

OCTOBER
OPR PAC MEETING
Thursday, October 1, 2020
VIRTUAL MEETING

7pm: Meeting

- Meeting minutes from September 2020 meeting accepted via unanimous vote.
- Treasurer's Report presented by Genevieve Jolley.
- Current School Business – Technology update by Jed Stefanowicz
 - Mr. Stefanowicz provided an overview of what Digital Learning (“DL”) aims to accomplish at OPR. DL:
 - drives innovation, by building a culture of innovation and personalizing learning;
 - integrates technology, making learning visible and impacting instruction;
 - builds capacity, beyond knowledge/skills and mentoring/embedding PD
 - Mr. Stefanowicz acknowledged we are not all in the same boat but are all in the same storm. With the assistance of Tony Mendez in Argo, he acknowledged, “there are only bad options, it’s about finding the best one.”
 - With its guiding principle that “new technology on an old platform is not innovation, academic technology supports student learning through communication, collaboration, creativity and critical thinking.”
 - One-to-one chrome books have been distributed in grades K through 5, with kindergarten receiving the newest chrome books and iPad stations.
 - Shared iPad space allows instructors to deliver personalized experiences on an iPad shared by multiple users.
 - DL employs “Straight A’s”
 - Address: needs and equity of the students and classrooms;
 - Adapt: to instruction pace and space;
 - Adjust: practice and expectations; and
 - Assess: impact and learning.
 - DL aims to drive innovation and integrate technology in order to transform instruction by igniting teaching and learning through partnership and coaching.
 - The goal is to shift students from being content consumers to being content creators by capturing and modeling the process, showcasing and archiving products, performing by sharing and spotlighting and explaining and demonstrating via practice.
 - Technology in action:
 - 5th graders created ukulele tutorials for the 4th grade;
 - Grades 3-5 created digital public service announcement commercials for grades 1 and 2;
 - Computational thinking has been applied through coding, robotics and drones;
 - Curating digital art portfolios with Seesaw in the Art Room;
 - Using greenscreens to report “on location” from Colonial landmarks;
 - Using OSMO for math fluency and foundations/phonics skill-building;
 - Building digital portfolios with Seesaw;
 - Creating videos to model social-emotional strategies;
 - Book talks;

- Programming robots to model math vocabulary and processes;
 - Enhancing literature and science through Augmented Reality;
 - Digital storytelling with ScratchJr to support characterization and story structure; and
 - Applying STEM and design thinking in the iSpace through challenge and exploration.
 - Digital Learner eBadge standards:
 - Empowered learner;
 - Digital citizen;
 - Knowledge instructor;
 - Innovative designer;
 - Computational thinker;
 - Creative communicator;
 - Global collaborator.
- PAC Business

Recap of activity:

- Appreciation breakfast for faculty & staff, September 18, 2020. Powered by Walpole's own Karen Drummey and Tastefully Done!
- Stipend checks were distributed to faculty the morning of the appreciation breakfast.
- Bins for the kindergarten classrooms were purchased pursuant to support storage in classrooms due to limited use of hooks in because of COVID restrictions.
- Restaurant night@ Jimmy's took place on September 23, 2020 – thank you Ana Barros for championing the event!
- A big thank you to Rachel Rippel for planting the beautiful mums at the entrances and long the front of OPR!

Program coordinators needed

- Catalog fundraiser – remains open.
- Sunshine Committee – Meg Bissante has agreed to be coordinator.

Open forum – ideas for fundraisers this year?

- Bluelight glasses with “W” printed on side – sales prospects are good given level of remote learning that is occurring. Reach out would be to all elementary schools, not just OPR.
- Blanket fundraiser – being coordinated by Kathy Anderson, in addition to her normal apparel sales. Will feature updated Walpole “W”.
- Socially distanced sleigh rides
- Direct donations – provide option to donate directly to PAC via targeted donation – e.g. technology, playground, etc. in lieu of or in addition to participating in fundraisers throughout the year
- Apparel – Kathy Anderson will again be conducting sales of apparel – catalog to be forthcoming.

Upcoming Events/Fundraisers

- Custodian appreciation day – Oct 2nd
- Photoshoot fundraiser with Coreen Jackson – Oct 17th and 18th
- Friendship Directory – a big thank you to Kathy Martinez for coordinating!

- 5th Grade Mask fundraiser: the 5th grade will be running a face mask fundraiser this year with the proceeds being used to fund the 5th grade activities. Two options will be provided: a Walpole “W” face mask and an OPR Hawks face mask.

The following ongoing programs are up and running, the links for which are reflected each week in Mr. Barner’s weekly newsletter:

- Shutterfly
 - Amazon Smile
 - Stop & Shop Rewards
 - BoxTops for Education
 - Mabel’s Labels
- Next Meeting: November 5, 2020, 7:00PM