

September 11, 2019 O’Keeffe PTG meeting

Present: President Maria Banchik, Interim treasurer Stephanie Steigerwaldt, Co-Secretaries Nina Lebwohl and JoAnn Kraus, Directors Cheryl Kyles, Mandy Kuse, Sheila Lenius (Lisa Agnew Nelson, Alana Brown and Liz Amundsen stepped down prior to meeting) Principal Tony Dugas and Emily Koch, 14 members

Principal’s Report: Belonging is a central theme for this year. Wanting this for all students and families. O’Keeffe has had a shift in demographics with an increase in students qualifying for free and reduced lunch and more students of color. Are we structuring our programs around inclusion? And we need to move from inclusion to equitable belonging. (Not just welcoming and allowing someone to fit in, but that they are a part of the community as a unique individual.)

- Equity Vision – we are energized to get all students what they need and we will identify and disrupt racial educational inequalities.
- Content Mission – uplifting all. Using “just right” books in literacy, having Flex time for additional support across the disciplines, math focus on perseverance and making sense of the problems.
- Instructional practice – give students more voice in what they’re studying
- FACE – Family and Community Engagement – work on 2 way communication
- PTG – Resources they are looking for from us:

Academy is an innovative alternative learning space for students with behavioral challenges. Students are selected by meeting a number of criteria and then have an interview and choose to opt in.

Support with snacks and incentives

Social Capital – looking for experiential learning opportunities and apprenticeships

Complete the school spaces – adding photos to hallway walls etc

- Learning as a Community – how do we engage the PTG and other groups in the work of equity and social justice? How do we shift to belonging? Value of book White Fragility – great discussion piece.

Book group or other event?

- Can we engage more of our O’Keeffe community by having our meeting elsewhere? Salvation Army, Goodman? Will we confuse people?

Upcoming Events Calendar and volunteer opportunities:

Bands Lending a Hand – September 22nd live music fundraising event. How do we promote? Post on neighborhood listservs? Free pizza while it lasts, bake sale, live music, volunteer help is needed during the event.

Ice Cream Socials – after school concerts – Jo Ann Kraus organizes and can use help picking up ice cream, serving and cleaning up.

Directory – Grant Samuelson will create this and send to MMSD printshop.

See schedule of other events at the bottom of the minutes.

Wish List – would be great to have on the web site. For teachers, students, etc and able to be shared out with families and the public. Literacy push – looking for books for the classrooms. Want to get all students reading.

Volunteer sign up – opportunities posted on web site. Survey of interests.

Rescheduling 3 meeting dates to Oct 2, Dec 18, May 6th. Motion, Vote, Approved

2019-2020 Budget – preliminary budget presented and will be finalized & voted on at October meeting. Please contact okeefptg@gmail.com if you want a copy of the preliminary budget to view.

Open Board and Officer positions to be filled:

Director – Grant Samuelson – nominated, seconded, voted in.

Treasurer – Stephanie Steigerwaldt - nominated, seconded, voted in.

Co President and Vice President still open – let us know if you are interested in this.

Open Discussion

PTG Outreach – follow up blast letting all OKeefe students, families and staff know they do not need to join, they are part of the PTG already since they are a part of OKeefe.

6th grade – do we have resources we can offer for them?

Filming of Screenagers is something Tony Dugas would like to bring to OKeefe. Is this something we would want to do and follow up by incorporating into a discussion/workshop/focus as a part of PTG meeting or a separate event? Add this to White Fragility book club and can this be part of making PTG a resource for promoting deeper discussions about the OKeefe community and an active participant in becoming a community of belonging. Is the PTG is ready to move beyond continuing events and support of prior years into the hard work of OKeefe's Equity Vision?

2019-2020 Calendar:

Sun	Sept 22nd	Bands Lending a Hand - 1-4pm at high Noon Saloon - PTG Fundraiser
Weds	Oct 2nd	PTG Meeting 6-7:30 pm
Weds	Nov 13 th	PTG Meeting 6-7:30 pm
Tues	Dec 3rd	Winter Choir Concert - ice cream social - 7 pm
Weds	Dec 4th	7th & 8th Grade Winter Band Concert - ice cream social - 7 pm
Weds	Dec 18th	PTG Meeting
Weds	Dec 11th	Orchestra Concert - ice cream social - 7 pm
Weds	Jan 8th	PTG Meeting
Weds	Jan 15th	6th Grade Band Concert - ice cream social - 7 pm
Weds	Feb 12th	PTG Meeting
Tues	Feb 18th	Bake Sale (Spring Primary)
Weds	March 11th	PTG Meeting
Tues	April 7th	Bake Sale Spring Elections / Presidential Primary
Weds	April 8th	PTG Meeting
Tues	May 5th	Choir concert - all grades - ice cream social- 7 pm
Weds	May 6th	PTG Meeting
Weds	May 13th	Band concert - all grades - ice cream social- 7 pm
Weds	May 20th	Strings concert - all grades - ice cream social- 7 pm
Tues	Aug 11th	Bake Sale (Fall Primary Election)?