



Minutes: O'Keeffe PTG Meeting

Wednesday April 24th from 6-7:30pm

O'Keeffe Middle School Library 2nd Floor

510 S. Thornton Ave (enter at corner of Thornton and Spaight Streets)

Questions/Comments: okeeffeptg@gmail.com

www.okeeffeptg.com

1. Welcome and introductions - officers and members present. Maria Banchik, JoAnn Kraus, Nina Lebwohl, Cheryl Kyles, Mia Broderson, Lisa Nielson Agnew, Liz Amundsen, Sheila Lenius, Mandy Kuse
2. Principal's update - Top Chef tomorrow, excitement is building and the trophy is welded thanks to help from Sector 67! 6 categories for awards.
 - MAPS testing this week.
 - Staff is gearing up for next year and discussing repercussions of significant events in the district - "who we (staff) are with the students, our ability to be creative, how we guarantee equity and access for all students, how do we create optimized learning for everybody, how do we leverage community resources for learning - example - Monkey Bar."
 - Looking for financial support from PTG to have an aesthetically diverse O'Keeffe in our art and spaces. Want beautification and a diverse community reflected in everything we do.
 - Assistant Principal Koch - considering equity and how do we get every student what they need, especially when it is not more desk time. Working on partnerships outside the building and are now looking within the building to create an alternate learning program space on site as a flexible resource for students. Time spent there can range depending on the student's needs and how it will benefit them. This is in its infancy stage and they are looking to make sure this is a positive and welcoming space: it needs furnishings and decor. Also looking for options/resources within community to share resources and skills - anything from a neighbor with a boat wants to take students fishing, teach river/lake ecology, art, etc. Liz Amundsen noted that Madison Public Library is a bubbler partner with O'Keeffe and has resources available - like mobile screen printing etc.
 - Want art in the hallways/cafeteria - have the images ready to print. Looking for resource for this.
 - School year - 6 weeks to go in the year. Staff is having fun and continuing to build relationships.
 - Fundraising Opportunity - O'Keeffe may be able to share in the Lapham parking during Breeze Stevens concerts.
 - Community partners - would love to have a corporate sponsor to provide funding and volunteers. Any leads appreciated.
3. Works in progress - Thank you shout outs - PTG presence at incoming 6th Grade Family Night on 4/17 had great interest. www.okeeffeptg.com is now live! Top Chef - Thursday (tomorrow) from 6-8:30. PTG table. Auction will end at 7:45.
 - O'Keeffe Music Fest - on September 22nd from 1-4 at the High Noon. Needs a name. We can bring in food.
 - Student Council - do they want to be a regular presence at PTG? They will have a Principal Advisory Committee - maybe those students could attend quarterly?
4. **Create budget committee, elect a new treasurer** - we are losing Kendra Gassner to the Sun Prairie school district. This committee will plan the 2019/2020 school year budget based on this year's income/fundraising and put it to the PTG for a vote in the fall. PTG Discussion - is it important to have Treasurer who was involved this year and knows the events or should we wait for incoming parents who may want to do it? Steph Steigerwaldt volunteered to move into that position from co-president. How do we get through to fall if we wait? **Nina Lebwohl nominated Steph Steigerwaldt as interim treasurer until Fall. Maria Banchik seconded. All in favor.** Budget committee (still open for more) - Cheryl Kyl, Liz Amundsen, Lisa Nielson Agnew, Sheila Lenius, Nina Lebwohl
5. **PTG Meeting formats.** No change to meeting time/format for now, plan to revisit in fall. Discussed how do we space and time for bigger discussions? How have other groups managed bringing people together for productive discussions & dealt with tension when keeping a meeting efficient? How to invite the O'Keeffe community to share their concerns. Equity through access - how do we reach and hear those adults who do not have time or internet



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6. Funding Focus for 2019/2020 - what are we as a PTG looking to make happen with our funds beyond what we do now?
 - Mandy Kuse formal request to fund yearbooks. Nina Lebwohl motion to shift unspent school supplies budget (\$500) to yearbooks for 2019 8th graders. (To be reimbursed based on actual expense not to exceed \$500) Cheryl Kyles seconded. All in favor.
 - Shelly Nelson noted that Mindy Grant had not received any response to her need/request for headphones. Maria Banchik will follow up with her Full Compass contact.
 - Mandy Kuse - How does a formal funding request happen? Create a form, add button to web site. Nina Lebwohl will create form.
 - What would cost be for updating drinking fountain in gym? (range was \$1200 to \$3200)
 - New tree by office? Does not seem to be in MMSD plan.
7. Year-end wrap up and social - to be at Mickey's Patio. Some time in week of May 28th to June 4th.
8. Open floor - How can students support and appreciate the teachers? Appreciation week starting May 6th. Something from the students would have special meaning. Cards? Sidewalk chalk? Can we use the maker space to set up a station for this?
 - Web site suggestions: Student Council page? Report on events?

Meeting Dates: 2nd Weds of month when no conflicts with school schedule (no May meeting this year!)

Calendar of PTG Events

Weds May 1st	6th Grade Band Concert - ice cream social - 7:00 pm
Mon May 6th	Culvers Scoopie Night from 5:00 - 8:00 pm
Thurs May 9th	PTG sponsored Teacher Appreciation Lunch
Weds May 8th	Choir concert - all grades - ice cream social- 7:00 pm
Weds May 15th	Strings concert - all grades - ice cream social- 7:00 pm
Weds May 22nd	7th & 8th Grade Band Concert - ice cream social- 7:00 pm
Weds May 29th	Food Cart Night @ O'Keeffe/Marquette Playground 5:00 - 7:30
Tues June 11th	8th Grade Graduation and Dance @ 5:30pm
Sun Sept 22nd	O'Keeffe Music Fest at High Noon - 1-4 pm