



O'Hara PTO

January 12, 2018

General Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 9:20am and adjourned at 10:00am. Approximately 17 people were present, including PTO officers Dana Rofey, Carrie Work, Kristina Adams, Faith Moser and Sarah Shaffer.

O'Hara Administration Update (Mrs. Batis and Mr. Edwards)

Attendance Laws and Policies

- Mrs. Batis shared updates to the PA Attendance Laws and the corresponding policy at O'Hara (see attached).

PSSA Changes

- Overall time dedicated to PSSA preparation and test administration has been reduced.
- ELA will be administered over 3 days (previously 4)
- Writing portions have been reduced.
- Math will be administered over 2 days (previously 3)
- Science will continue to be administered over 2 days, but will be shorter in length.

PTO Board Update

- Open Leadership Positions for 2018-2019 School Year
 - Secretary
 - Committee positions to be announced
- Evening Meeting Dates
 - February 6 – in conjunction with Kindergarten New Parent Orientation
 - April 17 (tentative)
- Treasurer's Report
 - Support the PTO through smile.amazon.com
 - Dine & Donate fundraisers have raised over \$1,000 (\$900 Chipotle; \$150 Zoup!)
 - VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: CHAIR NEEDED
 - Email faith@faithmoser.com if interested.
- By Laws Vote
 - By Laws are just 10 members short of approval
 - Additional 7 affirmative votes received at meeting
 - Members: email sshaffer@rhodes-group.com if you did not receive the electronic ballot.

District Forum Report (Mary Beth Dadd)

- Next meeting will be held January 30th as 9am in the High School LGI room.
- District Administration will be on hand to discuss various topics in a round robin open forum.

- O'Hara PTO members are encouraged to attend. Questions should relate to the district as a whole (rather than individual or school specific concerns).

Upcoming Events

- February 6 - O'Hara New Kindergarten Parent Orientation Mtg, 6pm – 7pm
- February 15 – Early Dismissal (noon)
- February 16 – NO SCHOOL
- February 19 – NO SCHOOL
- February 20 - O'Hara Pre-Kindergarten Story Time (Last Names A-L) – 2:15 – 3:15pm
- February 21 - O'Hara Pre-Kindergarten Story Time (Last Names M-Z)



Fox Chapel Area School District

Attendance Guidelines & Procedures

Truant = 3 or more school days of unexcused absences during current school year

Habitually Truant = 6 or more school days of unexcused absences during current school year

Tardiness = 3 unexcused tardies will be converted to 1 unexcused absence

E Student misses **1 to 9 days** school
X (with parent excuses)

Follow your school procedures in notifying parents

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D After the **10th day** of school
 (with parent excuses)

Letter is sent home to parent/guardian notifying them that all absences beyond 10 days now require **a doctor/licensed practitioner of healing arts excuse**

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D Student receives **1st Unexcused Absence**
 (no excuse turned in within 3 days or no doctor's excuse turned in after 10th day)

Parent/guardian notified that after 3 Unexcused absences, the district is required to take further action

Student receives **3rd Unexcused Absence**
(no excuse turned in within 3 days or no doctor's excuse turned in after 10th day)

Letter is sent home to parent/guardian notifying that if additional unexcused absences occurs a Student Attendance Improvement Conference (SAIC) shall take place

- offer parent to attend
- document on PDE SAIP form

If the illegal absences continue, the school district is required to proceed with one or more of the following:

- Provide a copy of the SAIP form

File citation
with local
judge

Refer the
family to CYF