**OLMS PTO Meeting**

**Wednesday, September 19, 2016**

Meeting called to order at 9:30

In attendance: Kari Friedauer, Stacey Haney, Kristie Henry, Susan Marston, Michele Jones, Joanna Ford, Carey Dunbar, Debbie Stickel, Heather Albanese, Rochelle Diehlman, Kelly Cretian, Shahela Parulkar, Nancy Freese, Alecia Kelley.

**Principal’s Report-Nancy Freese:** We’ve had an amazing start to the larger numbers of students. Core class sizes are at 24.5 students and unified arts are closer to 29-30. Nancy has been trying to personally call each family that has been redistricted to OLMS. T-shirts were passed out and kids and staff are wearing the shirts today. Great energy for the pep rally today, hoping for lots of spirit and energy at the rally. 10 new teachers had been hired and they are doing great. Every teacher has a space and every available space is being used this year. “Needs Assessment” survey will be coming out to each student and parent. Nancy is hoping to get some feedback on things such as the lunchroom seating. Nancy wants some data on certain issues, including programming and balance/stress, before making changes. It will come across on Schoology. Debbie Stickel asked if we will be sure to actually change lunch tables every 6 weeks or so this year. Last year the change didn’t really happen. Nancy would like to change every 6 weeks. Survey will also include questions about homework. She said staff had a great think tank meeting regarding what the purpose of homework is and what the cut-off on time should be. Michele Jones asked about Nancy’s stance on assignments being posted on Schoology. Nancy absolutely wants things all posted in one place- Schoology. Joanne Ford asked if the homework ideas on time limits are to be implemented this year and Nancy said yes. Accelerated math is a little different than the rest however. Stacey Haney asked about assignments being due on Sunday night of a long weekend. Nancy would like more info on the situation because sometimes like tenmarks it’s just regular stuff and the teachers might not really think about it.

There was a question about school supplies. There was a lot of feedback about extra supplies that were needed for certain classes. May need to find out a way to communicate to students what they will need extra for certain classes when they get their schedules. Kari asked about maybe adding some items for sale at the school supplies pick up.

Joanne said thanks to Nancy and great job on all the new signs in the building and helping to build school spirit.

Susan Marston talked about experiences she’s had so far with the clinic this year, she’s had great communication from Shelly in the clinic and really appreciates it.

**Staff Requests-** Megan Walker would like a class set (30) of cardboard virtual reality 3D glasses (cardboard type) to be used by any/all classes. Kari wondered if we should spend a little extra and buy the plastic version.

Carolyn Vagnier- Math counts team start up club would meet each week to practice. They would need $240 from Nancy Freese’s club fund.

Holly Washington- On October 24 hopes to present Digital Dangers as a whole school presentation. Parents would also be welcome to attend. This is something they try and present every few years. It’s a great program because a lot of times the kids just don’t understand what can really cause problems in the digital age. Cost would be $250.

Regina Fragale- Requesting $96 for Flowcabulary again. All of the 6th grade teachers use it.

Shahela asked Nancy Freese to be sure to promote the bookfair next week to the staff, they will get Scholastic money to spend if they bring their classes down to shop.

**President’s Report-Kari Friedauer**: From the President’s PTO meeting she said to be sure to help with the rumor mill regarding redistricting. Whenever we hear people talking/posting rumors to direct them to the right place i.e. Krista Davis or Mark Raiff. The new treasurer will be coming to replace Brian Kern. There may be some changes to branding, etc. with the 4th high school but nothing is concrete yet.

Kari asked if anyone would like to join her at the OEF golf outing at the Lakes Country Club on Monday, Oct. 4th.

GoPTO is going to continue supporting the website after all. Lisa is however going to raise her price to $199/year.

We are still looking for another parent (preferably a 6th grade parent) to help/train for school supplies for next year. We will also need a new spiritwear person for next year.

**Spiritwear-Joanne Ford:** We can use the extra water bottles and sunglasses and sell at the Friday school store and the bookfair. Sell for $3 each or 2/$5. There will be a holiday spiritwear sale.

**Treasurer-Susan Marston:** We do have a new proposed budget for this year. Heather Albanese asked about line item for school supplies if we decide on buying extra. We should also be able to take out the 7th grade event budget item.

Debbie Stickel asked about transferring funds out of the SCRIP account and Kroger into the PTO fund (this is the 20% the PTO receives). Cut off for earning for each child is January 1 of the child’s 8th grade year.

**Fundraising-Stacey Haney:** Kona Ice is coming to some of the events in September.

Wondering about the possibility of doing a combined effort at Hyatts . Kari mentioned a new laser tag place off Lazelle for maybe a day off activity. Hardknocksindoorwar.com

Not sure of the date for Relay for Life yet or where it will be held.

May look at doing another shopping night near the holidays again.

Finally looking at doing some restaurant fundraisers like Culver’s or Chipotle.

**Bookfair-** Set up will be this Friday and it will run all next week: 7:30-3 M-Th and 7:30-1 on Friday. Still in need of volunteers. Will be doing 2 fairs again this year. Each teacher gets $25 Scholastic dollars for bringing their classes down. Mrs. Starr will receive $500 each fair to spend for the library. There are lots of prizes for the students again and will hold daily drawings.

**PPT-Michele Jones:** First event will be Sept. 28th at 7pm. Leslie Jostle at OHS on time management skills for teens. They are also working on the rest of the year.

Stacey Tokarski/Carey Dunbar asked about changing the staff request line item- $10,000 seems very high. Maybe take it down to $5,000.

Voted on Staff Requests: Megan Walker request for 3D glasses Stacey made a motion to approve and all approved.

Carolyn Vagnier’s request for club funds will go to Nancy Freese. Holly Washington’s request for the Digital Dangers presentation- motion to approve made by Alecia Kelley and all approved. Regina Fragale’s request for Flowcabulary – motion to approve made by Carey Dunbar and all approved.

Proposed budget with changes Michele Jones made a motion to approve and all approved.