



## OLYMPUS HIGH SCHOOL PTSA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 11, 2021

**In attendance:** Jen LaFaber, Katie Zimmerman, Suzanne Headden, Sydnee Madsen, Suzy Rasch, Amy Johnson, Kerri Bengtzen, Kristel Affleck, Alyse Barton, Mr. Perschon, Kim Richards, Shannon Randle, Lisa Barnett, Brittney Peterson, Jannika Meier,

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

**President's Report:**

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

**Treasurer's report:** We moved \$200 from the volunteer appreciation budget to the community involvement budget to accommodate our unexpected expenses for Steve Perschon's recognition. This was to cover luminaries after his wife's death. This was voted and approved by over 2/3rds of our ptsa board (documentation is attached). This \$200 was earmarked for the Millcreek Arts which, due to COVID-19 restrictions, we were required to cancel for this school year. An updated spreadsheet outlining these changes was passed around to the meeting attendees. We discussed the future involvement with Membership HUB which all ptsa's are moving to. We are not yet using it but will adopt it most likely in the next school year.

**Principals Report:** So much gratitude for this community. Thank you!!!

Mass change day was successful and effective. High School Musical has been a success! New change in sports with the district now allowing 4 visitors per player. These 4 people must remain sitting together.

District is now moving to a covid threshold of 1% of school population (22-23 covid cases) before shutting down the in person schooling. Another big change is the test to stay. Rather than shutting the school down for 2 weeks the students may opt to take a rapid test to remain in attendance. If negative the student can continue in person learning. If negative, the student will move to remote learning. It is now proven that the masks are working so keep those masks on!

February 9 & 10 will be Parent Teacher Conferences. March 23<sup>rd</sup> is the scheduled free ACT test for Juniors. We will have the ASPIRE on April 14. Prep test for Freshman is TBD.

AP tests will return to the normal process allowing for in person testing when possible.

Please remember to participate in the online calendar vote. This is the last year for the Regents Scholarship. This will be replaced with the SLCC certificate of completing. If completed it will fill all of the general classes and will be accepted by all in state colleges. It is possible to get a full year of college completed while in high school by participating in this program.

**Kim Richards (teacher rep):** Thank you for the christmas lunch and all the additional treats and thoughtful gifts. SBO's are working on a possible spirit week and fundraiser in February. We will be participating in the super bowl of caring. Considering doing an online silent auction. The food pantry is continually helping community members. We do not get any assistance from the Food Bank since we have a low number (relatively speaking) of free lunch students. Therefore the food pantry is entirely stocked via community donations.

**Reports and Discussion Items:**

**Be Strong:** Swap a Heart is ready to go. Jenni Pinnock has done a tremendous job in coordinating and making adjustments to accommodate covid restrictions. Shirts, video, and essays are all in the works. Watch for a sign up genius to help with the reading of essays. Two essays per grade will be chosen as winners for a possible cash prize. Dates announced shortly. Titan Talks are still in the works. Seeking mental health topics/speakers.

**Teacher Appreciation:** Looking into the possibility of combining teacher appreciation with staff Christmas breakfast in the future.

**MORP:** Considered every possible option to enable the students to participate in MORP this year but we just can't pull it off with Covid restrictions. Possibly something in the spring.

**Reflections:** A few of our entrants went on to Region. We actually had a really good response this year.

**SEP Dinners:** Since our regular process in providing a dinner is not acceptable during COVID times, we will have to rely on having the meal catered. We may need to have donations through the bookstore to fund this. Watch for more information.

**NEXT MEETING: February 8<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am**

**Upcoming Events:**

**February:**

2<sup>nd</sup>: ACT test

8<sup>th</sup>: PTSA meeting

9-10<sup>th</sup>: Parent Teacher Conferences

12-15: No school

16-19: Spirit Week

19: Sweethearts Dance ????

24<sup>th</sup>: Blood Drive ??