



## Oakland PTA Meeting

Monday, September 14, 2020 7pm Virtual Zoom Meeting

- **Call to Order:** *Time: 7pm Quorum met? yes, Number of Members present: 29*
- **Principal Report** - Sam Lynch –
  - Report on virtual schools have been good from the teachers, parents and kids. Meet n greet and the beep n greet went really well and was successful.
  - Regarding school construction; the pre-existing part of the school is back open. The new addition is due to be done in October.
  - We are welcoming a new teacher this year. Sarah Ross will be teaching 1<sup>st</sup> grade. Mrs. Ross is not that new to the Oakland family as she has been a liaison. Mrs. Farber will not be coming back to Oakland to teach.
  - Sam will be sending an email out regarding the NWEA testing. This is standardized testing that will be done virtually this year. The email will contain a checklist for the parents to help be prepared for the testing.
- **Teacher's Report**- Patti Fitzpatrick –
  - *Thanks to the PTA for the gift bags, they were appreciated. Thanks to the PTA for the gift bags for the kids at the DK and Kindergarten beep n greet.*
- **School Board Liaison**- Maryanne VanHaitsma –
  - District technology; Handed out 600 chrome books in the Spring. 2,300 total chrome books were distributed to date. They have another order in for additional chrome books.
  - Athletics was brought back; MHSAA is allowing students to play sports now.
  - The district provided meals to families this past spring thru August, Mon-Fri 11-12:30.
  - The district hired 18 new staff members.
  - The Cultural Competency meeting will be September 29, 2020.
  - A bond will be on the November ballot for school funding. This bond funds 46% of the schools' funding and It is critical for it to pass.
- **Treasurer Report**- Jillian Whalin- Nicole Gibas was not available to speak so Jillian presented.
  - The PTA/school board is using the savings left over to cover expenses. It will not show that it's zeroed out.
  - Motion to approve the amended budget was approved and filed. Motioned by Kin Hunter, Seconded by Emily Kucinich.



- **Fundraising-** Emily Kucinich & Kim Hunter-
  - Due to covid and state restrictions, there will be very few fundraising activities this fall.
  - Principal Lynch will send out flyers for the dine-out events, they are also available on the web. The first event is at Blaze pizza in downtown Royal Oak on September 22 ,from 11 am-9 pm. 20% will go back to the PTA. Chipotle on Woodward and 14 mile is on October 19, from 4 pm- 8 pm. 33% will go back to the PTA. Panera in Woodward Corners is on November 19, 4 pm- 8 pm. 20% will go back to the PTA.
  - There is an opportunity to have a photography session for headshots and family photos. It would be outside at the VFW park, with a pavilion in case of rain. The cost would be around \$30-\$40 per and a % would go back to the PTA. The pictures would be available digitally.
  - Shop awards is still in full swing. There is a list available on the PTA website of participating companies including: Toyology, Kroger, Box Tops, etc.
- **Secretary-** Rachel Pedraza-
  - March 2020 minutes were approval by the general membership during the virtual vote.(attached) – *Approved.*
  - Correspondence – *No Correspondence.*
  - There are two motions; the first on the slate is to amend the 2020/2021 budget which was approved through virtual vote. The second on the slate is to amend the 2020/2021 calendar which was approved through virtual vote.
- **President-** Nellie Harrie-
  - Huge thanks to the volunteers and to the outgoing board members.
  - Thanks to the families of Oakland for voting “yes” to the ROYA.
  - Volunteers are needed to help facilitate the Member Hub. The member hub will be a space for the parents to stay connected to their children’s class and teachers. We will also be asking for room parents to facilitate and monitor the hub.
  - We are also looking for any suggestions for virtual events and chairs for said events.
  - Daniel Lopez is new to the school with a son in kindergarten and he has offered his IT experience to anyone that may need it now that we are virtually learning. You can get a hold of him by emailing the PTA.



- A vote was taken for the new 2020/2021 PTA board Treasurer. The virtual vote by roll call favored Edith Anttila over Jillian Whalin 13 to 3 with 12 abstaining from voting
- **Membership-** Kristin Brennan-
  - There is a monthly membership campaign that will try and drive membership up. This will include raffle prizes for new members that sign up. If anyone has any raffle ideas, please send them to Kristin.
  - Membership is at 40 members.
- **Committee Update-** NA
- **Open Items-**
  - Vanessa Schultz will be mulching the butterfly garden next week if anyone would like to volunteer and help out.
  - The next meeting will be October 12, 2020 at 7pm.
- **Adjournment- Thanks for Coming! – 7:58pm**

# APPROVED