



Oxford Middle School PTO

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 13, 2022 | 7:00pm

Board members

Lauren LoCasico, President
Amie von Knorring, Vice President

Kris Haselton, Treasurer
Sarah Barnett, Secretary

Attendees

Meg Buckley
April Meadows
Sarah Pearsey

Review of November Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve - Amie von Knorring
Seconded - Lauren LoCasico

Recap of Recent Events

- Discussion was had to pivot from the previously scheduled Santa Shop to a Valentine's Shop ("Cupid and More Store"). Target the week of 2/8-2/14. There is a lot of leftover candy, pet toys, hot cocoa bombs, stuffed animals from the Santa Shop. Suggest adding some flowers, Valentine's items, blankets, jewelry, etc.
- Lauren suggests that we start making purchases now for next year's Santa Shop. She has found a wholesale site that will allow us to purchase discounted items for next year.
- The impromptu community Santa Shop that was held at the Legacy Center - Proceeds will potentially be divided amongst all district PTOs.

Upcoming Events

- Silent Auction - Lauren will start sending letters/emails to request donation of auction items.
- Target a time later in the year to hold the online auction
- Possibility of creating themed class baskets (Advisory classes)

Treasurer's Report

Kris Haselton
Motion to approve - Amie von Knorring
Seconded - Lauren LoCasico

Principal's Report - Dacia Beazley

In the 6 weeks since the tragedy of November 30th, several resources have been made available to our students and updates have been made to safety procedures.

- Grief and trauma counseling has been offered to students, staff and families.
- Therapy dogs were generously brought to OMS in partnership with Brighton Schools. They would also like to gift us with 1-2 dogs to remain in service for our students. The cost of training (approx. \$10,000) and costs of grooming, food, veterinary care, etc. could be provided by donation/sponsorship. Handler would be an employee/faculty member. The dog(s) would live with their handler and travel with them to school.
- Thank you to Clarkston Athletics for providing Oxford Community Schools with "Deputy Oxford", a therapy dog who will be residing with his handler, our School Resource Officer and supporting all Oxford students.

- As students return to school, extra police presence is being provided. An officer is also stationed in the lot by the football field positioned to observe morning drop off.
- OMS will be home base to the 2nd School Resource Officer in our District. He will be assigned to OMS full time.
A new Security Guard has been brought on to also have a full time office at OMS. He is a retired Oakland County Sheriff's Deputy who will be working closely with the Oakland County Substation to continue the close relationship our school has with them.
- Upon return to school, every student was provided a clear backpack and small lunch bag. While we understand these bags are not a 100% deterrent, they do provide additional peace of mind, along with the daily bag checks as students enter the building. Instrument cases, lunch bags, sports bags/equipment are also included in these checks.
- Paraeducators who travel through the building are also wearing clear backpacks.
- At the beginning of the second semester each year, a review of safety protocols is conducted during Advisory class. The students will review procedures related to tornado (shelter in place), fire (evacuation), ALICE training. Additionally, they will walk through the building with their Advisory class with the intention of understanding where exits are, where to shelter when out of their classrooms, and an overall awareness of their surroundings. There will also be scenario based training provided for AED machines (location/what they are) and night lock demonstrations.
- **Thank you!** - OMS had the pleasure of sharing our building with the OHS students and staff during their soft return to school. Our OMS students filled 3500 backpacks with loving, encouraging notes to the OHS students. The staff received notes and gifts of support from one another. Scripps Middle School donated several games, sketch books, fidgets and activities for all of our OMS and OHS students to enjoy as they returned to school.
- Covid cases continue to be on the rise. New quarantine guidelines were issued (5 days quarantine if tested positive. The day after experiencing the first symptom is considered Day 1.) Students are encouraged to wear their masks properly.
- 8th Grade Washington DC trips: Class of 2026 - April 26-30, trip meetings via video. Class of 2027 - Planning is underway for November 1-5.

Next meeting is 2/10/22 at 7 p.m. in the PTO Room
Minutes compiled by Sarah Barnett, OMS PTO Secretary