

NOVEMBER
OPR PAC MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, November 4, 2021 @ 7:00 PM
OPR Cafeteria

Meeting Minutes:

Meredith McCabe ("MM"): vote to accept meeting minutes from October 2021. Approved.

Treasurer's Report - Gen Jolley ("GJ"):

- Highlighted events are finished.
- Designer Bag Bingo raised \$5K more than budgeted.
- Boo'ing made over \$1,500 and was not budgeted for.
- Mums made \$500.
- Humble Pie made almost \$1,500.
- Junior Great Books was a higher spend than that which was budgeted but we did not spend anything on it in the prior year and had carryover as a result.

Current School Business - Mr. Barner ("DB"):

There are many staff positions you may not be aware of such as the Digital Learning Coach ("DLC") and Math Specialist. Ms. Conway is new to the position and will operate similar to a coach, supporting teachers in all grade levels in terms of data compilation and analysis. As her role evolves, she will be in the classrooms teaching math, investigating resources and standards.

We also have Literacy Specialists - Ms. Siegal and Ms. Driscoll - who are in the classrooms providing direct instruction to students in small groups. The Literacy Specialists may also engage by co-teaching with teachers in the classroom, working closely with the teacher and in close confidence to discuss the instruction model. This approach is meant to develop the skills of the teachers and, at the same time, provide support to the students.

Modern Special Needs teachers are also present providing Title I, reading and math K-3. Occupational Therapists and Physical Therapists provide additional services.

The goal of the coaching roles is to enhance the classroom instruction and support teachers so they can employ instruction strategies that should allow them to reach all levels.

DLC Jed Stefanowicz provided a presentation highlighting the efforts of the DLC. The presentation can be found here:

PAC Business - MM:

- *5th Grade Flocking*: will continue for the rest of the year - thank you Meg Bissante and Coleen Gray!
- *Restaurant Night at The Chateau*: did awesome, exceeding our projection for the year. Thank you, Ana Barros!
- *Coreen Jackson Photography Fundraiser*: also exceeded budget - thank you, Amanda Williams!
- *Boo'ing*: thank you Carrie Rendall and Monier Gulla!
- *Friendship Directory*: is all set, printed versions have been sent home. Thank you, Kathy Martinez!
- *Room Parent Assignments*: have been communicated.
- *Humble Pie Pickup*: was yesterday. Thank you, Jamie Hauge and Laura Hearn!
- *Apparel Sales*: Kristin McGovern ("KM") and Mary Ellen Grey ("MEG") are coordinating.

KM: There have been some issues with product availability due to Covid, so we are using a vendor recommendation from Mr. Barner. Ordering will be entirely online and going live next week. Inventory is slim, by going online we hope to offer more items. Once the store is up and running, it can be launched whenever we would like it - again in the spring, before school starts, etc. It will not be open all year long, but more often. Current offering will be open for 10 days with a push toward the end of the period.

- *Teachers Bulletin Board*: Mrs. Kroll, the Art teacher, typically decorates the display bulletin board in the lobby of OPR. Because of her rotating schedule, she has been crunched for time and unable to do it as of late. As a result, she is looking for volunteers to do the decorating, signing up for a different theme each month. DB: there may be months where there is student artwork Mrs. Kroll will supply and all the volunteers will need to do is decorate the background or, if there is a PAC event the display could be used to advertise that as well.
- *Restaurant Night - Jimmy's*: coming up this month.
- *Stay on the Half Day ("SOHD")*: hoping to have 12/10. Need to obtain approvals and there will be requirements for contact tracing. Michele Perrotti is coordinating (thank you!) and will need volunteers.
- *Parents Night Out*: has been scheduled for May 14, 2021 at the German Club's Outdoor Pavilion - thank you Chandler Small! ("CS")
CS: The theme is 80's night. Cash is strongly encouraged - they will have three (3) bartenders and one (1) bar. Come thirsty because we get the facility for free if we bring in a certain \$ amount for the bar. There will be raffles, a silent auction, 80s band. The Pavilion holds 450 people. We have two (2) police car rides to school and are on the hunt for more donations. Event starts at 6 PM, band comes on at 7PM.
- *Gingerbread Festival*: has been cancelled due to Covid.

DB brought to the PAC's attention a question raised by one of the OPR teachers. Specifically, the teacher noted that other PACs in town have a line item in their budget

contributing to grade field trips and questioned whether this was something OPR PAC may want to consider? There were several minutes of discussion before consensus was reached on taking the issue up another time.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting January 6, 2022, 7PM