



## OLYMPUS HIGH SCHOOL PTSA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 9, 2020

**In attendance:** Jen LaFaber, Katie Zimmerman, Suzanne Headden, Oscar Smith, Ben Boss, Ali Southam, Camryn Stone, Sydnee Madsen, Suzy Rasch, Amy Johnson, Amy Clements, Kerri Bengtzen, Kristel Affleck, Renee Hawes, Alyse Barton, Mr. Perschon,

**Pledge and call to order:** Katie Zimmerman and Jenn LaFaber

**President's Report:** Thinking of doing something in January that would celebrate students. Similar to Teacher Appreciation Week but for students and ending the week with MORP.

Nominating Committee was voted on with Suzy Rasch making the motion and Kristel Affleck seconding. The committee will include Alyse Barton, Keri Bengtzen, and Suzanne Headden.

**Secretary Report:** Minutes from our October meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's report:** Updated spreadsheet was passed around. Only change is income received for PTA memberships and donations. T-shirt fundraiser has been successful. Approximately 100 shirts remain at the price of \$5 apiece. Possibly having neighboring elementary schools purchase.

**Principals Report:** Report cards have been mailed home. Failure rate went up slightly from this time last year. Most of these failures were incurred by distance learners. The number of failures provided in a recent article are not congruent with the actual count. The Olympus staff is brainstorming and working on ways to help students who are struggling. We are trying to purchase recovery packages for students who need them. Teachers and counselors are making personal efforts to contact students who might be falling through the cracks. We are in survival mode.... teachers, students, and parents. Please do your part. Encourage your kids to be diligent in social distancing and mask wearing outside of school. As a result of last night's announcement by our governor, **all activities are postponed for 2 weeks**. While this is disappointing, it is temporary. Do your part!

Teachers are doing better with zoom classes this time around. Their operating on an I Do, We Do, You Do model. Contact tracing for quarantine is classroom exposure within 6 feet. There is a new adjustment to this rule. If a student has been within 6 feet of a positive student with both students wearing masks (noses covered!) they can reduce the 14-day quarantine by having a negative rapid test at 7 days. This only applies to classroom exposure. Looking into providing flu shots again.

School board has made changes to the school calendar to balance the amount of A and B days. November 23<sup>rd</sup> is now a B day and November 24<sup>th</sup> is an A day. There are similar adjustments in February and March. Watch for an email from Mr. Perschon with an updated schedule. Distance Learning Fridays

will remain through the end of the school year. Graduation is set for 6/3 at 4:00pm at the Huntsman Center. Keep your fingers crossed!

School will resume this Wednesday. Although the COVID count is still high because of family and social gatherings, we will begin at zero on the upon return. Granite School District is firm on the 15-student threshold for closure as this is what is recommended by the health department.

**Kim Richards (teacher rep)**: Kids are so resilient, innovative, and positive. They are such great examples, and the teachers miss them dearly. Thank you to the PTA for the treats. Please know the administrative staff is putting in crazy hours. Contact tracing has added much work to their schedules. The PBL struggle is real but we are working with the freshman students to work out the snags.

### **Reports and Discussion Items:**

**Be Strong:** Swap a Heart is postponed to January 25. Titan Talk is scheduled for November 19.

**Teacher Appreciation:** Working with Holly to combine budgets for the holiday breakfast. Provided Great Harvest pumpkin bread to the staff last month. Will plan to do something again in the spring.

**Student Reps:** Once again, the student reps were so positive. They have a great outlook on their experiences this year. They taught us a thing or two about setting good examples for our kids to follow and appear to be looking at the bright side of things.

**Staff Holiday Breakfast:** Holly has had to make some adjustments to the regularly fabulous holiday breakfast. It will still be amazing but the gifts and food will be slightly different this year.

**Reflections:** Went great. Watch for submissions/winners on Instagram.

**Honor Roll:** Will do chicken nuggets again.

**Millcreek Arts:** This has been cancelled for this year.

**NEXT MEETING: January 11th 9:30 am**

### **Upcoming Events:**

#### **November:**

19<sup>th</sup>: Titan Talk

25-27: Thanksgiving Break

December:

12<sup>th</sup>: ACT

18<sup>th</sup>: Holiday Assembly

21<sup>st</sup>-January 1: Winter Recess

January:

11<sup>th</sup>: PTA meeting

14<sup>th</sup>: End of term 15-18: No School

23<sup>rd</sup>: MORP