in sales.
 - We earned \$189 which was rounded up to \$200.
- We had our studio mini photo sessions yesterday with Derek Cookson Photography.
 - Don't know how much we raised yet.
 - We had 21 families participate.

- Derek will donate a little extra.
- Of the 21 only 6 were not PTA members.
- Will take about 1-2 weeks to get pictures out.
- Olga's Dine Out will be on Wednesday December 7th all day. We will get 15-20% based on net sales.

Membership Report – Dan Lopez filling in for Kim Timmington

- We are at 96 members.
- She is working on putting together a membership drive.

DEI – Kristin Brennan

- Survey results with pie chart graphs were put on each table and members were to discuss the results with their table partners.
- Results indicate how inclusive Oakland families feel the PTA is.
- There was a very low response rate with only 22 surveys being completed.
- There were 394 district wide responses.
- Oakland's results were better than average.
- There are plans to revisit the survey at the end of the school year.

Watch D.O.G.S. – Josh Brennan

- As of last meeting there were 17 people signed up; now there are 21.
- Response was great for the first day of being back in the building.
- There were a lot of high fives from the 4th and 5th graders. They remember having Watch D.O.G.S. in the building before the pandemic.

- There are 6 or 7 days filled for November and 8 or 9 so far for December.
- Another t-shirt order was placed recently.

President's Report- Dan Lopez

- Trunk or Treat (update on behalf of Jessica Stickel)
 - Thank you to all those that helped with donations and volunteered to run stations.
 - 240 donuts were donated by Blake's.
 - We had 9 gallons of cider.
 - 27 vehicles participated with prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for best decorated vehicle.
 - 95 bags of candy were passed out.
 - Looking forward to next year!
- Motions:
 - **Scholastic Reading Counts Program**
 - Would like to cover the entire cost of program and raise budget from \$500 to \$979.50.
 - Emily Kucinich motioned to approve, and Nellie Harrie seconded.
 - Motion to increase Scholastic Reading Counts budget was approved.
 - **Holiday Baskets**
 - With increase in cost of food and low donations, would like to increase budget for Holiday Baskets from \$1,500 to \$1,800.

- Jen Ball motioned to approve, and Lauren Moroney seconded.
- Motion to increase Holiday Baskets budget was approved.
- STEM Night is Wednesday night.
 - ROHS Robotics team is coming and volunteered to run the stations.
 - Encouraging people to bring canned goods to the event.
- Coffee with the President #2 will be Thursday the 17th in the morning after drop off.
- Winter Craft workshop on December 6th is still in need of a chair.
 - Jen Ball volunteered to chair the event.
- We all need to help spread the word about the PTA; encourage people to volunteer, sign up to be a member, and come to a meeting or event.

Vice-President- Jen Ball

- Event Chairs
 - Donuts with a Grownup will be chaired by the Watch D.O.G.S.
 - Sweetheart Dance will be chaired by Stephanie Obsniuk
 - Still need a chair for Oakland's Got Talent

Adjourn – 8:06 pm