

Oak Knoll PTO
Minutes of the Regular PTO Executive Board
Oak Knoll Teachers' Staff Room
September 10, 2014

2014-2015 Executive Board Officers:

Jill Wurster, President	Kristen Gracia, Oak Knoll Co-Principal
Stephanie Chen, Vice-President	David Ackerman, Oak Knoll Co-Principal
Tracy Watt, Parliamentarian	Leah Kessler, Oak Knoll Vice Principal
Page Curtin, Secretary	Trish Stella, Teacher Representative
Regina Skinner, Treasurer	Scott Hinshaw, MPCSD Representative
Tamara Russell, Communications Chair	Aarti Chandna, Auditor

Absent:

Ashley Honerkamp, MPAEF Representative
Emily Record, Financial Secretary

Quorum present: Yes.

I. Meeting was called to order at 8:15 a.m. by President, Jill Wurster

II. Brief Reintroduction of 2014-15 PTO Board Members

III. Approval of Minutes—Page Curtin

There were no PTO board meeting minutes to approve as votes on the June 11, 2014 minutes were collected by James Cebrian electronically.

IV. Treasurer's Report—Gina Skinner

Fall is one of the busiest times with PTO drive, Otter Wear and Fall Family Picnic. Of course, it takes time for checks to come in and be deposited into our account.

As of the 2nd week of the PTO Campaign, our total is \$82,325 which is 46% of our goal. Gina believes this does not yet reflect the most recent deposit of \$45,000.

Gina gave an overview of expenses for the period 8/1/14-9/9/24.

- Water bill was paid.
- Volleyball registration cost has hit.
- Cost of Otterwear samples will be recouped when samples are sold.
- Field Trips - Bus bills have to be paid the first of the school year.
- Balclutha cost is higher this year as we paid for 6 classes, 1 more than last year. Will be reimbursed by parent payments. Bus charges go through the district and come later.

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- Teacher checks distributed mid-August.

Gina provided paperwork on approval needed of corporate resolution certification authorizing Jill, Stephanie and Gina to be signers of securities account.

V. MPAEF Report

No report as Ashley Honerkamp was at a district meeting.

VI. Oak Knoll School Update— Kristen Gracia / David Ackerman

Kristin's goal is to connect with parents. Connections to date include:

- 1st Day Coffee
- Back to School Night - New format with welcome in gym and MPAEF movie went well.
- Foundation Social - 60 in attendance
- Instagram account: Instagram@oakknoll2014 - Run by Kristin and Leah. Several followers already - will be announced in Otter Weekly. Great for showcasing Compassion theme throughout classrooms and school, reminders, etc.

Theme for the year is Compassion

- Jenny Ryan and Nicole Scott wrote a piece explaining the three parts of this theme.
- A big component will be student leadership available to 3rd through 5th graders. Program has been modified so that any 3rd through 5th grader can participate - 45 have signed up so far.
- Participants will plan service work and communicate to student body. One group to oversee all our drives – kids to own and lead the charge. Meg Scherer is the parent lead.

Digital Tattoo

- A new program this year for 5th graders who will be receiving iPads in class (not take home) this year. Digital Tattoo will talk about interaction with the Internet, safety, etc. in a 1 1/2-2 hour program for 5th grade classrooms. The program even ties into Compassion. (At Hillview, students can not take laptops home until they have earned their "Digital Drivers License" by completing course on Digital Citizenship.)
- Oak Knoll may offer a Parent Ed component to this. Cost is \$1,000. This is not part of Parent Ed Conference in October.

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Coffee Talks with Parent Ed Component

- More coffee talks making use of Oak Knoll resources therefore no cost. For example, Jacqui Cebrian will talk about benefits of reading at home.

Speech and Debate

- Program will run October to February and Oak Knoll is funding.
- Will be for the 3rd grade but a 4th grade component is being added for last year's participants who want to continue. There will be a lunch club for 4th graders once a week and a "pay to play" option as an after school activity.
- Oak Knoll to host debate tournament open to 3rd and 4th graders. District will be invited. Event, trophies, etc. will be scaled back from last year.

Math Update

- Three compacted math classes for 5th grade to start next week. Children in these classes will not skip 5th grade math as in years past. Instead, they will complete a faster pace program of 5th grade math and some 6th grade math.
- Eric Burmeister has created a Math Pathways chart that details the many opportunities for a child to get on track with accelerated math if/when appropriate through middle school. Parents are encouraged to let the program meet their child where they are and not push them ahead before they are ready.
- There are three math pilots taking place at Oak Knoll this year: Everyday Math, New Everyday Math and Expressions. At the end of the year, experiences will be compared and a decision on Everyday Math vs Expressions will be made for going forward. Further detail to be provided on this at the October 22nd General Meeting.

VII. Teacher's Update - Trish Stella

Back to school night was a success and teachers are busy focusing on their respective classrooms. Teachers seems to be adjusting well to the many changes - classroom changes, new school leadership, etc. Trish to send reminder to teachers regarding PTO drive.

VIII. District Update - Scott Hinshaw

Scott attended end of August meeting and meeting September 9th.

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District did not receive a petition for a Mandarin Immersion charter school as expected. It is now believed that the filing will be made with the county this week. (A charter school filing can be made with the district, county or state.) It is likely that the district would be asked to share responsibility for supporting the charter even if filing is made with the county. After filing is made, a public hearing must take place within 30 days. This would be a forum for community to give feedback.

Hillview received approval to include an 8th grader trip to DC as part of mini-course week, partnering with program that plans such trips. District would cover teachers attending and parents would be asked to fund their children.

Diane White is stepping down as Chief Business Official. Ahmad Sheikholeslami, Director of Facilities and Operations, to take her place.

IX. Other PTO Updates / Parent Education – Jill Wurster / Stephanie Chen

Parent Ed Conference to take place Sunday, October 12th 3-6pm at Hillview.

- Details coming out in Otter Weekly.
- Oak Knoll in charge of child care. Stephanie needs 3 volunteers to help check-in (1pm) and check-out (5pm) child care.

Girls Leadership Institute

- Stephanie has set-up classes for January and February.
- This year, a Kindergarten-1st grade class has been added.

Tracy asked Scott for District update on Innovation dollars:

- Last year, schools received \$30K each for Innovation dollars. This year, distribution was \$10K per school. \$60K on hold until after giving campaigns. If one school receives higher giving, the District would like to even out the funds per school. How this is done is to be determined.
- If this is done, David Ackerman's believes the goal should be to even out the per child contribution since each school's spending choices (professional development, field trips, etc.) are very personal.
- Scott to follow-up on District's plan for this.

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Corporate Resolution Certification to allow signers to make decisions on behalf of the PTO was approved. Motion: Gina Second: Jill

X. Adjournment

President Jill Wurster adjourned the meeting at 9:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Page Curtin, PTO Secretary

Date approved: