



Oakland PTA January General Membership Meeting

January 9, 2023

7:00 PM EST

President's Welcome - Dan Lopez

- Good to see everyone here tonight.
- Introduced Lauren Jasinski, our new school board liaison, who replaced Marty Cardemone at the end of 2022.

Principal's Report - Sam Lynch

- Calendar reminder that there is no school on the 16th and 27th (records day).
- Thanks to Watch D.O.G.S. and the PTA for Donuts with a Grownup. It was a nice event and was well attended.
- MLK Day (Monday, January 16th)
 - We are having our own little event here at Oakland from 9-10 am.
 - Winter clothing drive in conjunction with 1st United Methodist of Royal Oak.

- Looking for donations of hats, mittens, clothes, scarves, etc.
- Sam's daughter created the collection box outside of the church like a free little pantry.
- DEI/Student Council is working on the event. Student lead breakfast.
 - Asking for people to RSVP if attending.
- Transition to new Principal
 - Survey went out to parents asking for input.
 - The goal is to have the position posted by the beginning of February.
 - Should know who the new Principal is by Spring Break.
 - Principal Lynch will be available to help with the transition to the new Principal, e.g., shadow days, certain things outside of school hours, etc.

Teachers' Report - Patti Fitzpatrick

- Thank you to the PTA and our Oakland parents for helping with the Holiday Baskets (Kristin Brennan especially).
 - We provided baskets to 11 families with another 4 bags of supplies on Friday.
 - They were all very appreciative and overwhelmed.
- Donuts with a Grownup had a great turn out.
 - The cafeteria was packed, and everyone had a great time.
- The new year has been great so far.

School Board Liaison – Lauren Jasinski

- Introduced herself to the Board and Members.
- She will take over the positions that Marty Cardemone had and will re-evaluate in the fall.
- She will put a request in to continuing working with Oakland.
- The school liaison will help with Superintendent with the job search for Principal.
- Kindergarten enrollment opens on January 25th.
- School of Choice enrollment will open on the website beginning of March for Dk – 8th grade.
- MLK Celebration at Berkley High School at 9:00 am:
 - Switch between Royal Oak and Berkley year to year.
 - Will have a MLK Day Walk and community engagement.
 - Online video and social media posts.
- Long Range Planning Sessions are open to public.
 - Next one is on January 31st from 6-8 pm.
 - Hear about new priorities of the school district.
- Lauren will officially start her position on Thursday the 12th.
 - Will be sworn in at the next School Board meeting.
- Michelle Cook is the other new School Board member.
- Deb Anderson has been re-elected.
- Will also welcome in 2 high school students as representatives for the School Board.
 - Was in the works for a while but was put on hold due to covid.
 - Will be taking applications and interviewing candidates.
 - The representatives will be non-voting members but will participate in the meetings.

Secretary's Report - Emily Kucinich

- There are no communications to report.
- December meeting minutes were approved.
 - Lauren Moroney motioned to approve, and Kristin Brennan seconded.

Treasurer's Report - Duane Kucinich

- Copies of the budget and Treasurer's report were provided.
- Everything is on track with the budget.
- Went over some of the processes with forms and cash boxes:
- We have a busy few months coming up and a need for cash boxes at some of the events.
 - **Cash box request forms:**
 - If you will be taking money at an event, you will need to fill out a cash box request form a week or so before the event and put it in the PTA mailbox.
 - You can indicate how you would like the \$100 split up.
 - Duane will get the money and cash box to you before the event.
 - After the event, you will need to fill out an itemized receipt deposit form.
 - List out amounts and have another PTA member re-count and sign the form.
 - Return cash box with \$100 to Duane and deposit any overage at Our Credit Union on Washington (overnight drop box if after hours).

- All forms will be available in the PTA mailbox and online.
- **Check reimbursement/request forms:**
 - If you spend money for an event, you will need to fill out check request form and include your receipt.
 - Make sure that everything is within the budget.
 - We cannot reimburse for sales tax.
 - Please feel free to ask any questions. He is happy to help if anyone needs assistance.
 - Sam commented that all forms are there for your protection.
 - Kristin added that 2 unrelated people need to count the money and the event chairperson needs to sign the check request form.

Fundraising Report - Lauren Moroney

- Panera Bread is scheduled for Wednesday, January 18th. We will receive 20% back. Event is from 4-8 pm and there is a code to enter for online orders.
- Panda Express is scheduled for February 16th.
- Rays Ice Cream is in the works.
- Sherlie's Delights is scheduled for Saturday, April 8th.

Membership Report - Kim Timmington

- We are having the Membership Drive this month and will end on February 1st.
 - Classes will compete to see who can get the most PTA memberships.

- Winning class will win a popsicle party and teacher will win a gift card.

DEI - Kristin Brennan

- Not much of an update
- Stephanie has been working with her on DEI things.
- Meet once a month on Zoom with a fluid agenda.
- Haven't had a meeting since November.

Watch D.O.G.S. - Josh Brennan

- The Apple Fritter gave an amazing deal on the donuts for Donuts with a Grownup.
 - Oakland student's mom is one of the bakers.
- We have received some new sign-ups for Watch D.O.G.S.
- It's great to see everyone in the school again.

President's Report - Dan Lopez

- Kim and Stephanie are chairing the Sweetheart Dance.
 - Would like to make it really special for the kids and increase the budget to \$400.
 - Jen Ball motioned to increase the budget for the Sweetheart Dance by \$200. Duane seconded.
 - It will be Friday, February 3rd from 6-8 pm with a sensory friendly time from 5:30 – 6 pm.
 - Flyer and signup are ready to go out.

- DJ Cisco (has a son at Oakland) will go with Dan to figure out what sound system we will need for the school.
- February and March are when things are really picking up.
- Upcoming events:
 - Talent Show auditions on February 16th and Talent Show March 3rd.
 - Book Fair February 24th – March 3rd.
 - Open House – TBD
 - Sam is still trying to figure out if we are going to do one.
 - Reading Night – TBD
 - Dan will talk with the Reading Committee
 - Soup with the Super – January 26th at 6 pm
 - RSVP by January 19th on District website
 - For stakeholders in the district without kids in school
- Budget is approved with changes.

Adjourn – 7:57 pm