

**PTA Board Meeting 09/12/2022**

Maya Greencalled the meeting to order at 7:00p.m. Meeting took place in a hybrid format.

**Board Members Present:**

President - Maya Green

Vice President for Programs – Nadia Herron

\*Vice President of Fundraising – J’Ne St Cyr

Vice President for Membership – Andre Neuland

\*Treasurer - Mike Elser

\*Recording Secretary – Sylvia Hennessie

Corresponding Secretary - Mary Amponsah

\*PTACHC Delegate – Nina York

\*PTACHC Delegate – Rikki McCoy

\*denotes that board member was present virtually

**Other Members Present:**

Dr. Joy Smith

Mrs. Katie Carter

Megan Williams

Dan Williams

Emily Petersen

Jenny Flores

Julianna Blagg

Kristen Bacon

Nathan BrownEagle

Pam Linton-Kozar

Gardenia Jackson

Kimberly Ardnt

Sandi Weaver

Tara Jackson

Jacqueline Larroque

Marcus Jackson

Justin Fox

Kevin Orellana

**Board Members Absent:**

none

**We do have a quorum. It is established that we have a quorum for this meeting.**

**Approval of past meeting minutes**

*N/A*

**Agenda**

*Motion to approve meeting agenda at 7:04pm by Sylvia Hennessie*

*Seconded by – Nadia Herron*

*Call to vote; motion passed unanimously.*

**Membership Report – Andre Neuland**

* We have 21 members so far
* This year, Andre plans to track donations as well as membership
* Ideas for increasing membership: classroom competition/incentive for membership, promoting at BTSN, making membership info available in various locations (e.g. pta board)
* Andre will talk with Maya about getting grade level ambassadors up and running

**Administrative Report: Dr. Smith**

* Everyone has been moving right along; smooth arrival and dismissals thus far, students are off to a great start
* At the team leaders’ meeting this afternoon, staff gave kudos to previous grade levels for preparation of their students for the current year
* School Improvement Plan (SIP)
* This year’s focus: “every student achieving, learning and leading with equity”
* We are starting the year with relationship building, with staff and one another
* School enrollment has declined since last redistricting, 313 students currently enrolled
  + PreK/K numbers are very low, so if you know someone who needs to register, encourage them to do so
  + Special Ed and ELL population has declined, ELL staffing has declined as a result of numbers
  + Please submit FARMS application if you haven't already
  + Schoolwide free breakfast continues this year, but lunch is no longer free

Academic Goals/Plans:

* Reading: increase the number of students scoring 4+ on MCAP to 43.9%
  + MCAP goal for school is set by county, student scores are not available yet, but will be sent home to families when received
  + Instructional Focuses - word study and writing
    - Instructional strategies: teachers will have collaborative planning with literacy coach, Title 1 family events geared toward instructional focuses, continued use of IIT process, peer observations and learning walks
* Math: increase the number of students scoring 4+ on MCAP to 48.3%
  + Instructional Focuses - number talks, various representations of math concepts - the thinking behind the math
    - Instructional strategies are aligned with literacy strategies
* Behavioral: teacher managed behaviors are tracked with minor incident reports; office managed behaviors are tracked with office referrals
  + Goals: No more than 3 out of school suspensions for all school population; no more than 2 out of school suspensions for special education students (target population)
* Ms. Linton-Kozar is now our Title 1 Point of Contact, and will support with Family Involvement Team

***Action Item(s): Administration will send out the school improvement plan presentation in a school-wide communication as well as feedback form***

**Treasurer report: Mike Elser**

* Budget review
  + Beginning balance for the school year is $10751.32
  + Notes:
    - MD book bank fee will be donated by group of parents
    - We are up against the budget completely, can utilize no more than 80% of balance so no programs can be added
    - How the budget will be used
      * Education: 25.3%
      * Administrative: 8.8% (no flexibility with these costs)
      * Staff Support: 21.8%
      * Community Building: 29.4%
      * Fundraising: 27.1%
  + Administration ask: Bobcat beanies, they are on their way out of circulation, but have about 25 left so would like to purchase 50 to help with transition; this is tabled, PTA cannot afford the cost ($9/each)
* Suggestion for going forward: PTA pays portion of field trips for families who are unable to pay, versus covering whole amount for all students

*Motion to approve budget at 7:48 pm by Rikki McCoy*

*Seconded by - Andre Neuland*

*Call to vote, motion passed*

**Committees**

**VP of Programs - Nadia Herron**

* October 1 - Oakland Mills Fall Festival - we will be selling hot dogs and nachos
* October 8, 11 am - 1 pm - 50th Anniversary (being combined with PTA’s Fall Fest) - community event, planning to be outside - will be events at school leading up to event with each class owning a decade
* October 28 - Trunk or Treat
* We will need volunteers! [**Volunteer Form**](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf0HKe62B8DiSe4NX0v8UCaTAsYdp8FylRIwKABkYwHu-vZiA/viewform)

**VP of Fundraising - J’Ne St Cyr**

* PTA will host four restaurant nights, remainder will be hosted by the school
  + September - Chipotle
  + October - Pizzaman
  + November - Panera
  + June - TBD
* October 1 - Oakland Mills Fall Festival - will be selling hot dogs and nachos as a fundraiser
* Scrip gift cards - passive fundraising opportunity, allows school to make money where we can

**PTACHC Rep – Nina York & Rikki McCoy**

* No September meeting due to Labor Day. Next meeting is October 3, 2022

**New Business:**

SECAC Representative

* We are in need of a SECAC representative (Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee), if interested please reach out to Maya ASAP: sfesbobcatspta@gmail.com
* meetings are typically the second Monday of the month from 7-9pm
* website for more information: https://howardcountysecac.com/

Sylvia - Advocating for funding of deferred maintenance at OMMS and OMHS:

* From Oakland Mills Community Association’s (OMCA) [Call to Action email](https://web-extract.constantcontact.com/v1/social_annotation_v2?permalink_uri=https%3A%2F%2Fconta.cc%2F3RAV2bn&image_url=https%3A%2F%2Fmlsvc01-prod.s3.amazonaws.com%2Ffb1eb850201%2Fc5310d97-5787-4545-86d2-4eadcef3a148.jpg&fbclid=IwAR3dwbLgtvB5Io6xZJR6UDgWUg7EVkAiOJ_eriTK5ZQi9XGz1JQ8lAzbZts) on Sept. 2, 2022

*“Please* [*sign up now to testify*](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1sZ8GbaPG9AuzHSIjfV7Z3stTfleu3a-5TXdfoJGevPE/viewform?edit_requested=true) *at the September 22 Board of Education hearing for the HCPSS Capital Improvement Program. I cannot stress how important this is for our cOMmunity. If you don't want to speak publicly, please prepare written testimony using the* [*instructions provided by the school system*](https://www.hcpss.org/board/meeting-participation/#written-testimony)*. As always, I will follow up before the meeting with OMCA's testimony, which you are welcome to use as a template for your own.*

*“As many of you know, we have been concerned for years about the condition of several schools located within Oakland Mills Village and serving communities well beyond Oakland Mills. We recently celebrated the opening of the new Talbott Springs Elementary, but Oakland Mills Middle and Oakland Mills High remain two of the school systems oldest buildings in need of major renovations.*

*“The Superintendent released his recommended redistricting plan to the Board of Education yesterday evening. While that plan does not propose any changes to the attendance area of Oakland Mills High, something embedded in that plan causes me a lot of concern. If you look at the chart below, you will note that both Oakland Mills High and Centennial High are noted for additions coming online. However, Centennial's capacity expands in 26-27 while OMHS's capacity doesn't expand until 31-32.* ***This is not reflective of the capital plan the Board of Education adopted last year and would further delay investment in Oakland Mills High School, an older building with more deferred maintenance and higher projected capacity needs.***

*“Imagine OMHS in 2030, filled to nearly 108 percent capacity, with its failing ventilation system that even today can't be set to bring in fresh air to prevent transmission of diseases like COVID-19 without causing mold growth throughout the building. This cannot happen. OMHS cannot be delayed any longer.”*

* [Written testimony draft](https://docs.google.com/document/d/19nPlEQokRyzaCWL9XKtk1PtaP01PFM11EUt2-YYFpck/edit?usp=sharing) shared, want to send on behalf of SFES PTA for Sept 22 meeting, need approval
* proposed Capital Improvement Plan: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1IkXMwcXfH_RhlJDW4EfBUzqUWH4KFplM/view?ts=631fb5f1>

*Motion to approve sending written testimony to BOE at 8:27pm by Maya Green*

*Seconded by - Mike Elser*

*Call to vote, motion passed*

***Action Item(s):*** ***Sylvia*** to email written testimony to BOE, written testimony will be shared on social media and website for community

**Meeting Closure**

*Motion to adjourn by Maya Green at 8:29pm*

*Seconded by Mike Elser*

*Call to vote; motion passed unanimously.*

**Adjourn**

Meeting Adjourned at 8:29pm.