

**Oak Grove PTA**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**September 25, 2019**

Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Jennifer Weisel

Members Present: Jennifer Weisel, Dawn Turpin-Orgetas, Krystle Haas, Missy Sauer, Becky Fry, Amy Smith, Kristle Wilson, Brian Hatfield, Angelina Rooney, Paul Lander, Kayla Rodriguez-Allen, Kathleen Wilson, Maribel Lotz, Ariela Behnken, Marllory Shanahan, Sarah Capozzoli, Jessie Scalice, Shayna Cruz, Melissa Manee, Martha Antonini, Jeanette LaSalvia, Kathleen Licari, Christine Lenkowski, Toniame Lemchek, Charon Bonner, Diane McCain

Approval of Minutes: June 12, 2019: Kathleen Wilson made a motion to approve, second motion to approve by Paul Lander.

Principal's Report:

- Thanks to the several teachers who attended the first meeting
- There were parent sign ups in the classrooms at Parents as Partners night for PTA meetings to increase attendance
- Opening day/weeks went very well. Students have settled into the school year.
  - Transportation- Bus 6 and 4 run the same route because of the size of the neighborhood. This caused some confusion in the beginning. Parents were notified to look at only the Oak Grove number on the buses. They are identified as OG1-6. New Oak Grove signs will be placed in the window with route numbers more visible.
  - Parents as Partners night was well attended
- Safety:
  - Three fire drills have taken place and a lock down drill will be soon- teachers are aware that it is coming
  - There is a new security consultant coming to the schools to help address and practice unexpected safety concerns during drills (missing student, blocked exit, etc.) This is to ensure that proper protocols and procedures are followed if these events should ever occur
  - During lock down drills no one is allowed to enter the building during the drill. They last approximately 20 minutes with a Town of Poughkeepsie Police officer present.
  - Vestibule is up and will be fully complete in the coming weeks. There was broken glass that needed to be replaced
  - The first rear bus drill has been completed successfully
- Ice cream with the principal will be on Friday, September 27 for students who participated in the summer reading program
- i-ready scores will be totalled soon, New York State Test scores from 2018-2019 should be in the mail if you have not already received them
- Fire prevention will be October 18, 2019 for K-2

- 6th grade has two October field trips: Global Foundaries and The Big Read Trip
- All end of the year field trips are currently in the process of being planned. Chaperones picked in March. This lottery is conducted in front of the Principal to ensure fairness.

Presidents report:

- Parents as Partners night was a success. 72 mums were purchased out of 75
- PTA memberships are coming in slowly- send in forms or pay online with additional small fee

Treasurer's Report:

- Please see Report

New Business:

- Ice Cream with the Principal will take place this Friday for students who participate in the summer reading program
- schoolstore.com information coming home next week- this is a great opportunity to support the PTA through the shopping that you do everyday. There are also many other ways stores give back to schools. Please refer to the handout that came home or check the PTA website in the coming weeks for links.
- Box Top program changes are coming. There is a smartphone app that you can use to record your Box Tops. They are still accepting clipped tops as well until they are no longer printed, so continue to clip them and send them in!
- Please look at the bright green calendar that was sent home in September for all of the activities that are coming this school year and are sponsored by the PTA. Help is always needed. The October and November calendars are full of opportunities to volunteer before the next meeting. The PTA website will be updated with chairpersons' contact information and dates of events
- Newsletter will continue this school year
- Concerns about lack of participation in School Tool Box were discussed. Chairpersons spent a lot of time preparing the lists, but only 8 boxes were sold school wide. Will look into beginning the process sooner so teachers have more time to select their items.
- Concerns about Muffins with Moms and Donuts with Dads event being combined and excluding families with younger siblings.
- Next meeting will be November 13, 2019 at 6:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:14pm

Respectfully submitted by Krystle Haas