

**Oak View's Home and School Association  
Monthly Meeting  
Wednesday October 5, 2016  
7:00 PM Library**

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM.

The minutes from the previous meeting were voted in.

**Reports:**

- The current OVHSA ledger balance as of October 5, 2016, is \$50,636.19. This balance does not include pending outgoing expenditures such as After School Explorer vendor payments.
- There is an estimated \$10,807.87 in surplus in addition to the earmarked \$21,000.00 surplus from June 2016. **Please note that this additional surplus number is derived after all estimated business expenses unspent are rolled back into our year ending on June 30, 2016. It cannot be accurately figured until all earmarked budgetary expenses are paid and receipts are accounted for. Surplus amounts referenced in June cannot include this amount as it is not concrete until the business year ends and all reimbursements, renewals, and expenses are accounted for.**

Principal, Mrs. DiTrani

- The beginning of this school year has been very smooth.
- Excitement over Box Tops and the Giving Garden has been contagious.
- Our ABA program is a source of pride and beneficial to all students.
- Our Week of Respect is October 3-7.
- Please bring ideas for parent workshops to Mrs. DiTrani.
- Our teachers are training for new science standards. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade has new standards this year. All other grades will begin them next year.
- A Math Investigations parent workshop was held by the BoE.
  - When helping with homework, ask your child to recall how they solved a math problem in class.
  - If your child is confused by the homework, please write a note to the teacher.

Board of Education Representative, Jenn Salgado for Catzel Bumpus

- The Readers and Writers Workshop and Words Their Way continue to be proud initiatives for our district.
- The district is looking in to new social studies curriculums.
- If you see something, say something with regard to safety at our schools.
- Many facilities improvements were made in the district over the summer.
- The district has welcomed many new staff members.
- The 1-1 initiative is going well at BMS.
- The foot-bridge behind BMS will be expanded to Broughton Avenue.
- Please register for PowerSchool.

- Upcoming meetings:
  - October 18, 7:30 p.m.- Board of Education meeting
  - October 19, 7:00 p.m.- SEPAC at Demarest

#### President Jennifer Salgado

- Upcoming dates:
  - October 17- Oct 21- Fall Fundraiser/Anthony's Cheesecake
  - October 21, 7 p.m.- Fall Social/Trunk or Treat
- Our school returned the most ShopRite vouchers in the district resulting in \$470.
- Class parents and committee chairs, please pay Membership dues.
- Available committee folders have been distributed.
- Tri-folds (HSA contact information brochure) will be sent home soon.
- Dates for all major school events are available on the district calendar and the monthly calendar sent home from school.
- Chairpersons are responsible for all final decisions regarding their event or committee. Please join a committee if you have a suggestion.
- A casual coffee clutch was hosted. Future coffee clutches will be on December 7 and May 24.

#### Treasurer Laurie Venezia

- Bank statements and taxes are available for review.
- Suggestions for surplus spending should be proposed, in writing, at future meetings. The proposal can be introduced and discussed during the meeting and voted on at the next meeting.
- The Stamna restaurant night raised \$200.

#### Recording Secretary Julie Armeno

- Please speak loudly and include your oldest child at Oak View's full name when you sign in.

#### Corresponding Secretary Debra Nole

- Thank you to :
  - Jamie Adams, Julie Armeno, Ava Martinez, and Jenn Salgado for set-up and clean-up of teacher luncheon
  - The Armeno family, Brown family, the Foley family, Mike Hirsch, and the Koutsouris family for dessert donations.
- October's Teacher Appreciation event will be goodie bags. Look for an announcement on how to volunteer to help.
- Outgoing Mail
  - Three sympathy cards and one get well card
  - Please inform her of any community communication needs.
- Incoming Mail
  - Thank you notes were received from:
    - Entire Oak View staff for the luncheon

- Ms. Finkler for the luncheon
- A donation will be made to the Brodbeck family in Bloomfield.

### **Committee Updates:**

#### After School Explorers, Jenn Salgado

After School is up and running. Thank you to Ava Martinez and Karen Testa for being parent teachers.

#### Community Rewards, Cindy Fain-Vreeland

The next Box Tops collection date is October 17<sup>th</sup> with a prize for the class with the most collected. Letters are coming in for the Box Tops Across America program and will be incorporated in geography lessons for students. Please see her or another committee member for ShopRite gift cards.

#### Fall Fundraiser, Debra Nole

Our Fall Fundraiser is a cheesecake sale from Anthony's Cheesecake in Bloomfield. The order form is on the back side of the flyer sent home with students. Sales continue through October 21. We earn 20% from each cheesecake. Parents will be responsible for picking up orders on November 21 from 3:30-6p.m. Anthony's is located at 71 Washington Street. Checks should be made out to Anthony's Cheesecake.

#### Enrichment, Ruth Sherman for Jamie Menake

October 18 will be our 1<sup>st</sup> anti bullying assembly. Please email ideas for assemblies to the Chairperson Jamie Menake at [jmenake@gmail.com](mailto:jmenake@gmail.com).

#### Fall Social, Jamie Adams for Jamie Menake and Carolyn Nephew

The Trunk or Treat Fall Social will take place on October 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m. (rain date October 28) Volunteers are encouraged to contact Carolyn Nephew or Jamie Menake. The first half hour will be sensory friendly (lower music and light). Families with low-sensory wrist bands will be admitted immediately. Please pre-pay by October 14 to avoid lines. Pay-pal is preferable through the Oak View store. Cash or check payments will also be accepted.

[http://ovhsa.3dcartstores.com/Trunk-or-Treat\\_c\\_21.html](http://ovhsa.3dcartstores.com/Trunk-or-Treat_c_21.html)

#### Gardening/Grounds, Julie Armeno

Please let her know if you'd like to help maintain the landscaping on school grounds.

#### Membership, Jenn Salgado

Membership is going well. Families in need can be sponsored anonymously. Dues can be paid by cash, check or Pay-pal. [http://ovhsa.3dcartstores.com/Membership\\_c\\_20.html](http://ovhsa.3dcartstores.com/Membership_c_20.html). Membership fees ensure voting privileges, covers the costs of assemblies, class parties, discounts class trips and pays for many other enrichment activities.

Major Fundraiser, Debra Nole for Joelle Bernhard

Engraved bricks will be placed by the flag pole. Customizable bricks will be available to order on line soon and continue until March 31. 4x8 bricks will be \$75. 8x8 bricks will be \$125. Our goal is 200 bricks.

**Old Business**

A motion was passed to add \$500 in surplus funds to Health and Wellness to fund this year's Try-athlon.

**New Business**

There was no new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 PM.

The next meeting will be November 2, 2016, at 7p.m. in library.