



Oakland PTA May General Membership Meeting

May 8, 2023

7:00 PM EST

Principal's Report – Sam Lynch

- Transition is happening nicely. We are fortunate to be in a situation where Mr. Taylor has prior knowledge of the school community and building. If you are going to send anything long term to Sam, copy Jason as well.
- Testing is moving forward. Kids & teachers are troopers.
- Interviews are currently going on for Mrs. MacFarlane, Mr. Lewis, and Mr. Taylor. Hoping to wrap them up by the end of the school year.
- Finally, happy Mother's Day!

Teachers' Report - Patti Fitzpatrick

- Thank you for everything you did for Teacher Appreciation Week. It was awesome.
 - We really appreciated all the snacks, coffee, lunch from Jimmy John's and the gifts.
 - It was great that you even took care of latchkey.

- We all got to spend a lot of time together in the lounge, which was nice.
- Leanne Robinson, “Thank you for recognizing all of us.”
- Krystal K. & Mrs. McFeely, “Amazing job, such a great week.”
- Tiger’s game is on, and we have enough drivers. Pray for good weather.
- The yearbook is done. Please thank Melissa Dodoro if you see her.

School Board Liaison – Lauren Jasinski

- We have some good things going on.
- Summer school registration is open and is free to all students. Registration closes on May 22nd and will fill up.
- Staff Appreciation Week – I have been following along on social media and love what you have done.
- Building updates are going well.
 - We are bringing all the buildings up to date with safety and security features.
 - Addams will get a full overwork.
 - Each building will have the same security cameras, lighting, etc.
- Elementary schools will be the first to use the new bond money.
 - Technology first:
 - K-2 students will have a 1 to 1 ratio on touchpad Chromebooks.
 - 3-5 students will have a 1 to 1 ratio on Chromebooks.
 - All teachers will have a new laptop and new docking station.

- Long range planning committee will meet on the 30th at 6:00 pm in the School Board office building.
 - Give input and insight into future projects.
 - This is an important one; they will go over the 4 goal areas.
- Royal Oak Schools Foundation is having a golf outing on June 26th at Metamora Golf & Country Club.
 - Looking to sign up 100 teams.
 - A \$175 entry includes breakfast, 18 rounds of golf, and dinner.
- Trauma informed leadership and education:
 - Shenandoah Chefalo was hired to lead the program.
 - 3-day training course. 2 teams of teachers will go through in summer and all staff in the fall.
 - It is an umbrella approach to good initiatives, DEI, restorative practices, restructuring justice, etc.
 - Some mental health grants are also helping to cover funding.

Secretary's Report - Emily Kucinich

- Read thank you notes from teachers regarding Teacher Appreciation Week and Book Fair donations.
- April meeting minutes were approved.
 - Jen Ball motioned to approve, and Nellie Harrie seconded.

Treasurer's Report - Duane Kucinich

- Replacement checks should have been delivered on Friday. Will check with Angie as he is down to 3 checks.

- Motion to raise bank fees. Will allocate \$100 from office supplies to bank fees.
 - Duane Kucinich motioned, and Jen Ball seconded.
 - Motion passes.
- End of year audit:
 - Need 3 volunteers. They cannot be current board members.
 - Would like to start in July. Will lay everything out month by month to help make the process easier.
 - Jessica Stickel and Ryan Pidcock volunteered.
- Looking at current budget overview:
 - We need to spend exactly what we make in a year as a non-profit.
 - We are in a significant net negative.
 - Moving forward with next year's budget, we will need to add more fundraising or cut spending, or both.
 - Will submit a balanced budget for next year.
- Budget is filed as written.

Fundraising Report – Lauren Moroney

- The last dine out of the year is at Happy's Pizza at 11 mile and John R. in Madison Heights on May 23rd from 1 – 9 pm. We will get 20% of sales.
- Sherlie's Delights – we earned \$125 (10%)
- Savvy Sliders – we earned \$113 (20%)
- Qdoba – we earned \$90 (25%)

- Tip from Lauren Jasinski – “Plan dine outs during events. A bunch of us went out to Savvy Sliders after the Long-Range Planning meeting.”

Membership Report - Kim Timmington

- MI PTA is increasing prices next year and our \$7 membership fee is in the low end. It is recommended to increase our membership fees.
- Suggestion to offer a business membership or “donate now” button on MemberHub.

DEI - Kristin Brennan

- Last meeting, they talked about restorative practices.
- Several people in the group (children) had difficult experiences.
 - Not universal across buildings.
 - Oakland County Schools came to talk to the group about it.
 - Seems to be a breakdown in training. Waterfall training – down the line things get watered down. It was done too quickly.
 - First thing to focus on in the fall as a DEI group.
- Will be meeting the 4th Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm. They are always on Zoom.
- Looking for DEI help @ Oakland
- Dan – let us get together next year to see how to implement some of the DEI principles at Oakland.

Watch D.O.G.S. – Josh Brennan

- The year is winding down.
- If you have not volunteered yet, you should do it.

- Josh is looking for someone to coordinate the program with him next year.

President's Report - Dan Lopez

- Upcoming events:
 - This Friday is Muffins in the Morning.
 - Will send out another reminder tomorrow.
 - Happy's Pizza Dine Out on the 23rd from 1-9 pm.
 - Field Day is May 30th. All volunteer spots filled up quickly.
 - Cultural Night was moved to June 1st.
 - Working with Julie Molnar
 - Great way to showcase your family's culture or any culture that you feel pride in.
 - Will be a similar format to last year's event.
 - Need volunteers to run tables, etc.
 - Oakland is a very diverse community so let's show that.
 - The event is from 6:00 – 7:30 with set up at 5:30.
- Bylaw Amendment:
 - Membership fee change
 - Read update.
 - Will take off student membership category.
- Board Member Elections:
 - President – Dan Lopez
 - Vice President – Rebekah Savona
 - Secretary – Emily Kucinich

- Treasurer – Ryan Pidcock
- Membership – Kim Timmington
- Fundraising – Christina Etheridge
- All nominees were elected.
- Girl Scouts:
 - Oakland’s Girl Scout Troop constructed a free little pantry at the Salter Center.
 - May 22nd the city is announcing Food Pantry Awareness Week.
 - There will be an interactive map of all the food pantries in Royal Oak.
 - Hoping families will help fill the pantries that week and continue throughout the year to help us fight food insecurities in our community.
 - Food Pantry Awareness Week – May 21st – May 27th.
- Thank you all for coming!

Adjourn – 8:14 pm