

## PTO General Meeting: September 14, 2016

Meeting Time: 9:30-10:45am

**Attendees:** Laura Kendall, Lindsay Oosterbaan, Kirsten Douglass, Amy Cannan, Janice D'Arco, Nicki Hutter, Grace Shin, Stephanie Konieczka, Corlyn Simmons, Christie Cuthbert, Carrie Ostericher, Denys Kang, Melissa Lapica, Kelly Garber, Sonja Gill, Robert Sohovich, Julie Akers, Heather Linn, Stephanie Brzozowski, Joy Holmes, Jen Chillo, Nicole Perdomo-Rosenbaum, Lindsey Henry, Andrea Persico, and Sanaz Farokian

### **Co-President's Laura & Lindsay:**

Welcome! Thanks for coming!

- There are 3 vacancies for the school board. If you are interested, please submit your application by October 8th.
- Caucus is looking for library trustees too. The election is in April
- New committee named Academic Success. A meeting will be held at the end of September where we'll learn about technology advances for our district etc...
- District 181 is rolling out a texting program....you can opt in/out
- Please visit our website [oak.pto.org](http://oak.pto.org)
- We've had a great increase in our PTO membership. 70% paid families! Deadline is 9/21
- Download the Directory app if you haven't already done so

### **Other business:**

Concerned Hinsdale resident came to speak to PTO regarding the HMS referendum

- 9/29 HMS information night at Oak School (thinking 7pm)
- Flier distributed with useful facts re the referendum to help educate people so they can vote
- Upcoming meetings at the Hinsdale Public Library are: 9/20, 9/28, 10/4, 10/14, & 10/19 at 9am
- CINE guest bartending night will be held September 27th to inform community about referendum and raise money for potential mailers/future informational mediums

### **Treasurer's Report: Janice & Amy:**

- Check request forms and deposit requests are in treasurer folder in school office (please fill out and submit). You can also access these forms on our website [www.oakpto.org](http://www.oakpto.org)
- Please allow 24 hours for response to email communication
- Tax exempt forms are in school office as well (we're a 501c3 that offers corporate matching programs)
- Discussion on utilizing Community Partners more especially since we're in an off-auction school year. Let's utilize Fundico, Amazon, & Target. We've had a few changes so new links are on website
- Janice reviewed/distributed year end results and financials

**Committee Updates:**

**Lunch In:** Looking into mac and cheese substitute if possible

**Flying High:** Monday, October 10th is the next fundraiser (Columbus Day: no school)

**Spirit Wear:** \$1680 raised plus \$130 from vintage sales. Brainstorming idea of a spring sale with 1 or 2 items. Ordered items will be delivered in 2-3 weeks

**Oak Grows:** A new committee this year that is rolling out the student of the week program in which kids are chosen for their good behavior and traits and recognized via a picture on a leaf of our Oak tree in the showcase. Students picked by certain attributes. The list of characteristics was developed by teachers and shared with the students. Idea is for every child to be picked by the end of the year as we don't want kids to feel left out. Discussion of a possible note in lunch day?

**Student Enrichment:** No participants for KITM so we will not offer it this Fall. A second golf class was added due to popularity. Blooming bosses needs parent volunteers. Some feedback has been that these enrichments are heavily weighted towards girls. We are looking into basketball and other ideas for the Spring. Please notify enhancement instructor if your child will be absent. It was noted that the Read to Lead program has been cancelled. Some students missing it and wanting it back. Liability issues were raised hence the cancellation. Let's follow up though...

**Fall Fundraising:** 32 orders received thus far bringing in \$700 to date. Families can order until Sept. 23rd. Class with most participation will be awarded a popcorn party. Orders will begin shipping Sept. 17th. Please bring your bulbs into the school office and label with your name and teacher so they may be planted accordingly.

**Kids Care Club:** This is a philanthropic club for 3rd,4th, and 5th grade students. They meet once a month (usually on Wednesdays). They are hosting two ice cream/pizza days on October 17th and April 10th. Their first meeting is on October 5th (Walk to School Day).

**Community Partners:** First fundraiser of the year is at Chipotle from 4-8pm on Sept 20th (others; Potbelly, Baldinelli's perhaps). They'll also be selling ornaments again and bringing back Vern Goers fundraiser too.

**On the Move:** Walk to school day is October 5th. The International Committee will announce where Hootie is going and Hootie will be in attendance!

**Welcome Committee:** Social event for new and "old" parents will be on Sept 30th at the Village cellar

**Book Fair:** Mark your calendars for October 31st (same week as Halloween)

