

**SEPTEMBER 2023
OPR PAC MEETING**

September 13, 2023 @ 7:00pm in the Cafeteria

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

Prior to meeting Kindergarten Parent info session introducing them to what PAC is.

7pm: Meeting Agenda

Welcome!

- Introductions
 - Mr. Barner, introduce new teacher liaison(s)
 - Rotating Liaison schedule to get multiple teachers involved
 - Mrs. Sutherby was present at the meeting & will co chair at this time with Mrs. Shaw
 - PAC Board Introductions:
 - Introduction of Maragaret, Jen, Kerrie & Marcie
 - Marcie Naumowicz to hand off secretary role to new member Hannah Foley
Hannah Foley Approved as secretary

Acceptance of the minutes from June 2023 meeting

Minutes Approved

Treasurer's Report- Kerrie Wilbur

- Reviewed Budget that was approved for the 2023-2024 year
 - Coordinator Sign Up Sheet sent out for volunteers to sign up for running fundraising events and sales
 - All fundraising will pay back the anticipated spending of this year.
 - \$40,025 is our budget for the year as well as the fundraising goal for the year.
 - Even though the budget is finalized, there is a grant program PAC has made available for us to be able to approve additional events.
 - Examples of approved grants: adjustable table for Mrs. Bradley & 3rd grade Docent field trip.

Current School Business - Mr. Barner

- Great start to the school year building relationships between teachers and students to establish trust and routine at the start of the year
- STEM lab was opened last year with flexible seating, white board and advanced technology. Second year of the STEM special being in the rotation
- Parent Partner Program: Rolled out as a pilot program over the summer. New families to the school are paired with a veteran parent to be a resource for them to answer questions via text, email, and phone so people feel comfortable and like part of the community.
- Working with Students and setting up meetings to ensure each grade understands the expectations of the school. Be respectful. Be Responsible. Be Ready.
- Peace Builder Program: stickers are handed out for positive behavior. Each week students who receive them are placed in a raffle to receive prizes.
- Students who have parents involved typically excel in school and parents were encouraged to continue to come to the PAC meetings to be involved and have a positive impact in their children's elementary school experience.

PAC Business

- Overview of PAC mission, activities presented.
 - **Coordinators needed!**
 - SignUp Genius for PAC signups to be included in Mr. Barners weekly email. No experience necessary! PAC members and Board members will offer support with planning and execution.
- Guest speakers
 - Art Docent program speaker: Amanda Williams
 - A docent is someone who helps you navigate a museum.
 - Parent volunteers come to the school and help explain art for grades 1 - 5.
 - Training sessions and slides are provided for parent volunteers.
 - Currently have over 150 parent volunteers
 - This program is unique to Walpole
 - SignUp Sheet passed around at meeting for anyone interested.
 - Be Inclusive: Erin Boyd
 - Mission statement read. Be Inclusive is dedicated to lifting the voices of underrepresented and marginalized communities.
 - Looking for volunteers to become involved with this program
 - Hosts Community events: Coming up is a Diwali event November 4th from 4-7 PM at the Walpole Council on Aging.

- Recap of activities:
 - Kindergarten popsicles, a hot day so some issues with the popsicles melting, but it was a successful event with a good turnout.
 - Ice cream social, very hot day and there was a great turnout. Plenty of ice cream, kids were able to get seconds if they wanted.
- Upcoming Events/Fundraisers
 - Mums Sale - 6-7:30 on 9/27 (Open House), \$10 per mum- cash, check, venmo accepted
 - Delivery of mums from Village Green
 - Room Parents needed - sign up sheet will go home to all parents
 - This is another way for parents to be involved with the PAC.
 - Some of the responsibilities of room parents were discussed:
 - Holidays and organizing crafts
 - Group gifts for teachers
 - Baskets for PAC events
 - Coordinate supplies for classroom
 - Humble Pie Fundraiser
 - This is a Walpole Pie company and the pies are frozen. They are great for the holidays.
 - Information will be going out soon
 - Photo Fundraiser w/ Coreen Jackson (Oct 14-15)
 - ½ of the proceeds comes back to the PAC
 - 10th year working with Coreen
 - Half of the slots have been filled already on the sign up genius
 - Paint Night
 - This will be discussed at the next meeting.
 - Grade 4 and 5 team building field trip
 - Mr. Barner and the cultural arts committee coordinate enrichment programs for the school and over the past few years they have been exploring team building activities to start each school year.
 - Hale Reservation offers team building activities based on what each group is looking for.
 - Low and High course activities
 - Local which would allow for a full day activity
 - Meet and greet
 - Groups of 12 kids (each would have a facilitator provided by hale)
 - Cost:
 - \$8050 Cost of Hale
 - \$1800 Cost of transportation
 - \$160 Cost of Nurse

- Looking to make this a bi-annual tradition or potentially keeping it an annual trip for just one grade.
 - 4th and 5th would benefit most from this experience which is why they are requesting it for these grade levels.
- Question was posed: Could we hold parents responsible for the trip cost. The committee was interested in having this a fully covered event to make it special and not have it be another 'field trip.'

Announcements

- October 26th Save the date: Sip and Shop Amelia Sky formerly known as Design on a dime: 10% proceeds to PAC
- September 27th Jimmy's Fundraiser
- Recommendation to fix the swings in the back playground
 - Mr. Barner has already signed off on this and the recess line from PAC will be used to fix these.

Future PAC meeting dates:

October 11th

November 8th

December - no meeting

January 10th

February 7th

March 13th

April 10th

May 8th

June 5th

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