

Minutes of the meeting held on August 15 6 PM

Members present Shauna, Antonia, Padma Elsa and principal, April Holland

Shauna called the meeting to order and board members introduced themselves. It was an amazing turnout and Shauna hoped to build community with all the fresh new families and plenty of new ideas and energy.

Shauna read out Dawn's email that had not yet been sent out to the incoming families.

April Holland announced that Back to school night will be held on September 19. It is also a night of the freshman orientation project. There will be different areas designated for freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors.

If you have to choose to attend one, April suggested choosing the freshman orientation.

She also talked about the donation letter that was sent out via email as well as hardcopies with the students. She requested that if they had any special project that they would like to donate to, to please indicate that. Of course the school is always open to accepting donations. She also mentioned that a digital option to donate will be coming soon. April also mentioned that there will be class meetings held next week.

Ninth grade will be meeting on Monday, 10th grade will be meeting on Tuesday, 11th on Thursday and 12th on Friday.

All students should have received a planner through their advisory. This is a great way to keep in touch with what is happening in your student's life and also a great source of information about Oceana high school.

April also talked about the Academic Council which plays a very important role in our school which is a shared leadership school. Academic Council meets every Thursday for two hours between 3 and 5 PM in room 207. These meetings are where all decision-making happens. We have a student rep from 11th and 12th grade, a parent rep, teachers and administrators. All are welcome except for the one meeting which is for personnel only.

April gave the example of the Academy council meeting when there was a discussion about dress code when there was lots of student participation.

April mentioned that our phenomenal parent rep for academic Council may not be able to continue. Or if she is not voted in, there may be a vacant position. One of the parents asked if it could be a shared position and April was open to the suggestion. She stressed the importance of having a continuity as the school academic Council is the body which implements procedures, sets budgets and priorities etc.

Shauna spoke about how once we have a set agenda we would be respectful of everybody's time and try to maintain it as closely as possible. She also mentioned that the PTO would like to have a table to sell sweatshirts and T-shirts at back-to-school night and that she would reach out to the Sign Guy next week. Pricing has not yet been decided on. She also suggested having a get together which would be an informal way to build community among families like an adult mixer. OSPTO would like to actively fundraise as well, to be able to support the Senior Breakfast, staff appreciation lunch, mini grants to teachers etc.

She requested the group to think of new ideas as well as help with this endeavor.

April spoke about Pie Ranch's Farm to Table event. Laurie Hughes who recently retired will be helping with this as a volunteer and chaperone.

ASB is spearheading a new endeavor to help non-English speaking students to be inclusive of all students by using translators. Ms. David is the lead on this.

Parents were curious about the fundraising aspect- if there was an easy monthly donation option, if there was specific \$ amount etc.

In the past, our PTO has been very frugal as it has not had an abundance of money. But if we are able to successfully fundraise, we would be able to support mini grants to teachers, help subsidize the staff retreat, update our chemistry lab, help purchase Chrome books etc.

Oceana has approximately 30 teachers and 60 staff members.

Our primary sources of funds have been- fireworks booth( supports sports programs) Fog Fest parking (clubs and interim)and food booth portion for volunteers(OHS)

More detailed answers to actual bank balances will be given later, numbers were not readily available.

On questions about Interim- students will not be turned down if \$ was an issue. Seniors are generally given priority. Usually it's first come, first served. Teachers are usually responsible for their own interims.

The main methods of contacting parents and community are through the Blackboard email and phone messages(April), Facebook(Antonia) and our school website, which is administered by Adam Weiss, our web guru. Our parent email list was delayed in getting to us due to technical difficulties at the district side.

Meeting concluded at 7 pm with positive reiteration of moving forward with the newfound momentum. April mentioned that email was the best way to get in touch with her.

Next meeting will be at Back to School Night- time- tbd