OLIVE-MARY STITT PTA
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 19, 2024

Meeting Location: OMS Commons

Executive Members Present: Michele Hilgart, Kelly Green-Spangler, Jon Camp, Elisa Raugstad, Christie Madsen, Colleen Stack & Kristen Alm

Approximately 20 members in person, 2 on Zoom

1. **Call to Order** - 7:03PM: Michele Hilgart
    a. Statement of Best Practices Read
    b. Welcome and Introduction of Executive Board Members
2. **Secretary's Report**: Kristen Alm
    a. Approval of the Minutes from the May 9, 2024 Meeting
3. **Treasurer's Report**: Colleen Stack
    a. Budget
        i. Current Balance Year to Date - $52,400
        ii. Proposed 24/25 Budget - $48,155, with expenses of $44,232
        iii. Budget has been posted on the PTA website for the last month.
    b. Excess Funds - $5,000
        i. Will be meeting to discuss how funds will be used.
    c. Budget Adoption
        i. Colleen Stack - By recommendation of the budget committee we move that the proposed budget be adopted as presented by the general membership.
        ii. Michele Hilgart - It has been moved that the proposed budget be adopted as presented.
        iii. Michele Hilgart - Motion to approve.
        iv. Motion passes.
    d. Audit
        i. The audit was completed this weekend with a balance of $37,808.
        ii. The $14,000 difference was due to the House Hop fundraiser. Thank you to all who hosted/participated in our largest fundraiser of the year.
        iii. The audit report was signed off by the auditor.
    e. Audit Adoption
        i. Colleen Stack - By recommendation of the audit committee we move that the proposed audit report be approved as presented.
        ii. Michele Hilgart - It has been moved that the proposed audit report be adopted as presented.
        iii. Michele Hilgart - Motion to approve.
        iv. Motion passes.
4. **First Vice President Report**: Jon Camp

a. Bylaws Update
    i. The bylaws have been updated.
b. Calendar Changes
    i. The calendar has been updated. Committee Chairs - Please review your dates and let us know if there are any corrections.

5. **Second Vice Presidents Report**: Elisa Raugstad & Christie Madsen
    a. School Supplies
        i. School supply sales were a success. 366 boxes sold, 2 boxes were donated.
    b. Spirit Wear Fundraiser
        i. Sales closed on Friday. There were 53 orders. Will find out the fundraising amount soon.
        ii. An additional sale will take place in November.
    c. House Hop Fundraiser
        i. $14,700 has been raised, however, after paying a stipend to the hosts, the PTA will net around $13,000.
6. **Third Vice President Report**: Brian Gallagher
    a. Nothing to report
7. **Principal's Report**: Erin Davis & Julia Pemberton
    a. Happy Birthday, Ms. Davis!
    b. Great start to the school year!
    c. Students settling into the routines and schedules, especially our littlest owls.
    d. Thank you for attending curriculum night! We appreciate your partnership.
    e. Thank you to the Back to School Bash and Bike Rodeo Chairs.
    f. Map Testing is wrapping up.
    g. Reminder - Tomorrow is our first 'High Five Friday'. We are excited for our special guests from Hersey and the AHPD.
8. **Teacher's Report**: Marissa Duric
    a. Kindergarten -
        i. The kindergarten students have started the new literacy curriculum, and we should see great results. The students are working on opinion writing and writing the letters A-Z.
        ii. In math they have been working on numbers 0-5, working with ten frames and place value.
        iii. The kindergarteners have already shown great growth and independence and full day kindergarten has been going very well.
    b. First Grade -
        i. Reading workshop is in full swing. The students have been working on listening to one another and sharing their ideas.
        ii. Math topics include numbers 0-10, making comparisons and understanding that numbers make patterns.
        iii. In social studies they will begin a unit on community helpers.
    c. Second Grade -
        i. The second graders have started all curriculum areas.

ii. In math they are working on place value and numbers to 1,000.
iii. The classrooms have all created a classroom charter.

d. Third Grade -
   i. In science they are beginning a research project on severe weather.
   ii. In math they just finished a unit on place value.

e. Fourth Grade -
   i. They are working on geospheres, and learning about landscape changes and glaciers.
   ii. In writing they are working on the structure of a paragraph.

f. Fifth Grade -
   i. In science, they are working on a space unit which includes creating a model, understanding shadows and creating a universe in a box.

g. Update from Ms. Privett -
   i. The 2nd graders will perform a Veterans Day concert.
   ii. The 3rd graders will perform a concert at Multicultural night.
   iii. The 4th and 5th graders are learning to play the ukulele.

9. **President's Report**: Michele Hilgart & Kelly Green-Spangler
   a. Thank you to everyone who helped kick off the school year so spectacularly.
   b. Open Committee Chair Positions
      i. ABC/25
      ii. Scholarship Chairs - Spring 2025
      iii. Staff Appreciation Week - May 2025
      iv. Dance/Yoga Club
      v. Art Club
      vi. Summer Safety
      vii. Culture Crew
      viii. Camp Fit/Owls Play Outdoors
      ix. Comic Book Club
      x. Equipment Upkeep
   c. Arlington Heights Council PTA Update
      i. Reflections Theme - Accepting Imperfection
         1. Submissions due to Arlington Heights Council mid-November.

10. **Committee Reports** -
   a. Back to School Bash -
      i. Thank you for attending the Back to School Bash!
      ii. We received a $400 give back check from Kona Ice. $500 total was raised for the PTA.
      iii. Face painting was a hit, as well as the photo booth.
      iv. Needed volunteers!
   b. Kindergarten Mentoring Committee -
      i. We had three successful park play dates over the summer leading up to the school year. The last one was held after teacher assignments came out, so families could connect with others in their class.
      ii. We are looking into a mom's night out later this fall.

iii. We also distributed yard signs for kindergartners and new OMS families, which seemed to be well-received and a nice addition to welcome families to the nest!

c. First Grade Mentoring Committee -
   i. All the summer play dates were a hit and we had such a great turn out with new 1st grade families, as well as returning OMS families!
   ii. Please remember to check the Facebook page, weekly emails and Directory Spot. Given those channels, we won't be using the email list anymore so please watch for news in those standard places.
d. Bike Rodeo -
   i. Around 60 kids attended. It went well, lots of volunteers.
e. The Owl Way -
   i. We will be partnering with Wings for the winter gear drive which will be held on 10/14-10/25.
f. House Hop -
   i. We are very excited for the event! There will be a total of 210 attendees, 254 including hosts and committee chairs.
   ii. House assignments will be done a little differently this year; assignments will be emailed instead of picked up at the school.
   iii. The first house groups will be smaller, with the second house having more guests.
   iv. Every house will have a PTA representative.
   v. Thank you so much to our hosts and super hosts!
g. Birthday Book Committee -
   i. Books have been ordered for the fall.
   ii. Please let us know if certain books are your kids would like to see.
h. Reflections -
   i. **THEME:** 2024-2025 Reflections theme: *Accepting Imperfection*
   ii. **CATEGORIES:** Students submit creative/artistic work in one or all of the following categories: Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography and Visual Arts.
   iii. OMS has been registered for entry with the National Reflections committee. Complete submissions usually due in October, so stay tuned for more info!
i. Cultural Arts -
   i. Great Works Theater will perform Lyle, Lyle Crocodile on 10/22.
   ii. Crossing Borders Music string quartet will perform in March. Would like to possibly incorporate Music for Youth students.
   iii. Irish Dance Group possibly performing in March.
j. Bingo Night -
   i. October 25th from 7-8:15 PM. This is a free event. Families are asked to bring canned/non perishable goods for the Wheeling Township Food Pantry.
   ii. Volunteers needed for snacks, card checkers and at the prize table.

iii. Brian Paruch will be the Bingo caller. Thank you, Brian!

k. 5th Grade Committee -
   i. A survey has been sent out to the parents with 38 responses. Will follow up with everyone.
   ii. Sunrise Lake Date - 5/21. Training date will be 5/19 in the morning.

l. Membership -
   i. Directory Spot is up and running. There is a self edit feature this year.

m. Volunteer Coordinator -
   i. Need volunteers for an event? Please check with Deanna Amelio, our volunteer coordinator.

n. Yearbook Committee -
   i. Information is coming out right now about purchasing a yearbook. They are offering a 10% off discount right now.
   ii. Over 60 yearbooks have been purchased so far.
   iii. Picture collection is something they are working on for activities throughout the year.

o. Family Night -
   i. Information will be coming soon!

11. Unfinished Business: None

12. New Business: None

13. Upcoming Dates -

a. 9/21 - House Hop
b. 10/3 - Non-Attendance Day
c. 10/14-10/25 - The Owl Way Coat Drive
d. 10/16 - Picture Retakes
e. 10/22 - Cultural Arts Assembly
f. 10/31 - Halloween Class Parties
g. 11/4 - PTA Conference Dinner
h. 11/4 - Non-Attendance Day - Parent/Teacher Conferences
i. 11/5 - Non-Attendance Day
j. 11/21 - OMS PTA Meeting
k. 11/25-11/29 - Non-Attendance Days

14. Adjournment: 7:39 PM