

PTO General Meeting Minutes - 09.15.2016

6:00 PM - Onahan Auditorium

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Allison Santana, Angela DiVinney, Cheryl Pulse, Michele Bielema, Heather Rogers, Colleen Carroll, Michelle Jablonski, Debbie Schulze, Melissa Meeks

MEMBERS PRESENT: 25

MEETING START TIME: 6:04 PM

MEETING END TIME: 6:27 PM

PTO Board and Member Introductions

Shout Out - Thanks the Trevino Family for their donation to the back to school coffee and donuts, thanks to all that donated time/resources for the Back to School Bags Bash and the Gladstone Park Fest.

Budget Update - Taxes are due 10/30/2016

Approval of Budget

Motion to Approve: Allison Santana

2nd: Angela DiVinney

All board members were in favor of approval

Approval of Bylaws - Discussed the changes to the Bylaws, specifically Article VIII, Sections 3, 4, & 9

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September:

- **DRESS DOWN DAYS** - September 16 - Hawaiian Dress Down Day, \$2 - kids come to school in their best Hawaiian attire. PTO will sponsor once monthly, themed dress down days. Reminders will be sent via Onahan Gmail and posted on Facebook.
- **OPEN HOUSE** - September 20, 5:30-7:30 - Volunteers needed to sit at PTO table (onahanpto@gmail.com)
- **T-SHIRT OF THE YEAR** deadline is September 23 - These come in grade level colors are great for events throughout the school year as well as being approved for Gym Class! You may order by simply filling out and sending back the order form that was sent home with your student. Volunteers needed to hand out the shirts (onahanpto@gmail.com)
- **ONAHAN SPIRIT WEAR** store closed on 9/9 and orders will arrive 9/30 (emartorano@cps.edu)
- **FLASH SALES** - PTO will sponsor flash sales throughout the year, items will vary. Volunteers are needed for these after school sales. (colleenpcarroll@yahoo.com) . The next flash sale will be October 21 after the walk a thon.
- **BIRTHDAY BOOKS** - PTO provides a book to each child in the school in his/her birthday month. Volunteers needed to pull and deliver books to classrooms monthly. (cheryl.pulse@gmail.com)

- **BRICK FUNDRAISER** - Funds raised will be used to fund the outdoor classroom project; PTO hopes to break ground in the Spring. (allison.santana@gmail.com) <http://www.thatsmybrick.com/onahanelem>

October:

- **SPIRIT WEEK** - October 17-October 21 (colleenpcarroll@yahoo.com)
 - October 17 - Onahan Spirit Wear
 - October 18 - Sports Team Day
 - October 19 - Wacky Tacky Day
 - October 20 - Twins, Triplets, Quadruplets Day
 - October 21 - Onahan Spirit Wear; Walk-a-thon - Each class will have 30 minutes outside; Volunteers are needed
- **HALLOWEEN** - Allison Santana (allison.santana@gmail.com) Volunteers are needed to help with events

November:

- **FALL BOOK FAIR** - November 9-10, Volunteers needed to help both days
- **Q1 PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES** - November 9, Volunteers needed to sit at PTO table

December:

- **HOLIDAY GIFT GIVING** - Who is the lead? Need Volunteers

Mrs. Koegler News -

- Thank you to all that have helped with events before the start of school and throughout the first month.
- Discussed the meeting next week to vote on a possible CTU teachers strike, she will keep Onahan informed as information becomes available to her.

Hear Us Roar - Member questions / comments

- *Can families prepay for dress down days?* PTO is currently brainstorming ideas on how to make this work without too much burden on teachers. There will not be a dress down day in October because of Spirit Week so PTO hopes to find a solution before November's dress down day.
- *What are the fees associated with PTO PayPal account?* PTO has a business account for PayPal with no fees to utilize the account and no fees to the individual that sends PTO money. There is a fee for us to receive money. Our organization is noted as a tax free exemption so we have a reduced rate we are charged. We will continue to use PayPal but will keep in mind the service charge. As we grow and offer PayPal more frequently, we may have to charge a service fee for individuals paying with this method. This will be re evaluated down the road.
- *Can students using after care take part in the Flash Sales?* This is something that would have to be discussed with those in charge of the aftercare program. There may be some red tape because of the sale of food without parents present, however, PTO would be happy to help make this work if we can.

NEXT MEETING THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13th