

Open World Learning Community PTO
640 Humboldt Ave, St Paul, MN 55107
Google Hangout Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 18, 2022
6:30p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Welcome: Welcoming folks in person and online. Introductions were made, agenda was reviewed.

Principal Report:

- COVID: Opening week absentee rate between 115-145 absent (not all are necessarily COVID confirmed or related). Absentee rates for the first two weeks back was about 115 out. Last week we had 9-10 staff out. Today (starting third week) 75 students out, and 4 teachers and 4 staff out (not all COVID related). Looking at 3 out tomorrow. Dave will be leading a team of Principals tomorrow to work further on the district's 25% out COVID policy that was emailed from the district today.
- Virtual learning: We heard back from the community (via the survey) that middle schoolers need a bit more structure than the high schoolers. We also heard that crew was a big deal. Afternoons are more club focused.
- Moving the 1/20 prospective student tour to virtual, not ideal, but expecting a robust turn out for applications for new students next year.
- Field trips and choir concert have been canceled or needing to find a new format. Hopefully this Friday we'll do recordings for choir to share.
- Student led conferences in early February will now be virtual.
- We don't know when we'll be out of this, but will re-examine in late February.
- All seniors on track to graduate!

Student Report:

- After coming back from break students are feeling the stress of COVID on teachers and students. It is weighing on everyone.
- [Student-led walk out today.](#)

Treasurer Report:

Recent income came from the spirit wear sales (\$1,042.82). Thanks go to Jen Lodahl and Mary Hernandez for leading that fundraiser with Tammy's support! We also received \$750.50 from direct donations through employer matches and Give to the Max.

Anticipated large expenses include up to \$20,000 for the school's Interim program expenses (the school's leadership team is going to discuss this on Thursday), and \$347.50 to reserve the Harriet Island Pavilion for next year's Fall Family Gathering.

Family and Student Fall Retreat Survey

- The survey planned for students and parents was discussed. The survey is intended to help Dave and the Leadership Team with their planning for the fall. Survey should go out to parents and students in February.

Upcoming events:

- Prospective Family Showcase (virtual) on 1/20
- No school on 1/28 (end of quarter)