

## O'Keeffe PTG April 10, 2019 Minutes

1. Welcome and introductions - officers and members present
2. Principal's update - 9 weeks left of school. They are working for next year's schedule, staff assignments and School Improvement Plan. Staff is continuing to focus on student relationship building through Pride Week (unity through color days) and on what the students need in their instruction and the best way to get this to them. What is the best targeted instruction? There are high expectations for behavior.
  - Climate survey is out to O'Keeffe families asking if you feel you belong?
  - School events: Library challenge, Top Chef, Willy Street Works- students interview at local businesses to see career options and the paths for how people get into their work, we took 3rd in Madison in African American Challenge Bowl. Forward testing is done and MAPS testing is coming up which gives a picture of how students are progressing this year.
3. Student council - 2 of the 6th grade reps came and spoke with us - Student council is new this year and has elected reps from each homeroom in the 3 grades. Created by the students after a 7th grader initiated a movement to change the culture in the hallways and it grew into a desire to create more community within the school.
  - Events so far: Kindness Week with secret nominations for kind acts. To encourage each student to be nice, kind and accepting. Team building activities on the full Mondays. Coordinated with GSA on day of silence.
  - Future events: Wacky Olympics encouraging all students to compete in ridiculous trials (3 legged race, obstacle courses etc. as an alternative to student/staff games) MAPS Testing - how to make it special or less tedious? Looking for PTG support with prizes and supplies.
  - Communicating with students - can the PTG do this through student council? Use advisory slides & announcements. Some word is spread through staff.
  - PTG asked Student Council about future survey among students for preferred colors and styles for O'Keeffe spirit wear.
4. Works in progress updates:How do we promote corporate matching in fundraising? And remember to add our events and fundraisers to neighborhood listServes too. SASY, MNA etc
  - Arts & Words and Bake Sale: thanks Mia & volunteers - we made \$421.73!
  - Food Cart Night - 5/29, 5:00 - 7:30. Needs a FB event and email promotion
  - Top Chef - Volunteers needed for set up/ take down/ serving tables that night. Silent auction donations needed. Awards based on multiple categories. PTG table will be set up by auction.
  - New parent night 4/17 - we should have a table there! Steph Steigerwaldt
  - Scoopie Night - Monday May 6th - East Town Culvers. Sheila Lenius. Will get notice to student council and flyers out.
  - Teacher appreciation - Week of May 6th. Tues - student council will do something. Weds - PTG to provide lunch . Fri-sundae bar from Admin (JoAnn to coordinate for extra ice cream after Weds May 8th choir concert)
5. **2019/2020 meetings & budget - set meeting formats. Create budget committee. Pushed to next meeting.** Will need a new treasurer for 2019/2020 school year. General Budget overview - fundraising is on track. Amazon Smiles link to be added to website which went live 4/17/2019. [www.okeeffeptg.com](http://www.okeeffeptg.com)
6. 2019/2020 Spirit Wear - want to have it in time for new student welcome night - late summer 2019. Looking for student feedback on colors and styles.
7. Funding focus for 2019/2020 - are we fundraising for a particular project? Yearbooks - for 8th graders. All? Or just to make sure it is available for all students?
8. Kick for a Cause - Madison Martial Arts/Maria Banchik - fundraiser 5/5 during Art Walk with demos and learning