

Open World Learning Community PTO

640 Humboldt Ave, St Paul, MN 55107

Zoom Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 21, 2021

6:30p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Treasurer Report

Report presented by Julian LaFerla, Treasurer:

1. I filed the organization's taxes before the January 15, 2021 deadline.
2. We are changing banks, moving our money to BankCherokee, a family-owned bank based on the West Side.
3. We received a \$1,000 donation, and the donor requested it be spent on the visual arts classroom.
4. If you donated directly to the PTO in 2020 and have not yet received a charitable giving receipt record for your taxes please let me know and I can mail you one. (Note that if someone donates to the PTO through their employer or GiveMN those groups will provide the donors with charitable giving receipts.)
5. Questions

Principal report

Please see Dave's presentation [here](#).

Testing

- Testing is still being scheduled.
- Optional PSAT at OWL next week is still happening, following appropriate protocols.
- ACT is March 2 for 11th graders.

Upcoming Events

- February 8 - National African American Parent Involvement Day, includes a forum at 11am with Dave and Elba.
- February 11 - African American Forum

Zoom chat notes:

18:36:03 From Jackie to Everyone : Is it possible for someone to enable to Closed Captions for this meeting?

18:37:08 From Shareen Mann (she/her) to Everyone : It looks like someone has to manually type it if we don't have a third party closed-captioning service.

18:37:51 From Char Psihos to Everyone : Just as a heads up if you don't know. Whoever is the organizer the meeting can mute other people if they click on participants.

18:38:04 From Jackie to Everyone : The host must enable captions then participants can choose to turn it on.

18:48:41 From MB Leone-Getten (she/her) to Everyone : Kristen, can you mute everyone but Dave?

18:53:09 From Amy Feesl to Everyone : Feb 1,2,3... Do the student have school those days with crew, or are they off those days?

18:53:55 From Elba Frazier to Everyone : Those days will not be school days, they will be off for the students

18:54:13 From Elba Frazier to Everyone : The first day for 3rd quarter will be Thursday February 4th

18:56:30 From Jen Pettit (Alex Shuster's Mom) to Everyone : This schedule will be sent to everyone??

18:56:44 From Molly to Everyone : My kid is just getting used to the schedule and finding a flow. This is concerning to me to change the whole thing.

18:56:57 From Acosta/Swanberg to Everyone : Is this whole plan dependent on the case numbers in Ramsey county?

18:58:06 From Elba Frazier to Everyone : The schedule will change for 3rd quarter. The plan to start the in person support will depend on the case numbers in Ramsey County

18:58:28 From Heather Freeman to Everyone : If our child is being invited, when will we receive the invite?

18:58:29 From Shareen Mann (she/her) to Everyone : I appreciate the distancing plans.

18:58:45 From Heather Freeman to Everyone : If our child is not invited, is there anything we need to do?

18:59:23 From Elba Frazier to Everyone : We hope to get invites out soon. We are just firming up some plans and awaiting more information.

18:59:37 From Karey Mason to Everyone : Will each student go once or twice per week in person?

19:00:02 From Elba Frazier to Everyone : The support team will be using data to make the decisions on inviting students. You can always contact Dave and Elba if you have concerns about your child.

19:00:14 From Elba Frazier to Everyone : Students will attend twice a week

19:01:24 From Karey Mason to Everyone : Thank you

19:01:31 From Molly to Everyone : When will the teachers be vaccinated? Is there a timeline for this?

19:02:19 From Kari to Everyone : Can we have our student eat at home and bring her in at 12:45?

19:02:28 From Karey Mason to Everyone : sorry. I had trouble getting in. Is the on site only for invited students or all students?

19:02:51 From Mary Sellers to Everyone : Invited students.

19:02:57 From Elba Frazier to Everyone : The on site will be for invited students

19:03:22 From Elba Frazier to Everyone : Yes. You can have your child eat at home and bring them in at 12:45

19:03:35 From Kari to Everyone : Thanks.

19:03:50 From Elba Frazier to Everyone : We do not know a timeline for the vaccine yet.

19:04:39 From Shareen Mann (she/her) to Everyone : SPPS is only being allotted 88 vaccinations in the first round. We have over 6000 teachers in the district.

19:04:44 From Elba Frazier to Everyone : The priority for the vaccine will be the elementary teaching staff

19:06:41 From Sharon Frisell to Everyone : when was that email from sent? we didn't receive it

19:06:49 From Kari to Everyone : ditto

19:06:52 From Sharon Frisell to Everyone : from the district

19:06:52 From Kirkja Janson to Everyone : Ditto

19:06:57 From Merwin to Everyone : If we "opt out" does that mean we will be moved to a different virtual learning option?

19:07:14 From Kirkja Janson to Everyone : I'm assuming if we'd signed up earlier for virtual school, then we won't be considered for the invitation list?

19:07:14 From Elba Frazier to Everyone : No, if you opt out you will remain in DL with OWL

19:07:36 From Merwin to Everyone : Thank you; that email was very confusing on that part.

19:08:41 From The Schibels r here! to Everyone : Will AP classes get enough instruction for requirement?

19:09:09 From Ana to Everyone : A number of people are posting on Facebook that the meeting link is not working for them. Is there anything I can suggest that they do?

19:09:22 From Acosta/Swanberg to Everyone : Are "grade level groups" what the kids refer to as PLP?

19:09:32 From The Schibels r here! to Everyone : Clara— asynchronous?

19:09:56 From Heather Freeman to Everyone : I used the link from the email. You might want to direct them to that?

19:10:18 From Kayla Yang-Best to Everyone : 1. If we're invited, can we decline? is there a decision date for that? 2. what's the cleaning/sanitizing routine throughout the school/classrooms/bathrooms/common areas etc.?

19:10:21 From Ana to Everyone : I did (that is what I did, too), but apparently it isn't working for everyone.

19:10:27 From The Schibels r here! to Everyone : Great!

19:10:43 From Karey Mason to Everyone : I couldn't get in via email

19:11:31 From Acosta/Swanberg to Everyone : Will PLP still be offered? My son LOVES it.

19:11:58 From Clara Raineri (Teacher) to Everyone : We are looking at how to incorporate PLP especially at the middle school level.

19:12:00 From Elba Frazier to Everyone : You are able to decline if your child is invited

19:12:15 From Elba Frazier to Everyone : The custodial staff will be sanitizing each evening

19:12:19 From Heather Freeman to Everyone : Thank you for respecting the staff's need to have more time. I really appreciate you treating your teachers with that level of respect.

19:12:26 From Merwin to Everyone : If we want to opt out is the deadline 1/29?

19:12:39 From Tricia to Everyone : Can you repeat which students will be prioritized with the invitations?

19:13:18 From Karey Mason to Everyone : Thank you for your hard work! This is definitely a challenging year. :)

19:13:20 From Elba Frazier to Everyone : Yes, the deadline is January 29th

19:14:32 From Karey Mason to Everyone : Sorry if I missed it, but when are schedules for next quarter coming out?

19:14:46 From Heather Freeman to Everyone : Schedules are available in campus.

19:14:56 From Sharon Frisell to Everyone : what if the covid numbers go down and then back up?

19:16:30 From Elba Frazier to Everyone : We hope the numbers go down and hold steady. Should they go back up the district may make the decision to pull back on the in person support.

19:16:31 From The Schibels r here! to Everyone : Thanks for transparent info, Dave.

19:17:02 From Mary Hernandez to Everyone : Does the failure rate refer to total number of classes failed? or students who are failing at least 1 class?

19:17:11 From Heather Freeman to Everyone : What about student vaccines?

19:17:31 From Shareen Mann (she/her) to Everyone : There is currently no COVID vaccine for children.

19:18:02 From Heather Freeman to Everyone : I believe at least one of the vaccines has been approved for 16+?

19:18:38 From The Schibels r here! to Everyone : Students based on transmission rates and the level of severity are the last group to get a vaccine.

19:18:38 From Naomi Zupfer to Everyone : thank you for this very thorough information, everyone!

19:18:38 From Shareen Mann (she/her) to Everyone : I'm grateful that our kids won't have to leave OWL while still staying at home.

19:19:06 From Heather Freeman to Everyone : This was really, really useful. Thank you.

19:19:11 From Eric Seabloom to Everyone : Thank you Dave and all the OWL staff!

19:19:29 From Merwin to Everyone : Was there any discussion about masks or anything?

19:19:31 From Char Psihos to Everyone : Thanks this was super helpful!

19:19:42 From Aspers to Everyone : when can families expect to hear if their student is invited?

19:20:37 From Elba Frazier to Everyone : We did not discuss but students will be expected to wear masks during their in person time. They may take them down during the lunch time. Staff will also wear masks and face guards

19:20:39 From Kari to Everyone : Thank you, Dave.

19:20:52 From Merwin to Everyone : Will students and teachers reasonably be able to maintain six feet of distance? I know there's no way they can do that on the bus,

19:21:10 From The Schibels r here! to Everyone : I would toss some money in to treat teachers to a lunch on Feb 1. I can't organize it but would love to participate.

19:21:24 From Kari to Everyone : I would too.

19:21:29 From Heather Freeman to Everyone : I would happily do that too!

19:21:29 From Merwin to Everyone : I really really feel for you teachers and staff. This would be terrifying for me.

19:21:39 From Kirkja Janson to Everyone : Thank you so much, Dave and the rest of the O.W.L. staff. I really appreciate the thought and care you show our kids every day and that you've put into this planning.

19:21:45 From Elba Frazier to Everyone : We will set up classrooms and spaces so students and teachers can maintain 6ft distance

19:22:11 From Heather Freeman to Everyone : Maybe start a fund for door dash gift cards?

19:22:16 From dave barnard to Everyone : I'm also wondering when we will hear about invitations going out for academic support?

19:22:52 From Acosta/Swanberg to Everyone : Yes to lunch for teachers - happy to contribute!

19:22:58 From Michael Dawson to Everyone : Thank you Dave, Elba, and the whole OWL staff for presenting this info and answering questions, and for all of the prep to make this possible. We really appreciate the thoughtfulness and care that has gone into this plan.

19:23:34 From Kirkja Janson to Everyone : By the way, if any of you do shopping now with Amazon, you can have Amazon donate \$\$ to O.W.L.'s PTO if you set it up at smile.amazon.com. More funding for our wonderful programs. :)

19:24:10 From iPhone to Everyone : how many classes do they need to be failing to get an invite?

19:24:46 From Kayla Yang-Best to Everyone : Thank you. This makes a lot sense (for what we're all dealing with).

19:25:49 From Acosta/Swanberg to Everyone : I don't think this one was answered yet: what if the covid numbers go down and then back up?

19:25:49 From Amy Feesl to Everyone : How would you support social/emotional?

19:26:11 From The Schibels r here! to Everyone : Has OWL thought about bringing a whole grade back for a 3 week session?

19:26:19 From Elba Frazier to Everyone : Staff that will be present are social workers and counselors to help support SEL

19:26:33 From Karey Mason to Everyone : All IEP students should expect an invite?

19:26:50 From Elba Frazier to Everyone : Part of the day will be a check in as well as SEL activities

19:26:51 From The Schibels r here! to Everyone : Oh— nevermind... I remember you said 12 and 6th graders will be brought back eventually... hopefully. sorry.

19:27:31 From Karey Mason to Everyone : All 6th and 12th will be brought back by end of year?

19:28:02 From Frankie Buettner to Everyone : Will the numbers of students going to school expand as time goes on and numbers decrease?

19:28:05 From Elba Frazier to Everyone : We hope we can bring back 6th graders and 12th graders before the end of the year.

19:29:00 From Merwin to Everyone : I missed the beginning - if a child is coming in once a week, is that the 2.5 hr period I read about? IF so, would there be any need to take meals?

19:29:18 From Molly to Everyone : Will quick and reliable covid testing be readily available to staff and students?

19:29:37 From Elba Frazier to Everyone : Students who are invited will come twice a week for 2.5 hours each time. They will be provided a lunch

19:30:44 From Kari to Everyone : Yes, we have gone to Roy Wilkens twice. Results come back quickly.

19:30:50 From Heather Freeman to Everyone : Will staff be able to opt out?

19:30:50 From Merwin to Everyone : I guess if my child were going in for 2.5 hours I wouldn't see the need for a lunch period where they'd be taking off masks, etc.

19:30:53 From Amy Feesl to Everyone : Would you be doing temp checks for people coming into the school?

19:31:00 From Molly to Everyone : Can you please provide feedback to the district that lack of testing is putting our community at risk

19:31:08 From Sharon Frisell to Everyone : thank

19:31:15 From Merwin to Everyone : Yes, they should be giving teachers daily tests

19:31:16 From Aspers to Everyone : Thanks for EVERYTHING Dave and all the Open staff!!

19:31:17 From Acosta/Swanberg to Everyone : Please let teachers know how grateful we are for all their hard work!

19:31:19 From Elba Frazier to Everyone : Students can opt out of eating lunch if they choose.

19:31:23 From Kayla Yang-Best to Everyone : Thank you!

19:31:30 From Mary Hernandez to Everyone : Thank you so much Dave!

19:31:31 From Sharon Frisell to Everyone : thanks so much for this information

19:31:32 From MB Leone-Getten (she/her) to Everyone : Thanks OWL staff for all of your planning and care!

19:31:35 From Karey Mason to Everyone : Should all IEP students expect to get an invite?

19:31:36 From Tricia to Everyone : THANK YOU!!

19:31:41 From Eric Seabloom to Everyone : Thank you for all your work!

19:31:52 From Karey Mason to Everyone : Thank you to all the staff!!!!

19:32:43 From Amy Feesl to Everyone : Should all IEP students expect to get invited to come to the school?

19:34:48 From iPhone to Everyone : can we still submit photo for the yearbook?

19:35:31 From Kari to Everyone : What about IEP students?

19:35:37 From Elba Frazier to Everyone : Students with IEPs that fit the criteria will have priority for an invite.

19:36:24 From Kari to Everyone : Thank you.

19:36:30 From Amy Feesl to Everyone : Thank you.

19:37:01 From Jennifer Eisele to Everyone : Thanks!

19:37:13 From Merwin to Everyone : I just want to verify that we don't have to devline by the 1/29 date if we won't be told we're invited until after that

19:37:17 From Kari to Everyone : Thank you, everyone.

19:37:20 From Amy Feesl to Everyone : Thank you for having the meeting be this way. I really like doing meeting this way without having to come into school.

19:37:36 From Merwin to Everyone : Yes, thank you all very much. This is so very hard on all of us.

19:38:00 From Mary Hernandez to Everyone : Teachers and staff have been wonderful.
Thank you so much.

19:38:00 From Amy Feesl to Everyone : Thank you all for your time and energy!

19:38:02 From Elba Frazier to Everyone : If you don't decline and get an invite and want to
decline at that time you may do so

19:38:08 From Merwin to Everyone : thanks elba!