

OPM Central PTO Minutes November 16, 2015

Attendees: Jennifer Berman, Laurie Brinker, Meghaen Zuzula, Mahesha Shivalingaiah, Jill Mazzola, Jill Hoort, Tori Benton, Sue Hallman, Melissa Hogan

Meeting Dates (6:30 at OPM library):

Dec. 14; Jan. 11; Feb. 8; Mar. 21; Apr. 18; May 16; June 6

Upcoming Events:

Dec 9 - Early Release

Dec 18 - Holiday Sing-a-long

Feb 11 - Grandparents Tea

Feb 27 - Carnival

May 13 - Fun Run

May 19 – Spring Concert at Chippewa

June 7 - Field Day

Principal's Report

Book Fair made \$8000 in sales. OPM receives 25% profit for library and school items. MSTEP- waiting for scores to be released. Okemos Education Foundation accepting teacher/staff nominations for next year. Technology bond – school safety devices, locks on doors, three lock-down systems, and surveillance cameras. OPM plans to have more unannounced lockdown drills throughout the school year. “Peace” bench for playground is being ordered, approved by OPM in October, per request by Mrs. Christine. Bussing for Spring Concert rehearsal will be part of yearly PTO budget. Classroom computers (Chrome Book 11) are now being trialed in Mrs. Jill’s (upper El) room and Ms. Tori’s (lower El) room. Devices will be roll-out to all other rooms by the end of the year, and will stay in school. Upper El Chrome book applications being used by Mrs. Jill’s room include: read and write applications, google doc writing, science programs, technology practice for MSTEP, kids safe non-public blogging, math facts and reading street. Lower El application in Ms. Tori’s room include: Xtra math, science programs, writing/typing in chrome books instead of science journals, reading street.

Parent Council's Report

Kinawa/Chippewa crosswalk near completion. Okemos Public School (OPS) budgeted for 45 additional students for 2015/16 academic year, 96 students actually enrolled. Additional funds awarded to (OPS) allow for a break-even budget for the academic year. PSAT free for 8th, 9th, and 10th graders. PSAT for 11th grades require a student fee. Two Okemos High School students will now be sitting on the board.

Treasurer's Report

Fall Direct Fundraiser raised \$4200. Noodles and Company outing raised \$354. Scrip sales Raised \$445.45. Total available PTO monies: \$3334.93 (before motion passed for Teacher request – see below.

Teacher Request

Lugnuts for Safeties, Mrs. Jennifer - \$680 (motion passed).

SCRIP

Next deadline for collection: 12/4.

Spirit Wear

Due date for orders: 12/2. Expected delivery date 12/16.

Fun Run

Will replace the annual Spring Auction. Date for Fun Run is 5/13. Plan to use "Get Movin' Crew" to help solicit online donations. Goal is \$50-\$60 for each child to raise. Different times during the day will be utilized to keep younger kids safe.

Volunteer Seating

Based on Fall Direct Fundraising, 22 seats awarded for holiday sing-a-long, and 44 seats awarded for Grandparents Tea.