

OGM PTSA Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2024



This meeting was recorded - Recording will be posted on OGMs YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/@oakgrovemiddleschool5941>

OGM PTSA Board Members: Jen Rasmussen, Beth Clubbs, Rosalie Strommen

Welcome: Jen Rasmussen, President

PTA UPDATES:

Dine for Donations for 2023/24 School year: Sports page in October 2023 was amazing! We had a great turnout for our annual fundraiser, but we would like to continue to do dine outs to support local businesses, along with encouraging OGM families to meet up with friends.

Future dates: 2/27 @ North Star Tavern & 5/2 @ Culver's (volunteers needed for this one. Please watch for sign up closer to the date)

Nice way for people to meet up

Oak Grove Middle PTSA 2023 Husky FUNdraiser ~ HUGE SUCCESS! OVER \$12K! Check out the budget for how we will use the funds. (on our website) Please contact us with any questions @ ogms271pts@gmail.com

- Beanboozled happened today.
- Mohawks will happen tomorrow and later teachers will be taped to the wall as well.

Volunteers for the OGM PTA BOARD are needed for 2024/25 school year! We need new folks on it next year. 2-3 open spots! Check out the sign up link that will be out soon. Board voting will be at the 5/6 meeting.

- Email ogms271pts@gmail.com with any questions or if you are interested in being on the board next year.

Parent & Family Advisory Council (PFAC) REPORT: Jevin Pinske (OGMs PFAC Representative)

- Superintendent Melbye talked about school priorities. Funding requests for Special Education and English language learners, but inflation remains high.
- Accountability on MCA testing: Opting out of state testing shows as not proficient for those who have opted out on the overall student scores. At OGM, students cannot opt out without the form received from the parent and signed.
- Safe and secure firearm storage information for at home will be coming out to parents from the district.

- Technology and enrollment (John Weisser). Enrollment is lower this year.
- Funding for tech increases. Assessments between now and March
- If PTA or OGM wants to have Rick (community relations) come in and discuss anything regarding assessment, we could reach out. Could do in person or could add to a PTA meeting with advance notice.
- Special speaker: regarding school late start times. Tiered late start times would be a minimum of 2 years before anything new could be in place.
- **PFAC is looking for Feedback re: 1) What kinds of resources would our PTA like to have from the PFAC and 2) What types of resources could schools share?**
 - Make sure families know how to get access to information.
 - Language accessibility/translations.
 - Is there someone we can talk to at PFAC re: interpreters for PTA meetings or other events throughout the year? Is that anything PFAC can help out with?
 - Actually, language Interpreters are available through the OEE; for meetings and for document translation.
- Can email ogms271ptsa@gmail.com with any questions or ideas of information wanted from PFAC or information that schools can share with PFAC.
- PFAC is looking to put together a parent-speaker series.
 - One idea: At Olson, they have a bus that provides transportation to Hyland one day a week for skiing. Not sure who provides that, but they are bussed there on Tuesdays. Is there a way OGM students can be involved in that as well?
 - Per Principal Grander, this is the Snow Riders Club. There is a cost to it that the students pay. Through COVID it ended, and need to have staff chaperones to run that club, but it hasn't started up again since then. Not enough staff have been interested to have it go at OGM. Bussing costs have also increased a lot recently. Might be able to determine interest in it for next year.
 - For bussing, number of drivers available is tight and do have bussing for sports, etc.
- High School Registration
- Attendance for students is key for academic success.
- AI: With new formats of AI, with new Chromebooks, AI is not available on them. Official BPS technology does not support it. There is information on the BPS website about that.
- PFAC meetings are the first Wednesday of every month 11:30am-1pm (usually goes a bit longer).

Treasurer Report: Jen Rasmussen

- \$18,354 was the balance today
- Will start paying out 8th grade other grade-level parties soon.
- Contact PTSA with any questions for the treasurer.

Principal Report/Anne Graner:

- THANK YOU

- Thank you to everyone for participation in
- Musical Update
 - Matilda Jr is the musical this year
 - 91 students are participating in the musical
 - March 6, 7 and 8th
 - Tickets will be on sale February 1st
- Registration (High School and Middle School)
 - High School registration has started for 8th graders.
 - This Thursday (Jan 11), both High Schools are having information nights.
 - Friday, January 26th, the high schools come back to OGM to complete registration
 - For next year's 7th and 8th graders, the current 6th and 7th graders do not need to register for next year.
- Testing
 - ACCESS: Jan 29-Feb 8
 - MCA: Math April 23; Reading April 25
 - MAP: Math May 7; Reading May 9
 - The students have as much time as they need to take the tests.
- Grade Level Parties
 - 8th Grade party is January 18th.
 - 7th grade party is Feb 22
 - 6th grade party is March 14
 - The parties start right after school and go until activity bus comes at 4:30pm.
 - DJs are already booked for all three nights. Working on food and pizzas.
 - Pizza, chips and pop.
 - They get candy and treats with the games.
 - Minute to win it games are boxed up and ready to go for the nights.
 - Likely need 2 shifts of volunteers. PTA can provide the Sign-up Genius from last year.
 - Will get cornhole and spin art - Jen is coordinating that. Jen will have sign ups available tomorrow. Principal Grander can send to parents of each respective grade.
 - And Principal Grander will send out information that Fusion is not open on those dates.
 - Will check on prizes as well.

Parent question re: **School Dance:**

- There has been some discussion among the students wanting a school dance. Sounds like Olson does do a student dance, but OGM does not.
- At the OGM grade-level parties, they do have a DJ and dancing, but there is not a different specific OGM school dance.
- The grade-level parties have been instead of just a dedicated dance at OGM.
- From a contact at Olson, they held the dance in the cafeteria, so no extra rooms open. They served pizza and the DJ is there in the dining area - all in one spot. Held in the evening. 5:30 or 6pm. Not sure how long it lasted. Would be interesting to see what the cost of it was.
- Is there a way to poll the students and find out the student interest?
- Grade Level parties are easier to find supervision for than a later all-school dance because it is right after school and it is less students at each time (since broken down by grade)

Upcoming OGM events/Questions or comments:

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

Staff Wish List- Check out the Amazon Wish list @

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2TGVASQ2QZKVP?ref_=wl_share

- **Our fundraiser was an amazing success, but, if you are able to provide items for individual classrooms/areas, we would really appreciate any help!**

Memberhub Reminder- Make sure to sign up so you receive updates on upcoming PTA/OGM events!

Ogms.memberhub.com

Next meetings: 3/11/24, 5/6/24

Can always email with any questions. **ogms271ptsa@gmail.com**

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Reach out with any questions!