

SEPTEMBER

OPR PAC MEETING

Thursday, September 15, 2021 @ 7:00pm

All Parents and Guardians are invited to attend the PAC meetings at OPR.

6:30pm: Meeting Minutes

- Q and A session for Kindergarten parents
- Overview of general meeting: introduction by PAC President, Meredith McCabe which included the purpose of PAC and general details about what PAC does, it's relationship with OPR and the parents, what the school needs are and what PAC is able to help with.
- There are monthly meetings, generally on Thursday evenings. PAC tries to have these meetings in person, and they begin with a general PAC update followed by an update by Mr. Barner.
- Information is disseminated via email or social media posts. All students should have received a flier for the Friendship Directory. Please complete the information as the information that is submitted for the Friendship Directory is the database the PAC uses for email distributions.
- The PAC engages in various fundraisers including, but not limited to: Walpole/OPR Apparel, Humble Pie, Stay on the Half Day, Parents Night Out, Gingerbread Festival, etc.
- Mr. Barner includes PAC information at the end of his weekly update.
- The PAC budget is identified in the spring.
- Please feel free to approach the PAC with ideas and contributions as all are welcome.

7pm: Meeting Minutes

- Treasurer's Report
 - Final plan year expenses
 - Year to date budget – Gen Jolley, Treasurer, provided copies for everyone to review. Although some September items appear to be flat, that is because some of the monies for this month's fundraisers have not come in yet – e.g. Friendship Directory, Flocking, Bingo, etc.
 - Revenues are reflected at the top, expenses at the bottom.
 - Separated by drives, events, sales, business, community enrichment.
- Current School Business - Mr. Barner thanked everyone for coming and for a smooth transition to the school year. He is very happy to have everyone back. He has tired of Zoom, appreciated everyone coming out and encouraged people to take the time to look around and meet each other.
 - Acceleration Road Map – 12 page document sent out district-wide – is a major focus this year. The approach to the bottom line this year is not to fill in the gaps. Students are where they should be, and teachers should be giving them a rich curriculum.
 - DEI – global awareness team – diversity, equity and inclusion. There are new flags in the cafeteria representing the countries of the EL students.
 - Update for this week: school-wide expectations. Met with every grade to go over the importance of learning and the expectations we have at OPR to be Peace Builders. We will be using Peace Builder stickers to recognize people who are doing a good job.
 - Open house on 9/29/2021 will be for parents and guardians only – no students.

- In closing, we value all communication – you can email me, the PAC your teachers – we love collaboration with the parents and teachers.
- PAC Business

Guest speakers

- Jana Morra, District-wide Docent Coordinator. Docent brings art into the classroom for grades 3-8 town-wide. Looking for volunteers in grades 1-5. Docent will work with your schedule, provide a lesson overview and supplies for you to then go into your child's classroom and teach. The kids love it and you will learn along with them. It is one of the most popular volunteer opportunities.
- If interested in volunteering for grades 3 or 4, please contact Jana Morra at jmorra850@verizon.net and for grade 5 please contact Ann Walsh at aebwalsh@gmail.com.
- Erin Boyd, Be Inclusive / Multicultural Book Initiative – new umbrella – group is always looking for volunteers to promote diversity

Recap of activity:

- Back to school supplies – thank you Carolyn Henjes!
- Plantings out front
- Kindergarten popsicles 9/2 – great event, thank you to everyone.
- Ice cream social 9/9, another great event, thank you to everyone.

Upcoming Events/Fundraisers

- Restaurant night @ Jimmy's Pizzeria 9/22
- Mums sale 9/23 during open house (6pm-7:30pm)
- Designer Bag Bingo 9/24 at 6pm
- Friendship Directory 9/30
- Room Parent sign-up will be coming out soon
- Photo Fundraiser with Coreen Jackson 10/16 and 10/17
- Collecting food for teacher's cart throughout the year!
- Voted to do a Spring Fling in place of the Gingerbread Festival

Mr. Stefanowicz – Teachers Representative – Digital Learning Coach – introduced to PAC. Focus this year is on instructional learning.

Please check the PAC Coordinator Signup Link.

Next meeting 10/7/2021.