

# OGM PTA Meeting Minutes

## September 11, 2023



**This meeting was recorded - link will be posted here once available**

**Welcome:** OGM PTA Board Members: Jen Rasmussen, Beth Clubbs, Rosalie Strommen

### PTA UPDATES:

#### Media Center idea: **Bookmarks made from old greeting cards!**

- Collect donations of the front of old greeting cards with the back of the card and any personal notes cut off
- PTA can help by cutting greeting card fronts into bookmarks for students to take when checking out from the media center.
- Starting with a small group of PTA parents and may expand from there.



#### **Main PTA Fundraiser will be November 13th - 17th, and we will also have: Dine for Donations for 2023/24 School year:**

- Maybe have one Dine for Donations each quarter.
- Chairperson needed to set something up for late September or early October. Please email [ogms271pts@gmail.com](mailto:ogms271pts@gmail.com) if you are able to help coordinate

#### **Treasurer position for OGM PTA BOARD 2023/24 needed**

- **Send an email to [ogms271pts@gmail.com](mailto:ogms271pts@gmail.com) to let us know if you are interested in being the Treasurer, or if you have any questions.**

**Treasurer Report:** Jen Rasmussen (interim)

- \$6,200 in the bank right now

- Will update the budget after we know what we get from the November Fundraiser; will work from the budget from last year.

**Givebacks (formerly Memberhub) Reminder-** Make sure to sign up so you receive updates on upcoming PTA/OGM events! [Ogms.memberhub.com](https://ogms.memberhub.com)

- \$15 for Membership. Membership gives you the right to vote at meetings

**District Parent and Family Advisory Council Report:** Jevin Pinske, OGM's District Parent and Family Advisory Council Meeting Representative

- Meets the first Wednesday of every month unless there is a holiday break for school
- Strategic Plan was discussed; was accepted by the School Board in June. Everything will be online for that (Mission, Vision, Core Values)
  - Next steps: Teams of 10-12 of staff, parents and community
- Stadium Plans: Lincoln Field/Bloomington Stadium located at 90th and Penn will no longer be used. Cost was going to be too much and we only own the stadium, not the parking lot. Will build new stadiums at Kennedy and Jefferson; cost for stadiums at each school is about the same that it would be to update the current Lincoln Field/Bloomington stadium.
  - Planning commission is meeting for that; figuring out parking over at Kennedy. If everyone goes well, they would play in the new stadiums next fall.
- Operation Enrollment: first time seeing more outgoing students than incoming students.
  - Possible Reasons? More charter schools opened up; Rick said there are 3 within BPS borders. They will do more digging on this. Some families possibly moving out of BPS.
- Reminder to call/report your child to the school if they will be absent.
- The Parent and Family Advisory Council was formerly the District PTSA. It has changed and is no longer a PTA/PTSA. They are working on their own bylaws.

## **Principal Report, Principal Anne Graner:**

### **\* Husky News**

- Ms. Graner shared pictures from the Husky News Crew. Student run news crew. They write the script, camera work. It is on YouTube afterward. Shown live in PrimeTime every day. Visitors
  - They were ready to go on day one of school.
  - School news every morning at 7:55am

- [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuRXzLj8MmX5kQCWt\\_Yc1fA/featured](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuRXzLj8MmX5kQCWt_Yc1fA/featured)

### **First couple weeks recap**

- First couple weeks were short weeks. This is our first full 5-day week of school.
  - Getting into the routine and expectations about passing time expectations, not forgetting things they need for A day vs. B day.
- Soccer has started. Middle school sports are up and running again.

### **\*Fundraiser**

#### **Nov. 13th - 17th**

- Kids had so much fun with the fundraiser last year.
  - Some teachers had their heads shaved; Teacher TikTok dances; and other donation incentives
- 100% of profits go to the PTA to support the students/teachers/school.
- Look for more information to come.
- John Polhill (Assistant. Principal) Sarah Mazzoni (Dean of Students) will help coordinate.
- Question: What kind of fundraiser is it? Direct donations?
  - Yes, and there were certain levels for reaching donation totals for things that teachers would do for an incentive that goes to all students.
  - It's about all the kids having fun.

### **\*Grade Level Parties**

TBD based on fundraiser

- If we meet enough in the fundraiser, we can have grade-level parties.

#### **Picture Retakes - Oct 13th**

- Will be during the school day. Original picture day was in August during the Open House. This is another opportunity for pictures

### **\*Conference night (9/28 & 10/10)**

- 3-7pm. Will be in person in the gym
- There will be a sign up genius to meet with your child's teachers
- Good way to connect about Canvas/Infinite Campus as well
- Food for teachers/staff will be provided by PTA - There will be a sign up genius for a potluck one of the nights. Last year it was a potluck one night and snacks provided by the school the other night. Will split it again so that PTA will provide teacher/staff food one night and the school will provide food the other night.

## Fall MAP Testing

- Kids will do Fall MAP Testing - Math and Reading
- Sarah Mazzone - Dean of Students is the testing coordinator; can direct questions to her
- Testing will be held Oct 3 and 10

## Fusion (formerly Galaxy) free after-school program

- M-Th program this year
- Starts Oct 2
- 2:37-4:45pm
- Musical will fall under Fusion; everything will be under Fusion.
- Academics, Leadership, activities
- Students will have to sign up for a club/activity (art on Monday, cooking on Tues, as possible examples)
- Register online for Fusion:

<https://bloomington.ce.eleyo.com/courses/category/170/targeted-services-fusion>

## Upcoming OGM events/Questions or comments:

**Please let us know your ideas for this school year! How can you help?**

## Amazon Staff Wish List:

Working on the Staff Wish List! Watch for the link soon! Easy items to get to help support the students in the classroom. Or you can donate to OGM PTA & we'll purchase items for you! Just go to our store via QR code to the right & click donation:

- Nurses office needs clothes to have on hand
  - Chapstick, deodorant
  - Things that staff is requesting that is not something that the school would provide.
- Should be able to click on the link and it should notify when items have been purchased as well.
- Classroom items as well.
- If you see a good deal on something that teachers are asking for, you can purchase and send in to the teacher.



**Regarding donations: Benevity** - if you work for a company, they will match donations and it is a great opportunity to get a matching donation. Check with your employer.

**2023/24 OGM PTA Meeting Dates: 11/13/23, 1/8/24, 3/11/24, 5/6/24**

**Don't forget to join OGM PTA! [Ogms.memberhub.com](https://ogms.memberhub.com)**

**Don't forget we need a Treasurer! Email [ogms271ptsa@gmail.com](mailto:ogms271ptsa@gmail.com) with your interest or questions.**

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