



Oakland Mills Middle School PTSA Meeting Minutes

November 1, 2016

Regular Board Meeting

6:30 PM Meeting called to order

6:40 PM Introductions

6:45 PM Special Guest: Mrs. Bess Altwerger, HCPSS BOE

<http://www.boarddocs.com/mabe/hcpssmd/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=9QZTPV58DEAD>

Background: Ms. Altwerger (BA) works with feeder schools of Atholton and Oakland Mills. Ms. Altwerger has been on board several years, also served on her children's PTA's and has used her experience to benefit community

Mr. Romack questioned state of Elementary School Model. Would like to hear and read more about this.

BA said there are progress reports on implementation, but no reports on results. She stated they need a few years of data before a decision can be made about how it is going. BA has requested that evaluation includes input from parents and teachers about ESM, and whether they think the children are benefitting from it. Current budget has curtailed expanding ESM to other schools, but the long-range goal is to have world language in every elementary school. BA thinks issue will resurface with new board members for a report that looks at ESM from all angles – not just test scores.

Discussion was had about the positive and negative side-effects of the ESM model for students – specifically about reduced instruction in art, science and social studies.

Overcrowding at elementary schools??

BA said redistricting starting in 2017. New school opening will cause BOE to look at boundary lines. 2016 Class sizes increased by 1 with current budget. The hope is that the redistricting will even out the class sizes. Board is trying to figure out how to move kids out to western Howard County.

Adequate public facilities – the board has one member on it. They review the report and use that to adjust to changes and growth.

BA says we need to work with the county council to predict growth. There is little low income or affordable housing in western HoCo. It is important that the new board have a good relationship with county council so that the schools are not an afterthought in building. Mr. Romack recommended that a detailed look of people generation rate model needs to be made (the last model is out of date).

PTACH – Mr. Lawson asked how affective this is with the superintendant.



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BA believes they have a good relationship with the super and the board, and everyone is very supportive of PTACH.

Calendar is coming up. The BOE would like input on start dates for school year, the celebration of cultural holidays, and the start times in the morning. Three (possibly 5) plans looking at how times can shift without costing the county money for buses. New times will be presented in coming months.

BA reports that things are in flux between governor and state board about June 15th end and after Labor Day start. Waivers are in question. Board will come up with two calendars – one traditional, one with start date after Labor Day.

7:13 PM PTACH Summary – Rick Constant

Canvas – parents encouraged to check out the new app!

Continued discussion about suspension rate data. Data received from 14-15 year showed a disparity for black student suspension vs other % of population (whites less suspended). Additional update at tonight's meeting.

Discussion about adequate facility ordinance. Very complex issue that requires a lot of reading.

Still need volunteers for PTA committees.

7:18 PM Old Business

Outstanding Officer/Board Positions

PTACHC x1

Corresponding Secretary

Hospitality Chair

Cultural Arts Chair

Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation (Status) – Still no copy of Bylaws, but we do have Articles of inc. Name is not the same as the name we use (same issue as TSES)

7:45 PM New Business

Principal's Report

County revised School Improvement Plan template. Focus is on literacy and math and the measurement they are using is MAP. Our team agreed to a min of 2-5% increase of the number of students who are reaching the benchmarks. We have specific focus on FARMS kids and improving their performance on meeting benchmarks. Ms. Chrobak says they realize that students are more than numbers. All teachers are in professional learning committees, they are using classroom data, making



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templates (2-4x/month). OMMS is focusing on student and teacher goal setting. Growth is based on improvement strategies.

Geometry students not taking MAP test. These students historically have always passed assessment, so determined that it was not the best use of the students time because they have already passed the exam.

Faculty Report – Mrs. Demos

Staff was thrilled about chocolate and chips! Thank you for the treats in the staff lounge!

Author Donation - Process - Ms. Hayden, a community resident, manages a foundation that brings authors to schools. She is working on bringing Fred Bowen to OMMS on February 8th. She was wondering if she could make the donation through PTSA. Cost is \$1200.

More Discussion on Music committee vs Booster – Tabling until December because the music people want to be here to have that discussion.

President's Report- Al Romack

November Staff Meal, execution, fliers, menu

Attended PTAC President's meeting. Info was very good.

Updated officer list for PTAC. Have Articles of Inc. Not approved on Bylaws.

Reached out to Ms. Orlando about residual sprit wear with former contact. Ms. Chrobak offered her help as well. We are looking for the inventory that was purchased for school in previous year.

Moving forward meetings will be at 6:30 pm.

Working with a company that does investments for college for presentations at February meeting about how to save for college. Does not cost us anything; they hand out their fliers.

Nov 22nd Staff Meal – Soup, Salad, and Bread. Teachers start eating 11:40. Food in staff lounge. Setup 11-11:15 am. Sign up genius by Shana Byron. 86 Staff Members. 5-6 crock pots.

Treasurer's Report- Michelle Humphrey

See attachment

Grant Request form by the end of the week

Expense report form uploaded to google doc's today.

VP Fundraiser Report- Shana Bynon

Non-event fundraiser - Mixed Bag \$2400 in sales / \$1k profit !!!



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Next event is spirit wear; ordering site up this week. Created a flier for us, but not sure how to use that. Maybe show on Falcon News? Limited color copies for those who have limited internet access.

Chipotle Dec 19th on Dobbin Road

Spirit wear should arrive the week of Dec 19th.

Columbia Ale house January 24th.

SB put thank you notes for the non-event fundraiser in teacher mailboxes to distribute to kids.

VP Communications Report – Derrek Lawson

Newsletters going out. 31 subscribers. 46% open rate.

Need a spot-on form for subscription to mail-chimp. Have a table to sign up for mail-chimp at parent-teacher night. Mrs. Demos to talk to Ms. Norman about how to approach missing families.

Still needs copy for newsletter. Please send topics!

Weebly account status - <http://www.cbronline.com/news/cybersecurity/breaches/millions-accounts-hacked-weebly-foursquare-mega-breach/>

Membership Report-Jewley Linzey

13 new Hispanic Parents.

No report.

Hospitality Report – No Chair

October Hospitality Candy Event

8:28 PM Adjourn

Upcoming Events

12/6/2016 Regular PTSA meeting, 6:30pm in Media Center

11/14 to 11/18 American Education Week

11/22 to 11/23 Parent Teacher Conferences

1/3/2017 Innocence Stolen: Protecting Our Children provides information to keep children safe on the internet. The presentation informs adults about how to protect young people from negative and criminal influences online. Topics include social networking, cyber bullying, sexting, and internet predators. The program provides prevention and intervention strategies and internet safety resources.



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Attachment A: Treasurer's Report

TREASURER'S REPORT					
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Balance as of October 4, 2016	\$4,355.50				
Receipts	\$0.00				
Disbursements	\$541.75				
Balance as of November 1, 2016	\$3,813.75	**Balance includes \$2,000 Reserve			
				Approved	
	Reporting Period	Year to Date		Budget	
RECEIPTS:					
Membership Dues		\$750.00		\$1,200.00	
Fundraising		\$1,045.00		\$6,400.00	
Donations		\$0.00		\$500.00	
Grant		\$0.00		\$500.00	
Hospitality (Staff Luncheons)		\$0.00		\$100.00	
TOTALS:		\$0.00	\$1,795.00	\$8,700.00	
DISBURSEMENTS:					
	Committee/Category	Reporting Period	Year to Date	Category Breakdown	Approved Budget
					Amount Remaining
PTSA Objectives					
	Grades 6-8 Field Day Support			\$250.00	\$2,300.00
	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			\$200.00	
	Committee Reserve			\$250.00	
Hospitality					
	Back to School Breakfast			\$150.00	\$1,150.00
	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					
	Spirit Wear (Fall)			\$1,000.00	\$3,500.00
	Mixed Bags (Sept)			\$1,300.00	
	Spring (Yankee Candle)			\$1,000.00	
	Committee Reserve			\$200.00	
PTSA Expenses					
	MD PTA Insurance			\$204.00	\$1,500.00
	Administrative Expenses			\$200.00	
	PTA Council Dues	\$170.00	\$170.00	\$170.00	
	Bank Fees (Return Checks & Fees)	\$2.00	\$8.00	\$50.00	
	MD PTA/National Membership Dues	\$369.75	\$369.75	\$600.00	
	PTA Convention/Training			\$150.00	
	Committee Reserve			\$126.00	
Cultural Arts					
	Cultural Arts Expense			\$400.00	\$500.00
	Committee Reserve			\$100.00	
Reserve for Following Year (MD PTA REQUIREMENT)					
				\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
TOTAL:		\$541.75	\$547.75	\$8,950.00	\$10,950.00
				\$10,402.25	