

PTO meeting - 9/14/22

All board members in attendance

(Kymberli Culver, Nicole Crenshaw, Mary Pat Provost, Emily Crim, Jamie Clark)

Meeting being recorded - started at 6:02pm

Meeting started by Kymberli Culver – PTO president

Kymberli: Good afternoon – Thank you all for coming today to our first PTO meeting of the school year. We would like to welcome all of you here in person and those joined on Zoom. We're going to start with our member introduction.

Kym Culver – PTO president for the 2022/2023 school year. I am married 15 yrs, with 4 kids (3 boys, 1 girl – who is at OAES). Relationship to school – started as volunteer in Pre-K, then became sub – worked in DLI, special needs, everywhere. Position responsibilities include presiding at all meetings, presenting new business, being official spokesperson, custodian of all records, recruit people. We will deliver all records, publish calendar, submit written report detailing responsibilities and recommendations to future board by end of fiscal yr.

Nicole Crenshaw – vice president – Thank you to those joining the meeting - very excited to kick off first meeting. Here to support president and all officers in helping school and PTO to function as best we can. Fully support teachers, kids, make things fun, and build community.

Mary Pat Provost – treasurer – “long time listener first-time caller” haha because this is my first PTO meeting ever. Excited to be treasurer – like numbers and spreadsheets, usually off on weekdays, so makes it easy to work with the bank. This is a great group to work with, we have some fun stuff planned for this year. I'm excited to be a part of it. Have one child in first grade in DLI. Athenian born and raised. Very excited to be able to help out at school this year.

Emily Crim – communications officer – been in Athens about 20 yrs, have two daughters, one of whom is a 2nd grader at OAES. Been in meetings in past. Excited to be more involved this year. Communications officer – send out blasts, emails, notes in Tuesday folders. Like to help out – background in social work/ work for DFCS – fun to have a new avenue to help out. Reach out if you ever need anything or if you feel like there's something that could be communicated better, let me know. We want to make sure that this year we're taking all the opportunities we have to get info out and make sure everyone's getting information.

Jamie Clark – teacher rep – I am here because I choose to be as the teacher representative, a non-elected member of the board. I teach 3rd grade – DLI – Have a 2nd grader in DLI and a son in middle school – been here at OAES – this is 4th yr. Love being here and love PTO. Thanks for being here.

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Kymberli:

Old business – basically need to approve the main minutes – Emily makes a motion to approve and Mary Pat seconds the motion.

Kymerli:

August events and fundraisers –

Teacher welcome back luncheon – sponsored/paid by PTO – shout out to Dr. Singh and admin that did most of the planning. Heard nothing but great things about the lunch.

Open house – PTO had membership sign ups and also had uniform sales – really did well for a first time starting out for a new PTO. Did spirit wear sales – sold t-shirts and sweatshirts at the open house. Also sold two additional Friday mornings (Fridays are spirit days)

Dress down days – Our PTO dressdown days are every 3rd Wednesday of the month

Satisfactory tshirt/sweatshirt sales – end of Aug and carried over into Labor Day Weekend

September – popsicles on the playground – this past weekend. Sidewalk chalk, music, drew in the car rider drop off area. Played on the pirate ship playground – thanks for all who attended – looking forward to better weather next year so more can participate.

Next dressdown – Wed, Sept 21 – no theme for this month – they can dress how they would like to.

Jamie: – might want to distinguish difference between spirit and dress down days.

Kymerli: PTO – dressdown days can be whatever they want to wear – must pay \$1.

Spirit wear dressdown days – must be spirit wear – every Friday

Question: How do we get spirit wear? Mary Pat: we did just close a sale thru Satisfactory – they can't keep store open all the time – open for a period of time and then delivered. That being said shirts are being delivered tomorrow – if you ordered shirts this last round, they will come home with kids tomorrow. We also placed a bulk order – get in touch with us if interested. Another online sale possibly in November.

Question: How can people get in touch with us? Mary Pat: email to oglethorpepto@gmail.com. We also have a fb page and can access the PTO site thru the school website. Facebook page is OAES Community – we post a lot there. Website: <https://oglethorpepto.weebly.com/>

Pay attention to Tuesday folders for fliers, because we send a lot of info out that way. You can FB message us as well.

Kymerli: Next event PTO will sponsor is Safety Patrol [breakfast] – induction ceremony on the 27th

Looking at first Participation night – restaurant donates a portion of their sales – awaiting approval to have at the Taco Stand – Prince and Milledge intersection location – potentially Sept 27th??October – OctoberFest – looking for different committees – seeking out individuals to join committees. Kathleen Falke, any comment?

Kathleen Falke – anyone that wants to volunteer to plan or help out -they can email the PTO email and we can connect.

Kymerli – If anyone wants to volunteer for planning, people can reach out to

oglethorpepto@gmail.com. We also need volunteers for the day of – but also really need volunteers for

leading up.

Also looking at a fundraiser for Square 1 – make a drawing – probably during their art class – can get merchandise with the image on it – mugs, bags, etc, for the holidays

Oct – dressdown day – Oct 19 – fav sports team or color

PTO meeting date – Oct 12 – meeting date – which is the second Wednesday of the month

OctoberFest – Oct 14 from 6-8 pm – rain date of oct 21st

Parent teacher conferences – first week of oct – PTO provides meal for teachers

Why join PTO– hang out with all of us, get to find out what’s going on with school, embracing community

How? You can email @ oglethorpepto@gmail.com Does not cost anything to join – want to make it that anyone that wants to join can.

Emily: want to add comment – joining PTO – another benefit is you get more info. We’ll still be sending out ClassDojo posts and fliers, but some of the bigger bulks of information we can’t get out in a nice succinct dojo message, etc. Joining PTO you’ll get the detailed minutes from meetings, newsletters, so if you join you get more information. So if you miss a meeting you’ll get a more detailed layout of what we’re working on, what events are coming up in advance.

Question – for dressdown days, who should the kids pay the dollar to? Kimberli: They can give that to their homeroom teacher and then the teachers send the money to the front office

Question – if we don’t pay to join, how do we get money to feed the teachers? Kimberli: T-shirt sales, donations, dressdown days, Octoberfest, percentage nights. We wanted to make sure that everyone had an opportunity to join and receive all the info

Question – can we go over all the big pto events? Kimberli: Octoberfest, fun run (in the spring), field day (in the spring) where we have a concession stand, pizza bingo, skate nights, participation restaurant nights

Mary Pat – add one other great fundraiser – takes no effort on anyone’s part – use oglethorpepto – thru amazon smile – they automatically cut a check. If you use Amazon, look in your Amazon account for gifts and charity – type in oaespto and every time you shop on amazon, it’ll contribute a donation. You can also donate to OAES PTO at any time – we’re a charitable organization. Best way is probably through the PayPal acct which is OAESPTO. Also, check or cash and we can get you a receipt, too.

Question – how can you get shirts? Mary Pat: we’re getting orders in tomorrow.

Question - Prices? Kimberli: Shirts are 14 and sweatshirts are 25

Kym – we also had some smaller kids shirts from previous sales – those are 10 dollars. Only one size – it’s an adult small, but a very small/short cut.

Kimberli: If no more questions or concerns, is there a motion to adjourn? Mary Pat – motions to adjourn – Emily seconds

Kyberli: Thank you all for coming – hope to see you next month.