



FIVE OAKS PTO MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 15th, 2022

7:00pm - 8:00pm via Zoom

Those in attendance:

Board Members - Katie Hickenbottom, LeAnn Gentry, Kimberly Hawk, Elizabeth Staly, Christina Griffith

Staff - Kelly Laverne, Kristy Brady, Oday Vega Alvarez, Kristine Rice, Brian Foren, Kimberly Sidorowicz, Luke Martin

Parents - Ashlee Richards, Jennifer Brinkerhoff, Kimberly Schultz, Erin Harrington, Oscar Paz, Brandon Frank, Tabitha Morris, Ava Sujana, Aija Butler, Justin Wiles, Tracy Williams, Steve Bastian, Martha Elizondo, Dawn, Dilan Arellano, Wendo Were, Stella Rakwach, Aman Isac, Kimberly Ramos, Amrit

Call To Order - 7:04pm

Welcome and Introductions: Board members and school staff introduced themselves.

Review of June Meeting Minutes (approval required) - Motion to approve by Christina and seconded by Kimberly. Minutes approved.

Principal's Report - Kelly Laverne

We are very excited about how the year is starting off with a positive vibe in the building. Students will be participating in "Character Strong", a national curriculum focusing on perseverance and positive coping skills for each grade level. These lessons will be offered in Advisory classes. School-wide "Character Dares" will soon be implemented involving the "ABC"'s

of Attendance, Behavior, and Coursework with a focus on character traits we value in our community. We will be starting to track attendance with posters in the lunchroom with a goal for students to have a 90% attendance rate to be on track for high school. We are seeking creative volunteers to help create these and also really appreciate families volunteering in the cafeteria. An online Spirit Wear store is coming soon so parents can join in on our Friday spirit days.

President's Report - Katie Hickenbottom

NAMI - Kimberly Hawk presented information about a great support group called the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill. Middle school is a difficult time for our children, who may suffer from depression, anxiety, self-injurious behaviors and suicidal thoughts. NAMI has a chapter in Washington County with parent support groups that meet in person and online. More information can be found at www.washconami.org. They will be holding a presentation regarding youth mental illness on October 22nd.

Fall Fundraiser - Monday, Sept. 26th is the kickoff date with a video presented to students during Advisory class. We are raising money for teacher grants, Art Literacy, Staff Appreciation, Blazer Night and general operating costs. The fundraiser will last until Oct. 10th with a focus on honoring veterans. One of the prizes is a field trip!

Vice President's Report - LeAnn Gentry

2021-22 Audit: Two small discrepancies were found, one regarding a bank error. The documentation is in a binder for anyone to review and will be posted on our website.

Fundraising Report - The Meating Place is our next fundraising event. Show the flyer for Friday, October 7th 9am-6pm and we receive 50% back just for the Butcher Shop. Papa Murphy's will be the second Friday of every month. We earned \$278 this month from Papa Murphy's. We also sold \$323 in Jamba Juice cards at Back to School Night. They will be available for purchase on our

website and at school events. We are collecting cans and bottles for a BottleDrop account. To participate, message Kim at treasurer@fiveoakspto.org for details Please link your AmazonSmile account and Kroger Rewards cards (Fred Meyer and QFC) to FOPTO.

Treasurer's Report - Kimberly Hawk

Review of 2022-23 Budget - our goal this year is to earn \$9300 and spend \$11,935.

The ending balance for our account in August was \$5031. We earned \$106 through Kroger Rewards and \$54 from Papa Murphy's August event. We spent \$164 on website maintenance fees.

RFF Presented - Academic coach Kristine Rice presented a request for \$110 on behalf of the 7th grade science team for an 'Inquiry Lab' for students to investigate temperature and the role it plays in how bright a glow stick is. **Katie made a motion to approve the RFF and LeAnn seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

Volunteer Coordinator's Report - Christina Griffith

Art Literature - Katie will coordinate this year and seeks volunteers to offer the same lesson for each grade during science classes throughout the year. Ava Sujana asked when ALC will have their lesson as the grades are combined and offered to teach for ALC students. Katie will be sure to add this to the schedule.

Cafeteria Assistance - BSD will pay the PTO \$10 daily for a volunteer to help Nutrition Services staff in the kitchen washing dishes and preparing future meals. Kelly can also use help regulating how many packets the kids are taking of ketchup and mayonnaise as these are sometimes abused.

Library Assistance - Volunteers are needed at any time - please message the librarian at andee_zomerman@beaverton.k12.or.us and she will have tasks ready.

Picture Day - Tuesday, Sept. 20th - this need has already been filled. Thank you!

Learning Garden - Two opportunities to help in the garden are on October 5th with Ms. Hains's students and on Oct 26th with Mr. Morrison's 8th students. Check your myimpactpage.com for details.

Staff Appreciation - Ashlee Richards volunteered to be the Staff Appreciation Chair! Kristy Brady asked about providing meals during conferences for the staff on October 19th and 20th, which will be a hybrid of in person and online. The PTO board agreed to arrange for families to provide meal donations for staff.

We have added 42 new volunteers to the school since July! Go to www.fiveoakspto.org to get approved by BSD. To add Five Oaks to an existing Better Impact account, message Johanna Shroul at update_volunteer_locations@beaverton.k12.or.us.

Open Forum

Kim suggested a clothing drive for the upcoming muddy weather as they need shorts, pants, sweats, and socks. Elizabeth mentioned the Learning Garden is fun to volunteer for - email her at secretary@fiveoakspto.org. She reminded everyone to bring in unwanted athletic shoes for the GotSneakers drive. Christina asked when after school clubs get started and Kelly said late October/early November. Clubs are costly due to transportation and paying staff, which is obtained through a grant. Students will learn more during conferences. LeAnn expressed appreciation for the staff and clubs.

The next meeting is via Zoom on Thursday, October 13th at 7pm. The meeting was adjourned by Katie at 8:07pm. Minutes taken and submitted by Elizabeth Staly.

