

SEPTEMBER 2023
OPR SPECIAL PAC MEETING
September 21st, 2023 @ 7:30pm via Zoom

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

7:30pm: Meeting Agenda

Welcome!

- PAC Board reviewed how to raise your hand via zoom during the discussion time.
 - Please keep yourself muted until you are called on.
- Overview of how to add agenda items for future meetings and general meeting guidelines
 - Listen respectfully, actively and without interrupting
 - Listen to all ideas weather you agree or not
 - Allow everyone to have a chance to speak
 - This is a community discussion, not a debate

PAC Business

- GRANT REQUEST: Outdoor Team Building Event at Hale Reservation
 - Total Request: \$5085
 - Points to Consider from the PAC Board were presented
 - Great opportunity for 5th graders & teachers are all board and excited
 - This would be a pilot to a potential annual tradition
 - PAC board is concerned about absorbing the annual cost of the event, an additional 5K is over 10% of our current budget
 - The additional funds available are from excellent fundraising efforts over the past few years and are not a sure thing year over year.
 - THe current proposal is that the 4th graders will fundraise to keep this new tradition going in years to come.
- Q&A / Discussion
 - Glenn Williams: How would 4th graders fundraise, who will head this?
 - Response from PAC, we would not be in charge of this but we would potentially facilitate getting a 4th grade committee together to figure this out.
 - Recommendation to look at what the 5th grade does for their targeted fundraising for reference.
 - Chandler Sullivan: With the success of Parents Night out and if that continues can we earmark those fund for this event?
 - PAC does not believe that is reasonable

- Chandler Sullivan: How can we change the budget in the future, how is it decided?
 - Treasurer works with MR. Barner to create the next year's Budget
 - This typically happens at the May or June Budget.
- Ally Hamilton: Mentioned this is a very worthwhile event to move forward with and this is reasonable for PAC to fund year over year.
- Kristen Springer: Can you talk a little more about what the outing will be like for the kids?
 - Adeline responded walking about the low ropes & high ropes team builder activities. She reached out to other schools participating in this program and they have had great feedback
- Justyn Pelchat: Concerns this looks like a great opportunity but 10% of the budget seems extreme.
 - It won't necessarily take away, it just means the fund will no longer be available for future requests
- Justin Pelchat: COuld this be an opportunity for next year instead so it won't use up such a large amount of the budget?
 - Definitely a topic for discussion
- Dominick Ianno: Spoke to the amount of opportunities this particular grade has missed out on due to covid. This is a great opportunity to see if this event should continue in the future.
- Chandler Sullivan: The funds available right now are excess, so why not use the funds to make this happen
- Suzanne Tolland: Were other options explored?
 - Yes
- Justyn Pelchat: Were the other options less expensive?
 - Adeline responded that one was more expensive (located in boston) and she believed the other was too but didn't have the details available.
- Chandler Sullivan: Mr. Barner how likely is this event to happen this year?
 - Mr. Barner said it could potentially not work out due to time restraints.
- Justyn Pelchat: Has the PAC ever paid for something this expensive before for one grade and a one day experience.
 - Not that we are aware of
- Shawn Huxley: What has the surplus been this year and year over year?
 - Our PAC and board exceed the budget lines often and we have overages. Often times these overages fund large expenses like new playground equipment.
 - Typically PAC carries a years Budget (roughly 40K)
 - This PAC put together a grant program to fund various things that are not in the budget and it's all based on overage.

- Call To Vote:
- Justyn Pelchat/Mark Rice: Motion to deny a one time grant
 - 9-41-0
- Ally Hamilton/Chandler Sullivan: Motion is to approved the one time funding of \$5085 Outdoor Team Building Event at Hale Reservation.
 - 42-7-1

Adjourn Meeting

Motion to Adjourn: Jen Ford/Margaret Rice

Unanimous Vote