

# PTO Meeting Minutes Sept/23

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**Wednesday September 20 2023 / 7pm / Oak Hills Elementary Gym and ZOOM**

Notetaker: Leah Morris

Time Keeper: Andrea Seidman

Moderator: Andrea Seidman

Zoom audio moderator: Katherine Weitzel

## ATTENDEES

Live:

Miriam Ortiz, Sarah Gradis, Keri Campbell, Whitney Evangelista, Sameera Avilala, Renee Sudirgo, Amy Abbot, Leah Biado-Luis, Kayle Hutchins, Tami Rothenfluch, Meredith Gordon, Larissa Boylan, Alina Horrocks, Andrea Seidman, Jessica Reed, Jennifer Thornton, Mollie Zeuthen, Kim Adams, Katherine Weitzel, Principal Do, Vice Principal Hansen

Via Zoom Audio:

Alex Ely, Samsung SM-S9064, Colin Brownsberger, Tomomi Sasaki, Yasmin Alkashef, Heather McClain, Javier Turek, Julie Brownsberger, Adri, Leah Morris, Nick Dimitroff, Renee Roberts, Pixel 5, Samsung SM-G7814, Jessica Brinkerhoff, Lavanya Ambati, Raina, Nathaniel Thomas, Chavon Cham. Total of 19 Zoom attendees. Katherine moderated and answered several questions via chat. Initial couple of minutes poor sound quality was reported, but reported good after moving the streaming device (personal cell phone) closer and maintained good sound quality for the remainder of the meeting.

## AGENDA

### **Introduction of Officers-**

Co-Presidents: Alina Horrocks & Andrea Seidman

Co Vice-Presidents: Miriam Ortiz & Tami Rothenfluch

Co-Treasurers: Jessica Reed & Mollie Zeuthen

Co-Secretaries: Leah Morris & Katherine Weitzel

Volunteer Coordinators: Laura Hoffman & Melissa Hansen

### **Principal's Message- Mrs. Do**

1. Staff conducting development and meetings to standardize how student success is communicated to parents
  - a. Emphasis on assessment across a grade team being consistent with one another
  - b. Data and information about how child is doing in content areas in addition to socially/emotionally
  - c. If parents have concerns please raise them with teachers and ask directly about areas of concern (ex. "how is my child doing in math")
  - d. Building partnership with parents
2. Jog-a-Thon, thank you!
  - a. If the \$35k goal is reached there will be a school-wide assembly to spray down Ms. Hansen and Do with ketchup and mustard. \$18,000 half-way prize as well.
3. Field/Fence Update
  - a. District is in charge of all aspects of the project and has communicated that the contractor is behind.
  - b. Gates will be put up and final walk through will occur later than projected
4. Clubs
  - a. Clubs are an excellent way to provide more enrichment opportunities and students are very enthusiastic about club opportunities
  - b. Volunteers needed. Must meet ratio 1:10
  - c. There is opportunity for club time to be hosted during student lunch. Library location is available and simple ideas encouraged e.g. crafting, board games, chess etc. Provides more opportunity for those students who are unable to stay for after school clubs
  - d. Girls' running club is ready to go. Appeal for additional clubs.
5. November conferences
  - a. Conferences will be held Tues. Nov 6th evening and Nov. 7t-8.
  - b. This means students will attend school Monday & Tuesday, and will be OFF Wednesday-Friday

### **Principal's Message- Mrs. Hansen**

6. Beginning of year emphasis on revisiting, reteaching, reinforcing school expectations
7. Emergency Drills
  - a. Scheduled to occur 1x per month, generally will not be told there is a drill ahead of time
  - b. September had 2 drills: a fire drill and a secure drill. This past week they also had a bus safety/evacuation drill.
  - c. Throughout the school year, if a non-drill emergency occurs staff will communicate with families and provide as much information as possible

### Last Meeting Follow-up

1. No items as this is the first meeting of the year.

### New Business

- Safe Routes to School & Walking School Bus, Leah Biado Luis (contact: [leah.biado.luis@beaverton.k12.or.us](mailto:leah.biado.luis@beaverton.k12.or.us))
- Goal is to make walking, biking and bussing safe, convenient and fun.
  - District Safe Routes [link here](#)
  - The 153rd/Forest Ave corner is wonky
    - Temporary solution is the Park and Walk established in 22/23 with Oak Hills Church
    - District is working with county to redesign the Forest/153rd “triangle”/island to be safer, infrastructure takes a long time though
  - Walking school bus ([more info here](#))
    - Working to launch a walking school bus for Oak Hills
      - Set to launch on Walk & Roll to School (Oct 4) and be offered weekly
      - Looking for volunteers and student participants
  - International Walk & Roll to School Day is Wed. Oct 4
    - Scooter, helmet, some other prizes to give away
    - Extra prizes for students participating in walking school bus
  - Question about Bike Rodeos:
    - Safe Routes can help if there is interest (they have all the materials and infrastructure). Contact Leah Biado Luis
  - There were a couple of questions for Leah about walking bus route and also about resources to make certain paths etc. more conducive to walking to school. She encouraged people

to contact her with these questions and said they do have some resources for concerns like these.

- **5th Grade Celebration**, Meredith Gordon and Kim Adams
  - Oct 8 zoom to start organizing
  - Fall Festival, Oct 26 (no school on Friday) to benefit 5th grade celebration
  - Need volunteers, especially a D.J. and backup bingo announcer.
- **Padres Unidos**, Miriam Ortiz
  - Looking for help/co-organizer
  - A group to empower and welcome Spanish-speaking Oak Hills families so they truly feel part of the community
  - First meeting Sept 29 in the library, every 6 weeks after that, can bring kids!
- **On The Move**, Alina Horrocks
  - Will be returning and starting soon
  - Volunteers needed
- **Clubs**, Alina Horrocks
  - Girls Running Club will be coming soon
    - Need volunteers
  - More clubs are strongly desired! Any ideas you have, we can help you set it up! Reach out to volunteer coordinators.
- **Jog-a-Thon**, Kayla Hutchins. Tami Rothenfluch and Claire Mann are also helping.
  - This is our MAIN fundraiser so that for the rest of the year everything can be focused on FUN not fundraising. Success will provide the budget to plan lots of wonderful events and opportunities for our students and school community
  - Volunteers! Especially for day-of set-up
    - Sign up in MyImpact now, spreadsheet will go out for shifts later
    - There is day-of needs as well as some help with the raffles, prize giving, and class parties in the weeks following JAT
  - Spectators can come (and are encouraged!) to watch/cheer after sign in
- **General Volunteering**, Laura Hoffman and Melissa Hansen
  - Right now important work is being done on backend organization and support of JAT
  - Moving further into the year focus on staff support and class/student support in particular.
  - If you have a particular interest/passion that you would like to bring into the school via volunteering, PLEASE reach out with ideas so PTO can connect and support your ideas!

## **Treasurer's Report**

- Jessica Reed and Mollie Zeuthen
- Rolled over excess budget from last year so we are starting the year looking good
- JAT goal of \$35k is critical to fund more than the bare minimum
- White Envelopes Campaign ends 9/27
  - Used to fund classroom support, class parties, Art Lit, as well as a line item for general fund giving

## **Meeting Close**

Meeting Adjourned at 8pm