

Oriole Park Local School Council Meeting Minutes

February 3, 2025

Start time: 6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order at 6:02 pm

2. Pledge

3. Roll Call

Attendance: Donna Bolger, Allie Cutinelli, Michelle Reynolds, Nancy Bogg, Norm Phoenix, Jenny Canavan, Bridget Kelly, Christopher McHugh, Brian McConnell, Sean Rabiola, Dani Schurman, Maja Clapa

4. Approval of LSC Meeting Minutes from December 2

- Motion to Approve: Donna Seconded: Jenny
- Voted to approve - all approved

5. Acceptance of Agenda

- Motion to Approve: Bridget Seconded: Nancy
- Voted to approve - all approved

6. Monthly Action Items

- Fundraising Activities
 - None
- Budget Transfers
 - January - Motion to Approve: Bridget Seconded: Norm
 - February - Motion to Approve: Donna Seconded: Nancy
- Internal Accounts Approval
 - January - Motion to Approve: Bridget Seconded: Nancy
 - February - nothing

7. Principal's Report

- The Instructional Leadership Team is in the process of analyzing our Cultivate Survey data, which students complete to answer questions regarding their day to day experiences. The goal is to identify priorities and opportunities for improvement of the student experience.
- The social emotional theme for February is Diversity & Acceptance. Students show appreciation for diverse perspectives and experiences. Students will learn how to disagree respectfully when people have different views or opinions other than our own.
- Our overall attendance rate for the year is 93.85%, down from last month, and compared to 93.43% at this time last year, with only 4th and 7th grades finishing above the 95% threshold. We have started a monthly incentive for homerooms with the best attendance in grades PreK-4 and 5th – 8th. The winning classrooms get extra recess and a treat provided by the PTO.
- We have collected \$25,700 in Student Fees so far, compared with \$31,360 at this time last year. Only one third of students have paid their Student Fee. We will begin to send out individual reminder letters next week.
- We hosted our annual Winter Rock Concert on January 30 to a record setting crowd. Due to the large crowd size, we are exploring options for using a larger venue for future performances, if possible.
- We will host our third annual International Tea Party on Thursday, February 13. The Bilingual Advisory Committee will provide international food, and there will be a performance by the Bulgarian dance group, Hora.

8. New Business

- Vote on Principal cumulative review
 - Motioned to approve - Norm
 - Second- Nancy
 - All members present voted to approve
- Closed session for discussion of Principal contract renewal
 - Went into closed session at 6:13 pm
 - Ended closed session at 6:19 pm
- Vote on Principal contract renewal
 - "I move to approve Mr. Tim Riff's contract renewal offer for the next 4 year season." Motion to vote: Norm, Seconded: Nancy
 - Vote for renewal - 11 members in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain

9. Public Participation

10. Announcements

- Norm brought some published data from the Sun Times about students in CPS falling behind during Covid, and Oriole Park's zip code fell under the "doing good as a school" category

11. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Discussing what we want to do in relation to poll the teachers, parents, and community for principal evaluation - everyone should review the previous year's surveys prior to the next meeting
 - Including information from parents about grade bands of their students
 - Make questions straight forwards, and make less
 - Emphasize to the people filling in survey that comments help the most
 - Making sure the parent survey gets emailed home by parents. Schedule send by all the teachers on the same day with the same email.
 - Michelle and Allie will work on the email that will be sent with the survey
 - Dani will reach out to Jose to see if we can add the question about grade band to the parent survey

12. Motion to adjourn at 6:34 pm

- Motion to adjourn: Donna, Seconded: Jenny