

Oak PTO General Meeting 11/9/16
9:30-10:20am

Attendance:

Dr. Martha Henrikson, Laura Kendall, Lindsay Oosterbaan, Janice D'Arco, Kirsten Douglass, Grace Shin, Nicki Hutter, Denys Kang, Carrie Ostericher, Melissa Lapica, Heather Linn, Stephanie Brzozowski, Sanaz Farokiam, Robert Sohovich, Erin Catton

Coffee with Martha 9-9:30

Topic: *What Happens When Kids Make Mistakes?*

Co-Presidents: Lindsay Oosterbaan and Laura Kendall:

- Yeah HMS! Expressed feelings of relief over the passing of the referendum for a new middle school
- Update on Technology: District recommends a 1:1 environment for grades 3rd-5th while K-2nd grade is a shared environment
- This means new iPads for 4th and 5th grade which would be paid for by the district IF passed (Board vote hopefully at the end of November)
- Please remember to sign up for Parent/Teacher conferences through SUG (Mon-Tues 21st and 22nd)

Treasurer Update: Janice D'Arco:

- Finished 1st quarter: \$128,000 in Oak account
- Committees are adhering to their budgets
- 51 families (114 attendees) signed up for the Daughter's Dance
- PTO membership is at 174 families (\$9K generated in dues)
- \$1000 raised via Community partnership sales
- \$1400 raised via the bulb Fall Fundraiser
- Fiesta party raised \$3000
- Lunch in remains to be profitable

Committee Updates:

Book Fair:

- PTO purchased books for individual classrooms (2-4 per wish lists)
- Discussed using some of our surplus from budget for a school wide educational initiative
- \$10,300 in sales this year versus \$11,400 last year

Fall Fundraiser:

- Planting Day was a success. We planted over 1000 bulbs on October 25th
- Big thanks to Campos Landscaping who donated the dirt to cover all of the bulbs

Daughter's Dance:

- Hours are 6:30-8:30 in the Oak school gym
- Water, juice, and cupcakes will be served and a DJ and photo booth will be provided
- Decor is pink, purple and white balloons
- Discussion on where to enter school for dance to maximize safety

Blah Buster:

- Same theme as last year which is Big Top
- Magician, DJ, Bull, Photo Booth already secured for the January 27th event

Assemblies:

- School should focus on Cultural/behavioral sensitivity
- Discussion to hire Matt Wilhelm (a motivational Biker/speaker) for an assembly (he spoke at Elm School and received rave reviews)
- Also discussed bringing in Trudy Ludwig, the author of The Invisible Boy
- Discussed difference in fees associated with each presenter (\$575 v. \$2500+)
- It was decided that if we can book both speakers, we would as we have the money
- Targeting February for Trudy and May for Matt Wilhelm

Kids Care Club:

- Holding a personal goods drive/cold weather drive until November 21st
- Selling ring pops for a purpose: Funds raised will buy leaf on tree in Memorial Hall with inscription from Oak school (benefitting HCS)
- Attending Feed My Starving Children on Dec 23rd in Aurora. Open up to KCC members first and then the rest of the school may attend if there is room
- Remember to drink more coffee: Bridgeport Coffee as we get a kickback
- Manna Cards available
- Should we sell ornaments?