



## Oakland PTA March General Membership Meeting

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**March 13, 2023**

**7:00 PM EST**

### **Principal's Report - Sam Lynch**

- Calendar reminders:
  - March 24<sup>th</sup> is a half day; out at 12:05 pm.
  - April 6<sup>th</sup> is half day for records day.
  - April 7<sup>th</sup> no school for Good Friday.
- Lego Camp:
  - Free for students over Spring Break.
  - Will be offered again in the summer.
- New Principal Interviews:
  - On track to announce the new Principal at the April Board meeting.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> round of interviews this Wednesday (March 15<sup>th</sup>).
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> round of interviews Wednesday March 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> round of interviews will be after Spring Break.
  - Dan & Nellie will attend the interviews.

- Please let them know if you have any questions or concerns to pass along.
- Kristin Brennan – “Any information on Chromebooks for Kindergarteners?”
  - Sam Lynch – “No updates, but it is in the works.”

### **Teachers’ Report - Patti Fitzpatrick**

- Introduced Morgan Chapman, her helper teacher, to the group.
- Thank you all for the Reading Month door decorations. The kids love them.
- Starbooks Café (book tasting) was a big hit. Thank you to everyone that helped put it on.
- The Sweetheart Dance was also amazing.
- Founder’s Day – thank you for the nomination.
- The Book Fair was a big success.
- Safety & Service Squads – Tigers game on May 17<sup>th</sup>
  - Will need parent drivers.
- Yearbook is a go:
  - Melissa Dodoro is handling the tech part of production.
    - If you have any group photos to include, please email them.

### **School Board Liaison – Lauren Jasinski**

- Founder’s Day celebration was a lot of fun. It was the first chance to participate in-person in a while.
- Blessings in a Backpack Fundraiser:

- School Board had 2 teams in the trivia competition.
- The event raised a lot of money to support the organization's good work.
- Lego Program (Spring Break):
  - Really excited to roll it out.
  - It is a really great event.
  - There are 50 slots available per school and is 100% free to attend.
  - Fully staffed with Royal Oak teachers.
  - There are also 2 student liaisons to the School Board that are participating as well as NHS volunteers.
  - If it works well, we will bring it back in the summer.
- Trauma informed training:
  - Help from author Shenandoah Chefalo
  - Learning a better way to add trauma informed practices to classrooms.
  - Funded by Oakland County Mental Health Grant and Royal Oak Foundation.
- School of choice is open until the end of the month for DK-8<sup>th</sup> Grade.
  - Our numbers are far above what we had last year.
- Long Range planning:
  - Next public meeting is 4/18 from 6-8 pm at the main school board office.
  - Marybeth Fitzpatrick is meeting with all the schools for Long Range feedback; not to be confused with the City Master Planning.

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

- There are no communications to report.
- January meeting minutes were approved.
  - Patti Fitzpatrick motioned to approve, and Stephanie Obsniuk seconded.

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

- Copies of the budget and Treasurer's report were provided.
- Everyone is doing a great job of getting paperwork to him in a timely fashion.
- A few deposits from January were deposited into savings by mistake. Reminder that deposits go in checking not savings.
- Budget is filed as written.

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### **Fundraising Report – Daniel Lopez for Lauren Moroney**

- Lauren is doing a great job and getting a lot of great dine-outs planned.
- Panda Express brought in just under \$100.
- Ray's Ice Cream - \$60.
- Upcoming Fundrasisers:
  - Chipotle (3/15 from 4-8 pm)
  - Sherlie's Delights (4/8)
  - Qdoba (5/4)

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

- We had our membership drive in January:

- Started with 105 members and ended with 126 members.
- Ms. Fitzpatrick's class won the classroom party. Ms. Fitzpatrick won the Hollywood Market gift card.
- All PTA members were put into a drawing for a 2<sup>nd</sup> Hollywood Market gift card. Chad Lewis won.

**Sweetheart Dance – Kim Timmington & Stephanie Obsniuk**

- Had a lot of fun planning the event.
- Had over 300 attendees.
- Went a little over budget; donated the overage.
- Made \$618 through ticket and flower sales.

**DEI - Kristin Brennan**

- Last month's listening session was facilitated by 2 co-chairs.
- National PTA guidelines.
- Listening sessions are an important model for PTAs.
  - Honest feedback; safe space
  - What direction the PTA should be headed
- Next meeting is Wednesday March 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Dan would be happy to be involved in ow to get listening session off the ground.

**Watch D.O.G.S. – Patti Fitzpatrick for Josh Brennan**

- Everything is going well.
- Just a reminder to make sure that you are a registered volunteer with the school before signing up.

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

- Founder's Day:
  - Presented awards to Mr. Lynch, Ms. Fitzpatrick, and Kristin Brennan.
  - He was honored to be able to present awards to these individuals who we are so proud to have at our school.
  - It was a really great event.
  - Will encourage more people to attend next year.
  - It was so nice to see different people who made a big difference in students' lives receive recognition.
- March is Reading Month:
  - Book fair and Book Tasting went well.
  - Used book sale will be Friday the 17<sup>th</sup>.
    - Used books will be collected until Thursday morning. Any leftovers will be used for the book swap table at Reading Night.
  - Apologized for having Reading Night on the same day as other events. There were not many options that worked for the school.

## **Book Fair – Heather Wege**

- Brought in \$3,600 gross.
- Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> every student will have the chance to pick out a new free book from Scholastic.

- Purchased \$1,000 worth of new books for the library to replace a lot of the outdated non-fiction books. Also, trying to add more diverse books.
- Next book fair is BOGO:
  - April 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> with family shopping on Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Dan Lopez – “Heather is doing a fantastic job with book fair!” – round of applause.
- March 20<sup>th</sup> – cleaning out PTA closet at 10:00 am.

### **PTA Board Member Discussion:**

- All Royal Oak Middle School PTA board members are leaving as they are moving on to high school.
- If anyone is interested in joining the ROMS PTA board, please reach out.
- Every PTA is struggling to get board members, volunteers, etc.
- Compassion fatigue.
- Get out what we do as a PTA so we can get feedback from members/non-members.
- Maybe make a video of what the PTA does around the school.
  - Get broadcast involved?
- PTAs are evolving, not the same old PTA.

### **Final Words – Dan Lopez**

- There will not be an open house this year. The decision was made by the teachers/school.
- Thank you all for coming to our March meeting.

**Adjourn – 7:54 pm**

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