

Oak PTO General Meeting
March 14, 2018

Attendance: Dr. Henrikson, Kirsten Douglass, Denys Kang, Carrie Ostericher, Christina McGrath, Sonja Gill, Jamie Muehlhauser, Jennifer Cousino, Grace Shin, Nicki Hutter, Amy Cannan, Jennifer Rediger, Amy Nixon, Melissa Lapica, Malissa Empamano

Chat with Martha: Oak is Moving Full STEAM Ahead:

- Recap on Oak School Steam Lab: Hands On learning for all students
- Brief summary on the physical changes in the MRC.....New counters, tables, monitors, desks re-organized, etc...

STEAM LAB SKILLS:

Inquiry Formation
Problem Solving
Persistence
Collaboration
Critical Thinking
Creativity

STEAM:

- Project Based Learning across the curriculum that needs to occur within the school day
- Hoping to have carts/modules etc...for flexible movement of labs

Extracurricular Makerspace:

Students will have access to STEAM lab tools

In our Makerspace:

Process will be emphasized over product
Trial and error will be valued
curiosity will set the direction
instructions not included

Tool Categories:

Building & Construction
Coding & Robotics
Computer Aided Design & Drafting
Multi Media Production

New/Impactful Events at Oak:

- More staff attended Oak sponsored events this year: shows increased moral
- March Madness (reading contest) occurring at Oak (Runs until April 20)
- Oak Grows Committee started Project 365: Journals being used both at home and at school
- Hinsdale Police and Fire Dept working with HCS and D181 elementary schools for a personal care drive (KCC has supported with personal goods drive in the past)
- Police Dept reached out to school saying squad cars will be present at school(s) and kids can place personal products in car Thursday April 26th
- Teacher Creativity Grant submitted today to district from Social Emotional Learning Team (Already awarded one for 5th grade costumes for Revolutionary War)

Chat with Martha Cont....

- New Science Assessment rolled out in spring 2016
- Discussion on tests, results, and overall district growth summaries

Co-President's Report:

- A Parent List exists at Hinsdale Central: It's a document full of reviews from parents about doctors/services in D181 to D86 (ie: stress, grief, concussions, etc...) Should Oak create one too?
- Board Meeting was March 12th: District put off voting on time change due to lack of sufficient information/data supporting it would be a true cost savings
- District tightening open enrollment and also focusing in on student to teacher ratio next school year
- They will change how art is instructed....they're not replacing teacher who retired in an attempt to save money
- \$75/student increase in registration and tech fees may be added per student in the future
- A Literacy Skill Builder Program will run this summer: Invitation only for grades 2-5
- Mrs. Brady received grant (@\$4,000)*See above
- Mark your calendars for the upcoming event: Outgoing Exec Board doing movie night in May: Wonder: May 18th

Co-Vice Presidents Report:

- Currently reaching out to fill Exec Board as well as Oak committees
- Fundraiser for Brooks Tonn (\$600): Will award the donation to their family during Wonder movie night

Treasurer's Report:

- Changing format of budget next year to excel so more user friendly for all
- Are we getting our correct share of money from Amazon SMILE?

Committee Reports:

-Community Partners: \$106.52 raised from Corner Bakery fundraiser

-Family Connections: Sons Dance was fun

- Broke even
- Younger boys attended; suggested maybe in the future the event is re-branded or older grades participate in another activity
- Ice cream was successful

-Parent Fundraiser: Raffle will be held at \$5/ticket. Hope to sell about 20 tickets total. Top winners will receive prizes. Drawing will be announced on K5 Live....it's a percentage of all ticket sales

- Buy your tickets! Go to website: You can donate items, Buy wine!
- Bin will be placed in hallway next week to collect additional items to round out auction packages
- \$44,000 raised in underwriting thus far
- Some Teachers attending this year (teachers tix comp'd)

-Science Fair:

- Ran smoothly this year; turn out seemed lower this year, but more space and kids loved popcorn
- Next year we need to ensure that all projects are judged
- Maybe have kids come earlier to present AND/OR have time slots for grades/judges

-CountyLine Crossing Speed Sign Update:

- Sign will actually be at Woodland (it will be done over Spring Break...it's a GO!)
- Just need a photo date for ribbon cutting