

February 7th, 2017

Regular Meeting

6:31 PM Call Meeting to Order: Alan Romack

6:35 PM Introductions: All

Quorum Established at 13 members.

Elizabeth McConaghy

Al Romack

Alan Romack, Jr.

Derrek Lawson

Dotty Demos

Rick Constant

Shana Bynon

Megan Chrobak

Michelle Humphrey

Jewel Lindsey

Sarah Mugo

Brian Kamanda

6:40 PM Old Business

Outstanding Officer/Board Positions

PTACHC x1

Corresponding Secretary

Hospitality Chair

Cultural Arts Chair

Bylaws (Status) -Another email to Reg and MDPTA on 1-29-17.

Al Romack drove to Glen Burnie to submit Bylaws. Reg is now emailing daily. They still cannot find our Bylaws.

6:45 AM New Business

OMCA Grant Donation: Virginia (Ginny) Thomas and Bill McCormack

Oakland Mills Board of Director Co-Chairs

Discussion had about village revitalization of Oakland Mills and how the schools are included in that. MS. Thomas expressed pride in our schools and the development of new programs to entice people to stay here and attract new people to the area.

VT mentioned the new foot bridge connecting Oakland Mills, the hospital, and Columbia Gateway Drive. VT to send a copy of the plans to Al Romack.

Oakland Mills Board then presented a check to the OMMS PTSA in the amount of \$500.

Principal's Report

See Attachment A

Staff Report

Report

Request from Ms. Morse for Parent help for Falcon Store Thursdays 10:40 to 1:00pm (can be broken up). To be added to Newsletter, Facebook and Twitter.

Staff Grant Request for Math and STEM Competition – Mr. Brubaker to take Math club to a competition. Field trip is free, but the buses are expensive. Requested \$200/actual cost is \$380. Field trip is 3/17. 11 Students on the team. Michelle Humphrey mentioned a field trip/scholarship fund that we could use (\$200 per grade).

Rick Constant motions to approve the grant request by Mr. Brubacker for \$200 for the math counts club field trip out of the PTSA Objectives field trip scholarship fund.

Ms. Demos seconds.

Passes unanimously.

President's Report

See Attachment B.

In regard to author visit and payment, Al Romack moves to donate \$1200 to Oakland Mills Middle school to support the author visit on March 8th out of PTSA Objectives pending approval by Central office and the BOE.

Ms. Demos seconds.

Passes unanimously.

Music Committee Discussion

Treasurer's Report

See Attachment C.

Review Report

VP Fundraiser Report

Checks received:

Spirit Wear - \$405

Chipotle - \$119

Expecting:

Ale House - \$150

Upcoming:

Thinking of doing another spirit wear and sending to incoming 6th graders. EPI said we could keep it open until we had enough orders.

Maybe something for Mothers Day? Yankee Candle?

VP Communications Report

54 people on newsletter, no bounces, no unsubscribes. Twitter and Facebook posted too. Ms. Chrobak suggested adding the link to the 6th grade orientation. SB suggested sharing PTSA membership with Rising 6th graders for potential board members next year. MH brought up creating a Paypal account and online membership for OMMS PTSA. MH offered to set up account. DL and AR will work on form online.

Membership Report

Nothing to report. As we prep for rising 6th grade class Ms. Linzey can provide papers for students.

PTACHC

See Attachment D

RC seeking input for funding for Homewood and ARL. It has been discovered that ARL also does not have a PTSA. Both schools looking for hospitality department. Currently pay \$170 to PTACHC. Want to increase to \$200/year from each 72 PTA's as part of our regular, annual budget. They would set up a fund to send to those schools. Details are still in the air regarding how it would be organized, who would handle management, etc. RC seeks input on how OMMS PTSA should vote. Sarah Mugo how money would be earmarked for ARL/Homewood. PTACHC currently has a mechanism in place for this, but there are no guarantees for this money in years forward as the monies would go to PTACHC. MH said that the \$30 increase would be vast savings to hosting a single event for the schools. Ms. Chrobak highly lauded the teachers and staff at Homewood and their support and they do incredible work and do not receive the same supports as the

teachers in the “traditional” schools. Board supports increasing the amount to \$30. Board wants to make sure the monies are managed appropriately.

Hospitality Report

SB purchased two boxes 2 boxes mini utz chips and 3 bags Costco assorted candies for the staff. Cost was \$55.76.

Feb hospitality?? MH willing to do something for this month. SB to assist. Budget \$150 for 86 staff.

Looking to parent teacher conference. Waiting for final word, but if teachers work late on the 9th then they do not have to work that Friday. The evening of the 9th would work great. Ms. Demos to contact AR about what PCC is doing for lunch that day. Perhaps we can work together with PCC to coordinate?

Teacher appreciation week in May (1st week in May). SB to call Eggspectations.

Recording Secretary Report

Submitted reports for September, November, December and January.

Ms. Chrobak moves to approve minutes as written, as revised with the hospitality report for the appropriate month.

Ms. Demos seconded.

Motion carries.

Lessons for next year

February Hospitality since we missed January. Still want to do school supplies kit?

March 10th for Parent-teachers Conferences Lunch/dinner? Trying to work around Positive Climate Committee meeting.

Funding Request

8:52 PM Adjourn

Upcoming Events

2/6/17, PTAHC Meeting Homewood.

2/9/17, 6-8 pm MDPTA Night Annapolis

2/7/17 – PTSA General Meeting

2/25/17 – Healthy Relationships and Dating Dangers – OMMS 9-11:15 AM

2/28/17 OMCA Educational commottee Meeting

3/10/17 – Hoops for Heart

Attachment A : Principal's Report

1. MAP Testing – Finished in January, we should have our data to review approx. February 10th. We appreciate staff/student hard work.
2. Author Visit – Due to the availability of the author, Fred Bowen, he will now be visiting on March 8th.
3. Goal Setting - Our students did an amazing job on their goal setting activities. Almost all students have them posted in their locker to view daily. Every single sheet was read and responded to by staff. A huge thanks to the staff, many voluntarily took them home over a long weekend to ensure they got the attention they deserved.
4. Mentor Program – Our mentor program began in January. Staff are meeting with their mentees (either at breakfast or lunch during school this month). They will be reviewing report cards and MAP scores and setting academic goals for the quarter! We've received great feedback thus far.
5. Partnership Updates - We are in the final stages of signing an agreement (through HCPSS) with City on a Hill Community Church. They provide non-perishable breakfast/lunch and dinner items over the weekend for students in temporary housing or homelessness. They provided extensive support for holiday gifts and meals. They are also looking at new ways to support or volunteer.

Howard County Multi Service Center - OMMS and LEMS met about opportunities to partner with the MSC. We would like to work with PTSA on a few ideas.

Giant Foods - Giant Foods is partnering with us (through HCPSS). There is a meeting January 7th to plan our next community outreach! The goal is to ensure access to nutritious food over the extended spring break. We would love for PTSA to partner with us as well.

6. We look forward to a wonderful second semester.
7. Celebrations - National History Day was a great success!
 - Students generated questions and led staff/student community circles that produced some amazing dialogue on 2/1.
 - Ms. Hamilton was a nominee for HCPSS Teacher of the Year
 - Mr. Hobson is receiving an award from the Maryland GT Program – Outstanding Teacher Leader.
 - Ms. Hamilton is a nominee for Maryland School Librarian of the Year.

Attachment B: President's Report



Oakland Mills Middle School PTSA Committee
Monthly Report

COMMITTEE NAME: President

Chair People: Alan Romack

Report Date: February 7, 2017

Committee Members: _____

Item 1: OMMS PTSA By-Laws Update: Still no forward movement on this. Repeated communications with MDPTA and Reg Avery have yielded nothing.

Item 2: Author Donation. Check from Ms Hayden has been received and turned over to Michelle. Form 230 has been filled out and will need to be approved by central office and the BOE due to the size of the donation. Timing for this is as follows:

A deposit of \$180 needs to be made to Zade Educational partners as soon as possible. The remaining \$1020 needs to be paid by March 8th. I believe the school will be handling the checks, we just need to turn over our donation to the school and get the 230 form approved.

Item 3: 6th grade orientation meeting was held on January 9th, 6:30pm. The format was new, with a question and answer panel, which I sat on, and a really cool video. The video can be found here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B7SjtuE4t39YRU1naUZXZm9vNUU/view?usp=sharing>

Item 4: Lawsuit between HCPSS BOE and Superintendent

Links:

<http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/howard/columbia/ph-ho-cf-foose-suit-boe-0119-20170112-story.html>

<http://www.abc2news.com/news/region/howard-county/howard-county-public-schools-superintendent-files-lawsuit-against-board-of-education>

BOE meetings getting out-of-hand

<https://scotteblog.com/2017/02/03/hcpss-superintendent-renee-foose-to-hocoboe-i-dont-care/>

Item 5: I missed the last OMCA Educational meeting. Will attend the next one.

Item 6: MDPTA Night in Annapolis, Feb 9th, 6-8 pm. MD House of Delegates Room 170. I was planning on attending but this also the same night as the Chorus Event in which my son is participating.

Item 7: Homewood Staff Appreciation Budget Proposal stands at \$30 charge to each existing PTA. We had previously estimated \$22. Is this something we would still support?

Item 8: Music Committee Discussion.

I have had two meetings with Mr Green and one with Ms Chrobak to discuss this option. I would like to propose to the OMMS PTSA that we form a special committee with in the PTSA structure to allow this committee to exist.

Basic structure and operational needs

1. All music committee participants would also be required to be a member of the PTSA
2. The music committee would provide its own chairperson who would direct the activities of the group
3. The music committee would plan and execute its own fundraisers and monies from those fundraisers would go into a special "bucket" similar in appearance to our reserve. The monies in this bucket would be reported separately and not be considered part of the general operating budget. It would be considered in the overall budget under its own category to meet the requirements of our bylaws. Management of this budget category would be handled by the committee chair with the assistance of the treasurer. The treasurer would support this by issuing checks similar to any other committee.
4. The Music committee agrees to the request and documentation requirements of the PTSA so that one process is followed by all and not creating undue extra effort on the treasurer's part.
5. Royce West has agreed to be the 1st chair of this committee to work on getting it up and running.
6. We may need to come up with some bylaw wordings to assure longevity of committee.
7. I have contacted PTACHC about the committee and Reg did not find any issue.

Pros:

1. We would get a bump in membership, parents motivated by music, but not necessarily by PTSA. They can then see the good stuff we do and maybe participate
2. By utilizing our existing structure the music committee would gain access to the 501C3 status, charitable entity status and a formal structure to operate under.
3. We can better coordinate activities and fundraisers so that there is no duplication of effort or conflicts.
4. We can fulfill our goal of supports the entire student body by supporting this large population of music students within the school. This is in line with our goal 2 mission, and one we routinely have trouble supporting.

Cons:

1. A little bit more work for the treasurer and president.
2. Explaining the budget categories to the general membership and the music committee's unique status

Finance Report: I did not spend any money this last month.

Activity #1:

Budgeted: \$0

Advance: \$0

Spent: \$0

Returned: \$0

Summary of Each Committee activity:

We had no activity this month to report.

Attachment C: Treasurer's Report

TREASURER'S REPORT					
Oakland Mills Middle School PTSA					
Balance as of January 3, 2017	\$4,749.65				
Receipts	\$1,775.09				
Disbursements	\$104.00				
Balance as of February 7, 2017	\$6,420.74	**Balance includes \$2,000 Reserve			
				Approved	
	Reporting Period	Year to Date		Budget	
RECEIPTS:					
Membership Dues	\$50.00	\$965.00		\$1,200.00	
Fundraising	\$525.09	\$3,439.57		\$6,400.00	
Donations	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00		\$500.00	
Grant		\$0.00		\$500.00	
Hospitality (Staff Luncheons)		\$0.00		\$100.00	
TOTALS:	\$1,775.09	\$5,604.57		\$8,700.00	
DISBURSEMENTS:					
			Category	Approved	Amount
Committee/Category	Reporting Period	Year to Date	Breakdown	Budget	Remaining
PTSA Objectives				\$3,500.00	\$3,105.87
Grades 6-8 Field Day Support			\$250.00		
Play/Falcon Idol Cast Party			\$50.00		
8th Grade End of Year			\$600.00		
PBIS (Positive Behavior Incentive & Support)			\$150.00		
Field Trip Scholarship Fund (6-8)			\$600.00		
Community Outreach Program			\$200.00		
Back to School Event		\$94.13	\$200.00		
Geography Bee	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00		
Author			\$1,200.00		
Committee Reserve		\$200.00	\$250.00		
Hospitality				\$1,150.00	\$1,094.24
Back to School Breakfast			\$150.00		
Halloween Treats		\$55.76	\$0.00		
Conf Meals (Nov & Feb)			\$300.00		
January (School Supplies)			\$150.00		
March/April			\$150.00		
Staff Appreciation Week (May)			\$250.00		
OMMS Support/Sunshine Fund			\$100.00		
Committee Reserve			\$50.00		
Fundraising				\$3,500.00	\$2,872.31
Spirit Wear (Fall)			\$1,000.00		
Mixed Bags (Sept)		\$627.69	\$1,300.00		
Spring (Yankee Candle)			\$1,000.00		
Committee Reserve			\$200.00		
PTSA Expenses				\$1,500.00	\$829.25
MD PTA Insurance			\$204.00		
Administrative Expenses			\$200.00		
PTA Council Dues		\$170.00	\$170.00		
Bank Fees (Return Checks & Fees)	\$4.00	\$12.00	\$50.00		
MD PTA/National Membership Dues		\$488.75	\$600.00		
PTA Convention/Training			\$150.00		
Committee Reserve			\$126.00		
Cultural Arts				\$500.00	\$500.00
Cultural Arts Expense			\$400.00		
Committee Reserve			\$100.00		
Reserve for Following Year (MD PTA REQUIREMENT)				\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
TOTAL:	\$104.00	\$1,748.33	\$10,150.00	\$12,150.00	\$10,401.67

Attachment D: PTACH Report

OMMS PTSA - Delegate Report

PTA Council of Howard County (PTACHC) met on February 5th, 2017. Allen Romack (PTA President) and Rick Constant (PTA Delegate) represented OMMS. This report was prepared by the OMMS PTSA delegate, Rick Constant.

Homewood School Support:

There was discussion and a request to bring to local PTA's the concept of supporting the Homewood School and the ARL with Staff Hospitality. The central idea is to raise the annual fee for each PTA/PTSA from \$170 to \$200. Also, to have a rotation of responsibility each month from one HS cluster to the next to support that months activity.

APFO:

The next APFO hearing is February 16th at 7:15 PM. This could be the last opportunity to comment on the process before a vote is held.

HCPSS policies committee:

HCPSS policies committee PTACHC representatives are needed. The following are policies up for reevaluation. If anyone is interested in attending the committee meetings and reporting back to PTACHC please let me know.

- Policy 1010 Discrimination (NEW)
- Policy 2010 Student Representation
- Policy 4020 Meal Plans (NEW)
- Policy 6010 School Attendance Areas
- Calendar Planning Committee
- School Start and Dismissal Times Committee
- Social Studies Curriculum

The 2017 Maryland PTA convention will be held in Columbia.

Reg Avery (PTACHC President) is looking for a Girl/Boy Scout troop that could serve as Color Guard and a child who can sing the National Anthem well.