

October 3, 2014 OPHS PFA General Meeting Minutes – approved

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am.

In Attendance:

Julie Ahdoot, Shelly Resnick, Susie Harris, Abeer Alwan, Jenni Shoaf, Paul Kiernan, Julie John, Lea Barrett, Peymaneh Miremadi, Sunita Brown, Kevin Buchanan, Jennifer McIntyre, Kimberly Hasserjian, Lisa Harris, Shary Trux, Julie Heeney, Janet Svoboda, and Ragini Aggarwal

Counselor Presentation on Awareness Week

Julie Heeney and Janet Svoboda informed the PFA about the various activities planned for Awareness week. Awareness week is a week-long event organized by the Advanced Peer Counseling program. The goal is to promote awareness to oneself and the community. The group is organizing two school wide assemblies and a parent and community night. The theme for awareness week is “*YOUUnique*” and is planned for the week of December 9th.

The Advanced Peer Counseling group asked the PFA to fund the assemblies which will be on Rachel’s Challenge (which is based on writings and life of 17 years old Rachel Scott who was the first student killed at Columbine High School in 1999).

Cost of the program is \$ 3,300. The group has received a discount of \$250. The amount they need funding for is \$3,050.

Julie Ahdoot moved to approve the Rachel’s Challenge presentations for the awareness week for \$3,050 and Julie John seconded. The motion was approved.

President’s Report - Shelly Resnick

Shelly informed the members present that the PFA board would like to add a policy to the PFA bylaws.

Conflict of Interest Policy: Officers and Committee Chairpersons shall not use their relation to this PFA for financial, professional, business, employment, personal, and/or political gain.

Julie John moved to amend the bylaws by adding the Conflict of Interest Policy to Article X of the PFA bylaws, Lea Barrett seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Treasurer’s Report - Susie Harris

Susie discussed the financial report and the budget:

- Barnes and Nobles income: \$2,032
- Other Funding Requests: \$7,884
- PFA Membership: \$17,330
- No Frills: \$70,335
- Expenses so far: \$10,321.35
- Budget is planned for ending the year with a cash balance of \$79,847.

Rachel Glucroft moved to approve the budget as presented, and Shary Trux seconded. The motion was approved.

Principal’s Report – Kevin Buchanan

Back to School Night

Back to school night is on October 9th.

Proposed Calendar for 2015-2016

On October 21st, the School Board will vote on the Calendar that the Committee proposed: Progressive Calendar for 2015-2016. The biggest challenge the District is facing is balancing the Calendar so that OPHS can get even semesters. Survey is going to be sent out to the parents and teachers. The board will make their

decision based on the survey responses and the Calendar Committee's proposal. Mr. Buchanan encouraged high school parents to participate in the survey.

WASC Accreditation

Western Association of School and Colleges (WASC) accreditation recognizes schools that meet an acceptable level of quality, in accordance with established, research-based WASC criteria. Oak Park High School will be filing for the accreditation this year.

OPHS is in the fifth year of our accreditation cycle with a scheduled WASC Team visit scheduled for next school year. We have begun our self-study process and are in the organizational stage where we assemble the leadership, home groups, and focus group teams. Cliff Moore has bravely agreed to serve as WASC Coordinator and Dave Nelson, former science department chair and three-time WASC coordinator has agreed to consult with the process.

VP Programs – Julie Ahdoot

Julie Ahdoot explained the mock SAT/ACT.

- Mock SAT was taken by 85 kids and went very well. Parent meeting is next week.
- College Knowledge Night – Oct 8th at Agoura High School 6:30 pm.
- Mock ACT is next Saturday.
- Writing Seminar for the seniors is on Sunday October 12th.

Barnes and Nobles – Paul Kiernan

Paul thanked the parents for their support of the Barnes and Nobles fundraiser. We brought in \$2,032.

Escrip – Lea Barett

Escrip subscriptions were renewed with 700+ families participating. Fresh and Easy has joined the escrip group. Lea encouraged parents to save the Amazon link on the High School website as a bookmark for easy access.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 am.

Minutes submitted by Ragini Aggarwal, PFA Recording Secretary