

Oak PTO General Meeting 1/18/17  
9am-10:30am

**Attendance:** Dr. Martha Henrikson, Lindsay Oosterbaan, Laura Kendall, Grace Shin, Kirsten Douglass, Amy Cannan, Janice D'Arco, Heather Linn, Jennifer Katsoulis, Sonja Gill, Christie Cuthbert, Denys Kang, Carrie Ostericher, Andrea Persico, Jamie Muehlhauser, Heidi Drescher, Padmini Kaushal, Sanaz Farokian, Melissa Lapica

**9-9:30am: Coffee with Martha: School Improvement Plan**

**9:30am: Welcome and Introductions**

**Mary Morgan Ryan: MRC Director:**

- Back from medical leave. Thank you to everyone who volunteers at the library
- We're hatching eggs again in the MRC this year. Learned process from chicken scientists at the University of Illinois (takes @21 days).
- We are buying our own supplies this year rather than borrowing from the Lane School. Cost of an incubator is \$133
- We will also need a Brooder box for the chickens once they hatch which will be DIY project done by one Oak family who volunteers for the project
- Eggs being delivered on April 17th

**Lindsay & Laura: Co-Presidents:**

- Thank you to Martha for discussing school improvement plan at Oak School
- Lindsay provided a brief summary of all of the great activities and participation Oak School had from staff, parents, and students right before the Holiday break (i.e Kids Care Club, Lunch In, class holiday parties, Matt Wilhelm assembly etc...) THANK YOU
- District still working on digital learning initiative. Hoping to know by February whether the PTO will need to purchase technology for the school/students
- Working on updating registration link for next school year. When you register for school fees, a new link will have hootiegram, yearbook, school supplies etc....(please remember you register twice...once with district and then specifically at Oak School).

**Janice: Treasurer's Report:**

- Oak's Fiscal year is August 1-July 31st
- Oak School currently has \$120,000 in our account
- This gives us \$30,000 to spend, \$30,000-\$40,000 on reserve for next year's operating costs and about \$30,000-\$40,000 to earmark for educational programming pending results of digital learning initiative
- Please continue to submit expenses
- Oak's Tax filing available to review in Principal's office after Feb 15th
- 39 families signed up for Blah Buster thus far

**Committee Updates: Melissa Lapica:**

- This Friday, January 20th we will have two Science assemblies. Grades 3-5 will meet at 1pm while Grades K-2 will meet at 2pm for these 45 minutes assemblies that will inspire children to get creative with their science fair projects!
- Guest Speaker Trudy Ludwig is booked for April 12th here at oak School. Her message is around accepting others...tolerance....respect for each other etc...

**Denys Kang:**

- 32 students attended the Flying High Fundraiser on Sunday. Oak School will receive a check for \$224 of their participation.

**Grace Shin: Blah Buster Update:**

- Next week is Spirit Week. Each day the children will dress or act according to a GROWS acronym which ties in with our theme of growing Oak's community.
- G (Mon): Give back by donating \$1 to the Hinsdale Humane Society
- R (Tues): Ridiculous socks
- O (Wed): Outrageous Kindness
- W (Thurs): Wacky PJ's
- S (Fri): Spirit Wear
- We'll be having grade level popcorn parties this year through Blah Buster as well as a magician
- A new sheet will be coming home this year with request for the phone number of a parent contact who is responsible for children at Blah Buster
- Always a FUN night: Come, Volunteer, and enjoy Blah Buster

**Jen Katsoulis: Son's Dance Update:**

- Son's Dance will be held Friday Feb 10th 6:30-8pm
- DJ provided at discounted rate of \$100
- Corsages will be sold through Kids Care Club for kids to give to their parent accompanying them (\$5 max with \$2 going to PTO)
- There will be a photo booth and boys are encouraged to dress up

**Heather Linn: Kids Care Club:**

- HCS Fundraiser was a success. Thank you to everyone who participated
- Our next event will be for Seniors at Eve Assisted Living
- Reminded us that while we're Spring cleaning to keep books for a buck a book sale (funds raised are split with 5th grade events and KCC)
- Reminded us to continue to use Community Partners: USE Amazon SMILE link
- A link to [minted.com](https://www.minted.com) is available that will kick back 10% of sales to Oak School (and/or \$10) so go on [minted.com](https://www.minted.com) and start creating cards, gifts, etc.....
- Vern Goers discount deal will be offered again In May
- We had a great turn out at Feed My Starving Children in December.

**Jamie Muehlhauser: Chess Club:**

- 28 kids this year which is double of last year
- Tee shirts have been created for the Tournaments coming up this Spring

**Other:**

- Oak School Spelling Bee coming up: Perhaps Feb 2nd...stay tuned for more details.

