

OCE PTA Board Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2019, 11AM, OCE Media Center

Attendance: Dr. Ruth Steidinger (OCE Principal), Ms. Erin May (OCE Assistant Principal), Whitney Ludlow (OCE PTA President), Mandy MacNaughton (OCE PTA Vice President), Jolene Dunn (OCE PTA Treasurer), Shveta Malhotra (OCE PTA Secretary), Mandy Wagstaff, Megan Delaney, Jen Curtis-Maury, Monica Cox, Sharon Putney, Beth Lavin, Laurie Jendrasiak, Christine Rooney, Kelly McAlarney, Jennifer Bryant, Betty Fernandez

Welcome/Introduction - Whitney Ludlow, OCE PTA President

A) Whitney introduced the OCE board members and began the meeting.

Principal Report - Dr. Ruth Steidinger/Ms. Erin May

A) Lunch pricing email. Lunches went from \$2.55 to \$2.75. Families were asked to adjust their budgets for lunches accordingly. Contact cafeteria with any questions.

B) Positivity Project at OCE. Dr. Steidinger along with 5 other staff members attended information/training session. Comprised of 24 character traits, students engage in 15 min age appropriate conversations. This is approved by Wake county but school participation is not mandatory.

Sizeable donation by out-going OCE family will allow for t-shirts and shields geared towards Positivity Project.

C) A recommendation has been made for a new assistant principal due to the number of students currently at OCE. Ms. May will stay on in her role. Should find out July 16, 2019. Dr. Steidinger will put out picture/email blast once decision has been finalized.

D) Open house this year conflicts with Lufkin middle school's. Dr. Steidinger sent out email to all parents with new date. Monday, July 22, 2019 from 6-7:30pm. PTA meeting will still take place in between the two classroom visits which should allow for a short break for the teachers as well as parent attendance to PTA meeting.

E) Dr. Steidinger was very happy with renovated teacher's lounge. (See below with Laurie Jendrasiak's update.)

At this time Mr. Ryan Derr, head custodian, also introduced himself and told the PTA he was here to help. Mr. Travis Hines, custodian, also stopped by and gave us an update on his family. Everyone is doing much better and he was very thankful to the OCE community for all of their help.

Treasurer Report - Sharon Putney

A) Any checks from the last fiscal year need to be turned in.

B) All those that head up a committee need to email Sharon before the open house with their new budget.

C) Sharon will be leaving her position at the end of August and Jolene Dunn will be taking over September 1. She is currently being trained by Sharon.

Committee Reports

- **Silent Auction and Gala**
Whitney Brown
A) February 15, 2020. More details to come.
- **Movie Night, Bingo, Fundraising**
Christine Rooney and Kelly McAlarney
A) Bring back No Fuss fundraiser
B) Boosterthon-October 14-28, 2019. A meeting to go over specifics will take place on July 29th with the committee members involved.
C) Holiday Bingo Night-December 5th. Maybe want to tie this in with chorus concerts.
D) Spring Artapalooza. Speak to Ms. Brockway to get her input. Maybe a variety show, basket raffle, teacher experience. Maybe we want to tie it in somehow with curriculum. Community involvement? Maybe art teacher from Lufkin middle school might want to help?
E) Family movie night in September. Maybe 5th graders could sell concessions? Money made could help students buy 5th grade gift. Talk to 5th grade teachers about tying this into their curriculum.
- **PTA Website/Cheddarup/Bidpal**
Jen Curtis-Maury
A) Jen gave an update on water bottle refilling stations. Will receive 3 from Apex Friendship. Maybe we want to put one out by the 4th/5th grade cottages? Refilling stations will hook up to existing equipment. There will be an approximate cost of \$100 every 1-2 years for changing out filters. No timeline of when they should arrive. Will replace Culligan system in teacher's lounge.
B) Please give Jen at least a week's notice if you need access to the Cheddarup link. She would really appreciate it.
- **School Garden**
Jennifer Bryant
A) Garden coming along beautifully. Currently have a few vegetables growing. Ms. Ferreira doing a wonderful job.
- **Agendas and School Kits**
Mandy Wagstaff
A) Last year for Schoolkidz kits. Switching to Yubbler. Will be more of a fundraiser and kits will be delivered to home instead of school.
B) Maybe money raised from this could go towards purchasing more technology supplies, laptop for incoming assistant principal, more chrome books in the classrooms.

C) Money could also go towards staff appreciation.

- **Book Fair Fall/Spring**
Amie Feuer/Angie Kirkland
A) September 3-13, 2019
B) April 20-28, 2020
More information to come.

- **Cultural Arts**
Bethany Iannone
A) Working on dates.

- **Spirit Wear**
Kelli Joyner
A) Try to sell all spirit wear at open house before putting in new requests.
B) Maybe put in another order in January including adult sizes.
C) Can even email Kelli directly to place orders.

- **Staff Appreciation**
Laurie Jendraisak
A) Teacher's lounge newly renovated. New floors, blinds, mother's room, new couch, new wood tables, painted walls. Cabinet doors to be painted soon.
B) Clopening a success. Some minor hiccups.
C) 'Welcome Back' treats for the teachers in their mailboxes.
D) Workday lunches-Dr. Steidinger and Laurie to discuss needs.

- **Membership**
Betty Fernandez
A) 43 teachers have signed up so far as well as many families

- **Grandparents Breakfast**
Rachael Nichols
A) September 5, 2019 and April 24, 2020.
More information to come.

- **Box Tops**
Jennifer Bryant
A) Will be able to scan box tops instead of bringing them in.
More information to come.

- **Loyalty Cards**
Beth Lavin
More to come

