

**Oak View's Home and School Association
Monthly Meeting
Wednesday February 1, 2017
7:00 PM Library**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM.

The revised minutes from the previous meeting were voted in.

Reports:

- The current OVHSA ledger balance as of January 4, 2014, is \$51,109.80.

Principal, Mrs. DiTrani

- The 4th grade Brookdale ShopRite program has now expanded to include both math and nutrition.
 - Our recent library improvements made the program even more engaging.
 - February 28, the 4th grade will be visiting ShopRite to shop for groceries as part of the Young Consumer Program.
- PARCC testing will be April 4- May 18.
 - There will be 1 test per day.
 - 6th grade- testing will not exceed 110 minutes.
 - Grades 3-5 will not exceed 90 minutes.
- The Hip Hop Assembly was very successful, especially for our ABA kids.
- Our Acts of Kindness Quilt is now hanging in the hallway. Over 60 kids were invited into her office to celebrate their acts of service.
- Ms. Todaro gave birth to a baby boy. Ms. Savatorello will substitute until May.
- A bulletin board was decorated in honor of Black History Month.
- The 2nd and 3rd grades will be visited by a dentist this month for Dental Health Awareness.

Linda Lo, Board of Education*

- A motion was passed to require all future Board of Education candidates to prove residency.
- Many facilities improvements are being made.
- The budget is looking healthy.
- As a reminder, the schools are now working on a trimester schedule.
- Information about standards based report cards are available on the website.
- The Board of Education formally opposes Secretary of Education cabinet candidate Betsy DeVos.

President, Jennifer Salgado

- Thank you to:

- Jenn Obiedzinski, basketball coaches, and Pep Rally volunteers for the wonderful Basket Ball Pep Rally.
- Samara Schilens for creating the Day of Service Quilt and to those who donated their time and goods on MLK Day.
- Upcoming events include:
 - Hopelessly Devoted to Oak View Sock Hop - February 10
 - Book Fair - February 27- March 3
 - Super 50/50 - Super 50/50 is currently for sale- ask any Board Member for tickets
 - Peanut butter and jelly donations are being accepted for donation through February 14th.
 - Family Basket Ball Night - March 10 (Rain date March 17)
- Our calendar raffle drawings continue.

Ms. Picciuto, Teacher Representative

- Ms. Picciuto expressed appreciation for Teacher Luncheons and encouraged open communication.

Vice President, Jenn Obiedzinski

- Bank statements and taxes are available for review.

Treasurer, Laurie Venezia

- \$9492.32 in available in surplus. All records are open for review.

Recording Secretary Julie Armeno

- Please speak loudly when speaking and include your oldest child at Oak View's full name when you sign in.
- Thank you to Jenn Salgado for organizing food bank donations for National Service Day in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King.

Corresponding Secretary Debra Nole

- Thank you for the indoor recess game donations. Each in-need classroom received a full bin. In addition, we were also able to provide extra games for both younger and older grades for gym recess times. We will also be purchasing specifically requested games for classrooms.
- Our next Teacher appreciation event will be held on February 9th and will be a 'Souper' Staff luncheon.
 - Please sign up to bring soups in a Crock Pot and bread.
 - Label all parts of your Crock Pot.
 - Soups should be delivered warm by 11 a.m.
- Outgoing Mail
 - Mrs. DiTrani, Mrs. Salvatoriello, Mrs. Torado, Mrs. Parisi

- Incoming mail
 - Thank you notes were received from:
 - Mrs. DiTrani, Ms. Finkler, Mrs. Parisi

Jenn Obiedzinski, Jenn Salgado**

- Oak View's HSA budget was presented and explained in detail.
 - A suggestion was made to include this review multiple times during the year. The Executive Board agreed that it would be helpful and will be presenting it once again around budget voting time and at the first meeting of the upcoming year in September.
 - Please continue to support fundraising activities to support our programs.

Committee Updates:

Book Fair, Julie Armeno

- Book Fair will be February 27-March 3.
- Parent night will be February 27 at 6:30.
- The website will be enhanced for teachers and parents.
- Look for updates via Going Green.

Community Rewards, Cindy Fain-Vreeland

- Box Top donations are slightly down this year. Please send your Box Tops.
- Remember to purchase your ShopRite gift cards.
- Labels for Education is ending their program. Please send any labels you have before the end of the year.
- ShopRite gift cards are available for sale.

Nominations, Melissa Cole

- Nomination forms will be distributed to the oldest child of dues paying members.
- Forms must be returned by Thursday, Feb 16.
- Any candidate for President must have successfully chaired a committee.
- Please send your completed form back to school in an envelope marked: NOMINATIONS- Melissa Cole.

Jenn Obiedzinski, Spirit Wear

- Spirit Wear store closes tonight so get your orders in. Update: Store is closed.

Winter Social, Jenn Obiedzinski for Angie Brown

- Our winter social will be February 10.
- It is a 1950's inspired dance.
- Costumes are encouraged, but not required. There will be a costume contest.
- Deadline to register is February 3.
- Other activities will be included (family jenga, bottle flipping, etc.).

Old Business

Motions:

- The motion to allow any graduation class to choose their 3 fundraisers, with approval of the Executive Board, passed.
- The motion to allow, in the double graduation year, both graduating classes to return 25% (instead of 50%) of monies earned over their fundraising cap to the HSA, passed.

Surplus:

- The motion to use \$2,000 to boost start-up funds was amended to require that future year's start-up be increased to \$10,000. Any funds are not needed for start-up will be returned to surplus. The motion was passed.
- The motion to provide a free Spring Social for current Oak View families was discussed.
 - An amendment was introduced and passed to include incoming families.
 - A further discussion occurred regarding the possibility of lean fundraising this year. Because of this, the amended proposal was postponed until a later date.

New Business

The following surplus plans were proposed and will be voted on at our March meeting:***

- \$4,050.00 for a Diversity Mural
- \$448.50 + shipping as a capital improvement for wireless microphones to be used for Talent Show and other assemblies and events
- \$1,500.00 for Sensory Garden upgrades in addition to the recently received \$500 BEF Grant for this purpose
 - A discussion occurred regarding the benefits of a sensory garden and logistics of the design.
- \$450.00 + shipping for wrap around safety padding for the basketball poles to prevent injuries from running into said poles
- \$140.00 for steel basketball nets
- \$2600.00 for 2 folding cafeteria tables to replace ill-conditioned ones at Oak View. Mrs. DiTrani also mentioned that she gets a few replaced per year by the BOE.
- \$782.35 to initiate a composting program at Oak View

The following proposals were put on the floor and seconded. Additional information for all has been sent out via Going Green and voting will take place on March 1st.

- To amend our By-Laws (Article IV, Section 1.e) to remove the phrase “for hosting various staff luncheons and” from the job description of the Corresponding Secretary.
 - These duties might be assumed under the Hospitality Committee. No budgets will be increased.
- To amend our By-Laws to create a stand-alone committee to operate After School Explorers.

- To amend our By-Laws to remove the Book Fair Committee.
 - These duties would be assumed by the Library Committee.
 - Some discussion occurred regarding one of these committees being a Fundraising-type committee. [Update: Neither the Library nor Book Fair Committee is a fundraising committee nor do they have any budget to spend. The OVHSA facilitates the Book Fair and provides volunteers but does not earn money for its own use]. Further discussion occurred regarding Scholastic 'buck' availability being communicated to the Library Committee and how those 'bucks' are used.

- DVD donations are welcome in the library.
- Voting will occur at our March 1st meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

The next meeting will be March 1, 2017, at 7p.m. in library.

All meetings are audio taped and available for review by contacting the Recording Secretary.

***Mrs. Lo's notes are attached.**

**** The Power Point presentation will be sent via Going Green.**

*****All surplus proposals are attached.**