



# O'Hara PTO

Meeting Minutes January 17, 2019

9:15 a.m. - 10:15am, O'Hara Auditorium

Attendance: approximately 30 in attendance

## 1. PTO Board Report

Sarah Shaffer thanked everyone for their support of the O'Hara staff holiday fund and the Make A Wish fundraiser.

- a. Treasurer's Report (Kristina Adams) \$47,418 in the bank; financially in a good position.
- b. Teacher Stipend Status (Sarah Shaffer) \$6,000 budget to support our teachers, \$1000 has been dispersed. Teachers have a deadline of April to submit requests and we are encouraging them to do so.
  - i. Teacher Survey - PTO surveyed teachers to determine most needed items and out of pocket expenditures. Results were \$100-\$300 and expo markers, tissues and pencils and erasers. PTO plans to supply of these items to teachers.
- c. Vice President's Report (Nadine Champs Carl)
  - i. O'Hara Foxes Club (Coordinator: Meghan O'Mara Jones) - Meghan is taking over coordination of OFC.
    - 1. Math Pentathlon (Coordinator: Danielle Ramirez)
    - 2. Spanish Globetrotters (Coordinators: Pia Mengers and Beatriz Conte) - For this new program spanish speaking parents will teach language and culture. Registration open, one spot left.
    - 3. Lab Ratz - registration will be opening in the spring
    - 4. Chess Club - Thank you to Alice Paviglianiti for years of coordinating the Chess Club. The Chess Club is in need of a new coordinator, you do not need to know about chess, it is a coordinator and chaperoning position. Interested? Contact Meghan Jones ([megomara@hotmail.com](mailto:megomara@hotmail.com))
    - 5. OFC is looking to add programs please please reach out to Meghan Jones ([megomara@hotmail.com](mailto:megomara@hotmail.com)) if you have an idea or would like to lead a class!
  - ii. Read Across America Celebration - February 26 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. (Coordinator: Meredith Levy) - Rather than the Barnes & Noble event we will hold a Read Across America Celebration in our library that will coordinate with the Scholastic Book Fair evening hours.

## 2. Committee Updates and Volunteer Opportunities

- a. Scholastic Book Fair - February 25 to March 1 (Coordinator: ???)
- b. Garden Sale - April kick off (May 11 Pick Up) - (Coordinator: Anne Houston) - New plant sale fundraiser will benefit our Courtyard Project.

## 3. PALS Report (Representative: Stacy London) - Parent Advocates for Learning Support, next meeting will feature school resource officer from Kerr, Scott Bailey. Visit [palsinfo.org](http://palsinfo.org) for more information and lots of great resources!

#### **4. Principal's Update (Mrs. Batis and Mr. Edwards)**

- a. Thank you O'Hara for your support Make a Wish Fundraiser and staff holiday collection!
- b. Changes to Volunteer Clearances - New RAPTOR system is being used by FCASD. It scans driver's licenses to check for any recent offenses that may be a security concern. Photo sticker badges will be issued and should be returned to the office when you leave the building. This will replace the plastic volunteer badge system.
- c. OLWEUS Update - We received a safe schools grant from Highmark. Our new teachers have now been trained and biweekly lessons have continued.
- d. New Student Advisory Committee Rollout - O'Hara is making an effort to get our students more involved. Two randomly selected classroom reps will meet with principals bimonthly and share input. Future plans for a Student Council
- e. Mrs. Stewart is leaving for the district office. Our new secretary will be Christine Naufsinger (?? spelling??) Please join us in welcoming her.

#### **5. District Update (Dr. Constantine)**

- a. FCASD is rolling out a New Pre-K Program. Details at [prek.fcasd.edu](http://prek.fcasd.edu)

#### **Upcoming Events**

- 1/18 and 1/21 - No School
- 1/24 – O'Hara Elem. Choral Concert - Grades 4 & 5, 7pm, Auditorium
- 1/25 – Report Cards Available
- 1/30 – PALS Meeting, 9:15am, Eat 'n Park ([www.palsinfo.org](http://www.palsinfo.org))
- 1/31 – Math Pentathlon Begins for Registered Students
- 1/31 – Elementary Math Parent Night - 6- 7:30pm, HS LGI Room
- 2/7 - New Family Orientation
- 2/14 - Class Party - Valentine's Day (**volunteer list due: 2/7**)
- 2/15 and 2/18 - No School
- 2/21 - Evening PTO Meeting, 6:00 - 7:00 pm, Auditorium