



Oakland PTA June General Membership Meeting

June 12, 2023

7:01 PM EST

Welcome – Dan Lopez

- Thank you for coming to the last PTA meeting of the school year.
- We couldn't have done anything with the dedication of the board and our volunteers. Thank you!
- Dan was gifted a gavel engraved with the saying, "File it Up".

Principal's Report – Sam Lynch

- This is my last PTA meeting as Principal and the first time in 10 years that I didn't bring my laptop or notebook.
- I am so thankful for all the kind gestures over the last couple of weeks.
- It is comforting knowing that I can count on my predecessor and our amazing staff to continue the great work at Oakland.
- I am thankful for this group and that this is my last report. 😊

Teachers' Report - Patti Fitzpatrick

- The ASD rooms are extremely thankful that the PTA found ways for their kids to participate in the events this year.
- Field Day was wonderful.
- End of the Year Picnic was the best ever – a really great turnout!
- Day of Awesome was run well and the kids really enjoyed it (without any serious injuries 😊)
- International/Cultural Night was very well done.
- Safety/broadcast will have their waffle breakfast tomorrow morning.
 - Fitzpatrick, Muller, Hopp & Mundt will be doing the cooking.
- Thank you everyone for an awesome year!

School Board Liaison – Lauren Jasinski

- We had a successful school year and two excellent graduations.
 - ROHS & Churchill (also included anyone completing a GED)
- Enrollment is open through summer until the fall.
- We will now have student representatives on the School Board
 - We are one of the 1st in Oakland County.
 - 6 students from the high school are interested.
 - Interviews happened last week and were student focused.
- Long Range Planning:
 - Please fill out the survey that was sent out.
 - We are looking for input from families.
- August 26th is the Back-to-School PTA ROMPA event at ROMS.
- August 28th is the first day of school.

Secretary's Report - Emily Kucinich

- Minutes from the May PTA meeting were approved.
 - Nellie Harrie motioned to approve.
 - Kim Hunter seconded.
 - May meeting minutes are filed as written.

Treasurer's Report - Duane Kucinich

- It has been a pleasure working with everyone on the board and in the PTA. I appreciate everyone working so hard together for our kids.
- We have \$5,000 up to \$6,000 still to spend this school year.
 - We will be about \$1,000 in the red, which is not as bad as expected.
 - The \$2,500 gift from Arts Beats & Eats saved us.
- Please submit any remaining reimbursement requests right away and please cash the checks promptly.
 - It will make the audit easier.
- I have highlighted the key points in next year's proposed budget.
 - Donation Drive: Attempt to get donations to supplement income.
 - If you can't volunteer, etc., you can donate.
 - School activities and assemblies were reduced slightly.
 - I tried to favor reducing the budget on things at the end of the year to give them time to increase later if fundraising is going well.
 - Scholastic News – we don't have the funding for it this year.

- I kept it as a line item, and we can add money to it later if there are funds available.
- There are a lot of PTA fixed costs that we can't adjust.
- What we are expecting to earn needs to match what we are expecting to spend.
- Nellie Harrie – “There is a lot of money in savings. We are legally only supposed to carry over a certain amount from year to year. You can move money from savings when needed.”
- Proposed budget for 2023-2024 school year was approved.
 - Jen Ball motioned to approve.
 - Lauren Moroney seconded.
 - The proposed budget was filed as approved.
- Dan Lopez, “Thank you Duane for all your work as treasurer. Dealing with money is not an easy job.”

Fundraising Report – Lauren Moroney

- Day of Awesome:
 - Thank you to all the parent volunteers. We couldn't have done it without you.
 - The kids had a great time!
- Happy's Pizza brought in \$100.00.
- Jim's Frosty Treats Dine Out is Thursday the 15th from 12-5 pm. They will donate 10% of sales.
- It was really nice to be on the PTA Board. It is such a welcoming group.
- Check to see if we can set up a rewards program with Gordon's Foods.

- Dan Lopez, “Thank you Lauren for all of the hard work you did with the Day of Awesome and all of our Dine Outs.”

Membership Report - Kim Timmington

- National PTA is increasing their prices, so we would like to follow suit, so we don't lose money.
- Proposed increase:
 - Individual \$10
 - Family \$20
 - Gold \$25
 - Family Gold \$30
- Read proposed by law amendments.
- Proposed membership dues increase was approved.
 - Emily Kucinich motioned to approve.
 - Nellie Harrie seconded.
- I've been amazed by our school community. It's been a great year!

DEI - Kristin Brennan

- Last DEI meeting we talked about where PTA memberships fall.
 - We discussed how to increase memberships overall and how to reach more members.
 - One suggestion is to add a 15-minute social time before the meeting for anyone to come and socialize, fill out question cards, etc.

- Have note cards available to people to fill out with their questions to be answered during the PTA meeting. Can be anonymous.
- Do another survey?
- It also needs to be made known that you don't have to be a PTA member to come to the meeting.
- Board members should sit by general members and network at events as much as possible.
- Have 5th grade parents buddy up with kindergarten parents.
- We need to make the PTA as open and welcome as possible.
- ROMPA event is on August 26th at ROMS.
- Our DEI meetings are on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm on Zoom. Please consider attending a meeting.
- Dan Lopez, "A special thank you to Kristin and family for all their work with Oakland this year. Kristin and Jen are probably the busiest women."

Watch D.O.G.S. – Kristin Brennan for Josh Brennan

- We had a great year and are looking forward to next year.
- Josh is looking for someone to chair the Watch D.O.G.S. with him.
 - Please reach out if you are interested.
- We are grateful and lucky to have this program at Oakland.
- John Gauthier, "I will help as much as I can come April 15th when I retire."
- The students love the Watch D.O.G.S. and get excited when they are in the school.
- The program has been here for 10 years.

President's Report - Dan Lopez

- Thank you to everyone that took time out to help this year.
- Cultural night was such a fun event. Julie Molnar did a fantastic job with not much time to do it.
 - We had 10 families/cultures represented.
 - There was dancing, food, decorations, games, etc.
 - We have one of the most diverse schools in the district and we are proud of that.
- Day of Awesome was great too!
- Proposed 23-24 PTA Calendar was approved with correction (adding “h” to with under Donuts with Grownup)
 - Duane Kucinich motioned to approve.
 - Jen Ball seconded.
- 2023-2024 PTA Board Officers were sworn in:
 - Dan Lopez – President
 - Rebekah Savona – Vice President
 - Emily Kucinich – Secretary
 - Ryan Pidcock – Treasurer
 - Christina Etheridge – Fundraising
 - Kim Timmington – Membership
- Duane Kucinich and Jennifer Ball will be removed as signers on the account and Ryan Pidcock and Rebekah Savona will be added as signers on the account.

Adjourn – 8:30 pm