

ATTENDEES

PTO Executive Committee: Shamekia Martin, President; Amber Fulginiti, Vice President of Administration; Nina Broome, Vice President of Membership; Cathy Hatton, Recording Secretary; Mary Huntington, Treasurer.

Guests in Attendance: Dr. Nick Manolakos, Headmaster; Sonny Casapulla, President of the OCS Athletics Association

Faculty Representation: Christina Baldwin, Cheryl Barnett, Joanne Laurent, Rachel Ontjes, Tami Soltow

Head Count: 25

Call to Order: 7:02pm

AGENDA ITEMS

- I. Recap of prior month events, purchases, volunteers Owner: Shamekia Martin
- Cupid's Carnations, the upper school valentine's carnation gram sale raised \$588 after expenses. Every student in the upper school received a carnation gram; no student was left out.
 - Game of Throws Dodgeball tournament was a success and raised \$382 after expenses. Thank you to the Wenzel family for organizing the fun and successful event again this year.
 - The lower school Friendly's Family Fun night was well attended. Final income raised will be revealed after the upper school night on March 15.
 - It was suggested that next school year the PTO investigate multiple locations for a same night event
 - The \$3 full dress down day raised \$1,750 for Spirit Week. The money was spent on t-shirts for students and bus transportation to and from the Pep Rally
 - Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with events
- II. Fundraisers for March & Family Fun Owner: Amber Fulginiti
- Paving the Way to Our Future, our biggest annual fundraiser of the year, kicked off in February and will continue through the month of March.
 - Volunteers are needed for lower and upper school carlines to hold up signs informing the families of the campaign.
 - 100% of the money donated to the campaign will be directed towards the purchase of technology in the classroom based on direct feedback provided by the teachers
 - A suggestion was made to have flyers available for volunteers to hand out in carline
 - Dave Carroll has foam boards for signage to donate and will hand in to Tracie at Upper School to pass along to PTO
 - Money raised as of 3/2/16: just under \$1k
 - Shoparoo: Sandra Smith is the new chairperson for the Shoparoo app fundraiser and plans to organize fun-grade competitions to raise earning potential. Ask family and friends to participate with you. Check out Shoparoo.com or email the PTO, see below.
 - 3/15/16: Friendly's Family Fun Night for Upper School, from 4-8pm.
 - 3/18/16: Full Dress Down Day: \$2 or one gently used uniform item
 - 3/24/16: Wine & Paint Event at Pinot's Palette, Chadds Ford, PA. \$40 – adults only, light snacks will be served. Registration required <http://www.pinotpalette.com/glenmills/class/85090>

- Coming in April:
 - 4/2/16: Family Fun Night at Christiana Skating Center, 5:15-7:15pm. Private event for OCS students, family and friends. Cost including rental: kids \$7, adults \$8 or bring your own skates: kids \$4, adults \$5

III. Budget

Owner: Mary Huntington

- \$13,000 has been donated to the school as of 3/2/16
- \$2,000 in family fun events has been raised for the end of year celebration; this will increase with the April skating party/event.
- Paving the Way donations will be used for classroom technology based on teacher feedback on their specific needs in the classrooms.
- \$2,500 has been committed to the newly formed Drama Club. Productions scheduled in April and May are in need of funding and the PTO has agreed to help with some of the costs.

IV. OCS Athletics Association Report

Owner: Sonny Casapulla

- 1st Annual Golf Outing at Deerfield on 4/8/16, 11:30-1pm registration, Shotgun start 1pm. Awards, buffet dinner & silent auction at 6pm. ocsapresident@gmail.com for more info.
- 5/7/16: Wilmington Blue Rocks fundraiser, details to follow
- The OCS Athletics Association was founded to help raise funds and create a sports program at OCS.
- Girls and Boys Basketball just wrapped up a successful season with the girls basketball team enjoying the title as the winningest team in the history of OCS.
- Wrestling has been ongoing and is due to wrap up this spring
- Cheerleading / Pep Team was organized and added a lot of team spirit to the games.
- All are encouraged to come out to watch the games and support sports at OCS. There is a lot of positive energy and the support builds unity in the student body and school family.
- The committee is submitting a fundraising calendar to OCS Admin for the 2016-2017 school year with the goal of one fundraiser per month. PTO Executive Committee and OCS Athletics Assoc. have agreed that the two groups cooperate and work together while they work to raise funds for their individual groups. PTO has offered to communicate event dates in their newsletter.
- Positive feedback from Faculty: the upper school faculty present expressed how excited the upper school student body is about the sports program and it is a positive experience for them
- Baseball/softball fields on campus a goal for Spring 2016.
- The OCS Athletic Association meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month. For more info: http://odysseycharterschooldel.com/ocs_athletics.html

V. Administration's Report

Owner: Dr. Nick Manolakos

- The administration will be creating a social media presence to include Facebook and Twitter and the goal is to make school wide communication as efficient as possible.
- Administration is proud of the reputation and presence OCS maintains in the community as our school continues to grow and the student body continues to succeed despite financial challenges and supports organizations like PTO and OCS Athletics in their efforts to assist and support OCS.
- By the end of March, administration will have final report on enrollment figures for all grades.
- In grades K-4th, there will be one classroom added to each grade for the school year 2016-2017. Administration is waiting for a minor modification request approval; a minor deviation from it's original charter approval.
- 7th grade Greek Math has been temporarily suspended pending instructional solution; class period will be used for social studies research projects in interim.
- Question to admin: Will the school offer seats to 8th graders going into 9th? Yes, the family still has to apply and follow enrollment requirements.

- Greek Instruction in the middle levels is a strict and mandatory requirement and students and families will be required to sign commitment letters and abide by them for students to attend OCS.

VI. Special Reminder & Miscellaneous

Owner: Shamekia Martin

- PTO Executive Committee Nominations:
 - Nominations are now being accepted in the month of March and all positions are open for the PTO Executive Committee for the 2016-2017 school year. Submit your nominations to the PTO general mailbox odysseycharterschoolpto@gmail.com. For a list of positions and job descriptions go to http://odysseycharterschooldel.com/pto_job_description.html
 - Nominations will be announced during the PTO meeting on April 6, 2016
 - The 2016-2017 PTO Executive Committee will be voted in during the May 4, 2016, meeting.
- Dave Carroll announced that OCS was represented in two different Spelling Bees. OCS took 1st & 2nd place in a charter school network Spelling Bee.
- PTO would like to announce scholastic / academic competitions in future newsletters

Meeting adjourned: 7:58pm

Notes recorded by Cathy Hatton

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 6, 2016

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