

Oak PTO General Meeting
March 8, 2017

Attendance: Dr. Martha Henrikson, Lindsay Oosterbaan, Kirsten Douglass, Janice D'Arco, Nicki Hutter, Grace Shin, Melissa Lapica, Denys Kang, Carrie Ostericher, Holly McLaughlin, Padmini Kaushal, Katie Storino, Stephanie Konieczka,

9-9:30am: Coffee with Martha:

Progress Report on Growing our Community/Curriculum Update; Oak Twitter Account: @oakschool181

9:45am: General Meeting:

Co-President's Remarks (Laura and Lindsay):

- Digital Learning Plan passed by the District
 - No technology fees will be assessed for the 2017-2018 school year
 - Fees will begin in the 2018-2019 year (\$25 for K-2nd Graders and \$75 for \$3rd-5th Graders)
 - 1:1 environment created for 3rd-5th Graders while K-2 will share iPads
 - District's goal is to create parody in the district
- New Science Resources are being adopted by the District to replace current Science Kits/ curriculum
 - These resources will provide a more hands on approach to science, as well as more technology while adhering to core standards
 - McGraw Hill materials will be used in grades K-3, while Houghton Mifflin will be used in grades 4-8
 - Materials rolled out in the Fall of the 2017-2018 year
- New Middle School Encore courses approved by the District (including Northwestern University FUSE program)
- HMS Update:
 - There will be a March 27th hearing where the litigation/suit could be thrown out.
 - In the meantime, the District has approved \$3.1 million in reserves through May 20th to hopefully keep process on time/track
 - Ultimately, shovels need to be in the ground by June 5th for the project to remain on time
- April's General Meeting:
 - Oak registration will go LIVE in April 2017: Many updates to the Oak Registration Form
 - 2017-2018 Budget will be revealed and PTO Exec Board and Future Planning Committee projects will be announced
 - Do not miss this exciting and important meeting

Treasurer's Report: Janice:

- \$123,000 in cash in Oak's account as of the end of February
 - Still anticipate \$40K to spend over the balance of the school year
 - We received a \$9600 credit from the District for playground expenses

- Anticipate another \$35K for operating expenses and we will have roughly \$40,000 to \$50,000 to spend on future programs for Oak School
- Future Planning Committee and feedback from Parent's survey will be used to see where/how we spend this money
- \$3500 was raised by Kids Care Club over the year and our dances have been profitable too
- Taxes filed on the 15th....

Committee Updates:

Science Fair: Holly McLaughlin:

- 114 students participated in the Science Fair resulting in 75 projects total
- The committee felt the subjects and topics from the students were really top notch and everyone enjoyed the spirit of camaraderie when winner's names were announced during award ceremony
- Student and Parent feedback was positive towards the Science Workshop
- Discussed possible changes for next year which include but are not limited to:
 - Enlarging the space we use for the Fair
 - Increasing the number of judges and/or beginning judging earlier before children arrive for the fair
 - Limiting projects to two (2) people max
 - Increasing cost of participation
 - PTO to cover costs of pizza party

Trivia Night:

- April 21st at Salt Creek Club
- Teams of ten (10) will battle it out in two (2) rounds of thought intriguing trivia
- Teams will dress in theme and provide their own refreshments

Cultural Arts: Melissa Lapica:

- On April 12th Trudy Ludwig is coming to speak to children for our third assembly at Oak
 - Her themes, among others, are anti-bullying and inclusion
 - The day assembly will be broken into two by ages/grades, while Oak will also host an evening assembly (7-8:30pm) on the 12th for Oak parents. For those parents who can't attend on Wednesday, the 12th, Oak will host a parent only day assembly on Tuesday, April 12. More details to follow.....
- Mary Morgan Ryan working with Anderson books to provide books for book signing the day Trudy visits Oak.
 - We will offer 1-2 different book options depending on the grade level of children
 - We will need parent volunteers to help with book orders and distribution

Lunch-In: Denys Kang:

- Proposing to have Lunch-In every non-holiday Monday of the 2017-2018 school year (which would result in @31 lunches). We would keep our local vendors, but looking to streamline the ordering process

Kids Care Club:

- Boards in MRC created for KCC shark tank service style fair (Due to the success of the book fair, pizza lunches, and grants all of the projects were funded)!
 - Some of the projects were straight donations, while others were hands on.

- KCC will help Alex Rediger sell Stencils for the Wellness Walk-Team Brooks Strong
- End of the Year shoe drive also to come.....