

PTO Executive Committee Members in Attendance: Shamekia Martin, President; Amber Fulginiti, Vice President of Administration; Nina Broome, Vice President of Membership; Cathy Hatton, Recording Secretary; Jennifer McBride, Correspondence Secretary; Mary Huntington, Treasurer

Speaking Guests in Attendance: Dr. Nick Manolakos, Headmaster; Laura Thompson, Parent Elect Board Member

Head Count: 28

Call to Order: 7:03pm

AGENDA ITEMS:

I. October Recap

Owner: Shamekia Martin

- Trunk or Treat was a great success with a large turnout. All of the candy donated from the dress down day was handed out to trunkers
- The Upper School skating party at Christiana Skating Center had 149 in attendance. Lower School won the attendance contest. The prize and details will be announced soon.
- Homecoming dance: the high school enjoyed it's first Homecoming dance. PTO helped to support the event with a donation of \$500.
- Discount Cards: \$10 discount cards were on sale in October and will continue to be on sale through November. Cards that were ordered by the original Nov. 1 deadline date will start be fulfilled and delivered by November 7.

II. November Upcoming Fundraisers and Events

Owner: Amber Fulginiti

- 11/10/16: Full Dress Down Day: in exchange for a canned good (donating to Food Bank) or one gently used piece of uniform
- 11/15/16: Grotto's Community Night. Vouchers will be sent home. OCS will receive 20% of each bill when vouchers are presented. Pennsylvania Avenue location only.
- 11/19/16: Fall Ball, a school wide dance, segregated by grades. Refreshments will be served. Event schedule and cost will be published soon.
- Shoparoo: the school earns money when users of the app take photos of their receipts. Last year the school raised \$635.
- BoxTops & Tysons labels: there will be ongoing collection contests throughout the year so keep clipping
- Toner Cartridge program: the school is collecting empty toner cartridges that can be turned into money for the school. These items may be brought in with students; there are collections bins next to the Labels bins.
- Amazon smile. When you shop at Amazon.com, use Amazon smile and choose OCS as your organization of choice to receive donation dollars

III. Budget

Owner: Mary Huntington

- Trunk or Treat income covered expenses; the event broke even
- Discount Cards: as of 11/2/16, 273 cards sold for a current profit of \$526. Cards will be sold through the month of November. Cards are sold for \$10; we receive \$8 for every card sold.
- Fall Ball: PTO providing funds to pay for DJ and waiting for Event Committee's budget. The event will rely mostly on donations.

IV. Administration Report

Owner: Dr. Nick Manolakos

- The new high school enjoyed it's first Homecoming week and dance events. Thanks to all who planned and volunteered to make it a great success.

- Junior National Honor Society induction is approaching. Prior year academics are part of the selection process for fall induction. There is a spring induction as well. This program serves 7th & 8th grade students. Contact the school for more information.
- Tracphones have been purchased and are in use for better communication regarding bus situations and are used by Mr. Winokur, Mrs. Parks, and Dr. Manolakos.
- The small gym construction has started, but slowed due to damage to underground water pipe. Repairs being made and construction will continue.

V. Board Report

Owner: Laura Thompson

- Parents are encouraged to attend Board Meetings. The next meeting is November 16, 2016
- Reggie from First Student Transportation attended the last board meeting, answered parents' questions and listened to solution ideas regarding the bus system.
- Food Services in cooperation with La Academia provides revenue stream for OCS.
- Building 27: the board exploring options for lease or sale opportunities
- The board is excited that representatives from the Aristotle University, from Greece, will be visiting our school and school programs
- The board continues to work on the Capital Campaign and asks parents to consider their networking possibilities.
- CBOC (Citizens Budget Oversight Committee) meetings meet one hour prior to board meetings.

VI. Special Announcements & Adjournment

Owner: Shamekia Martin

- Volunteers are needed. Please consider signing up when email blasts / sign up geniuses are sent out
- PTO Executive Committee positions are open with only one (correspondence secretary) eligible for re-election. Positions are limited to two year term. Nomination generation for all positions will begin January / February 2017.
- PTO paid members will have the opportunity to voice their opinions in a forthcoming survey regarding how PTO funds will be spent on classroom technology. The options on the survey reflect teacher feedback.
- The PTO has a general email address, available on the school website under the Parents/PTO section. Please use this email address to provide or share suggestions, ideas; ask questions; or lodge complaints.
- Meeting adjourned: 8:26pm
- Next meeting: Wednesday, December 7, 2016, 7pm