



## Oakland PTA October General Membership Meeting

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**October 9, 2023**

**7:01 PM EST**

### Welcome – Dan Lopez

- Pledge of Allegiance

### Principal's Report – Jason Taylor

- Last week Marybeth Fitzpatrick gave the State of School Address. Topics included:
  - Long range planning.
    - Fiscal and physical responsibility
    - Maintaining high quality of staff
  - Staff across the district are working on empowering confident females in our schools.
    - Building relationships
    - Giving girls more independence and empowerment
    - Retraining the way, we talk with young females. Focusing less on appearance and more on accomplishments.

- Understanding the connection between devices/social media and confidence or lack thereof.
- Making sure teachers feel confident teaching new math programs.
- Oakland staff and volunteers have started talking about the Holiday baskets for this year.

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

- Introduced Stephanie Mcdowell as co-chair.
- Thank you to the PTA for giving each teacher \$50 to purchase classroom books at the bookfair. We really appreciate it!
- We had a great turnout at the Watch D.O.G.S. event. We are looking forward to working with them in school.
  - Thank you for the leftover pizza, cookies, and chips for the Teacher's Lounge.

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

- I really enjoy coming to these PTA Meetings.
- I was new to the Board in January, and I am happy and proud to serve.
  - I am a former educator, so I understand the importance of it all.
- Strategic Plans:
  - Highlight of the State of Schools Address. Go back and watch it if you haven't seen it.
  - The board has formally approved the plan.
- Royal Oak Schools has a new app.
  - You can download it on Apple or Android.

- It connects all logins in a single place.
- Royal Oak High School has a Future Fair next week.
  - Career planning and mindfulness opportunities for older students.
- Official proclamations were read at the meeting regarding Indigenous People's Day.
  - Oakland University is working on efforts to do land acknowledgements of Native land.
  - Gave back some of their land to Native groups to use for their ceremonies, etc.
- Position openings for District DEI Coordinator and High School Principal.

**Secretary's Report - Emily Kucinich**

- Correspondence was read.
  - Thank you letter from Mrs. Mentag for the \$50 Scholastic Certificate.
- Minutes from the September PTA meeting are approved.
  - Christina Etheridge motioned to approve.
  - Jenny Lopez seconded.
  - September meeting minutes are filed as written.
- Motion:
  - Allocate \$200 from Kindergarten Welcome to Office Supplies for the purpose of purchasing clear plastic storage bins for the PTA closet.
  - The motion was approved and adopted.

## Treasurer's Report – Ryan Pidcock

- Moved \$2100 from Kindergarten Welcome to Office Supplies. There is still \$100 left. No money was spent on Kindergarten Welcome this year.
- Welcome Back Social was \$42 under budget.
- Upcoming events and their budgets:
  - Trunk or Treat - \$400
  - STEM Night - \$200
  - Winter Craft Workshop - \$100
- The student enrichment budget is set at \$10 for 300 students. We currently only have 231 students.
  - Putting a placeholder in for 5 potential students, there is an overage of \$640.
  - Rebekah suggested moving some money to Service/Safety Squad.
    - They need new belts.
    - Annual waffle/bagel breakfast needs to be funded as well.
    - This year's budget is \$100/ last year was \$300.
- Holiday Baskets may also need to be upped this year.
  - Motion at November meeting
- Scholastic News is \$2,000 for this year. The school would like the PTA to cover the cost if possible.
  - Check from Arts Beats and Eats may be able to cover it.
- Budget is approved as amended.
  - Motion to move funds from Kindergarten Welcome to Office Supplies.

### **Fundraising Report – Christina Etheridge**

- We are waiting for the check from Treat Dreams.
- Panda Express Dine Out on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am – 9:30 pm
- Photography Sessions with Derek Cookson are scheduled for Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - \$30 PTA Member
  - \$45 Non-PTA Member
- Check on Company Match Donations to Non-Profits
- Give Backs

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

- Currently at 129 members.
- Last year we ended with 133.
- Membership Drive ended on October 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Erin Fontana won the Dessert Oasis gift card.

### **DEI - Kristin Brennan**

- DEI Restorative Practices Seminar on Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> from 7-8 pm on Zoom.
  - Open to anyone that would like to attend.
  - Hosted through Wayne State University
  - Must pre-register
- DEI meeting in September:
  - Dan attended the Zoom kick off.

- Talked about goals for the year.
- Figure out how to best utilize resources and bring these practices to Oakland.
  - Will host listening sessions at Oakland before each PTA meeting.
    - Talk about any DEI issues, ideas, etc.
    - Take information back to District DEI group.
    - Plan to host the first one before the November PTA Meeting

**Watch D.O.G.S. – Jeff Timmington (co-chair)**

- Had a nice turnout for the kickoff.
- Schedule is now live.
- Make sure you have a volunteer form on file with the school.
- Order shirt for yourself and your student(s)

**President’s Report - Dan Lopez**

- Jessica Stickel is the chair for Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>.
  - Kim Timmington got a \$300 donation from Meijer to purchase the cider and donuts.
- Upcoming Events:
  - October 17<sup>th</sup> – Royal Oak Advisory Committee (ROPAC) hybrid meeting
  - October 17<sup>th</sup> – Fall Fundraiser Launch
  - October 20<sup>th</sup> – Dine out at Panda Express
  - November 14<sup>th</sup> – STEM Night

- December 7<sup>th</sup> – Winter Craft Workshop

**Adjourn – 8:02 pm**

PENDING APPROVAL