

Open World Learning Community PTO
640 Humboldt Ave, St Paul, MN 55107
Google Hangout Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 15, 2022
6:30p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

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

Recruitment Efforts:

- [Powerpoint on Enrollment at OWL](#)

Principal Report:

- Dave shared [this article](#) in chat.
- Focused on the next 11 weeks.
- We are fully staffed for the first time all year!
- The African American Parent Involvement evening event is March 24 at 6pm. [RSVP here](#).
- MCA tests are coming up (3/25 & 3/28 - 3/31), followed by the ACT on March 29.
- Spring break starts April 2!
- Prom (first time in two years!) is Saturday, April 23 - middle school 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm and high school 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm. Theme is Enchanted Forest, tickets are \$15 and will be for sale in April during lunch.
- Three nights of the spring play (Alice In Wonderland) coming up as well April 27-29.
- Plant distribution (and more plants for sale on site) in May 11-13.
- Spring choir concert in May 12.
- Special senior retreat week ([Camp Du Nord](#)) right before spring interim week.
- Graduation at St. Kate's this year June 7.
- Traditional end of year trip to Lake Elmo (pending bus availability) on the last day of school.

Treasurer Report:

- The current balance of the PTO checking account is \$85,292.10.
- Recent income came from Valasquez Family coffee bean sales fundraiser (\$453), AmazonSmile (\$66.58 from the last quarter) and ongoing payments from Give to the Max Day (\$110).
- Our only recent expense was fall community grant reimbursements (\$126).
- We anticipate upcoming expenses for interim and spring community grants

Student Report:

- Excited for Spring! Spring sports have started and interim is coming up, the play is big! Huge cast. Sense of excitement with the students returning to more familiar patterns.

Celebration of Learning - Meal & Raffle:

- Day near the end of the year to celebrate work that students have done during the year. Usually school is open 4p - 6p to explore student work followed by a community dinner. We will have Crew baskets and a raffle (also accepting baskets to raffle from the community), and cater a (free) community dinner (using the Humboldt Cafeteria). Raffle tickets are \$2 each. Drinks and ice cream are available for sale.
- Anyone interested in helping with the meal can contact [Kristin Peterson](#), or the raffle reach out to [Jen Lodahl](#) and/or [Mary Beth Leone-Getten](#).

Teacher Appreciation Volunteers:

- There are a couple of parents who have expressed interest in supporting Teacher Appreciation. If anyone else is interested in helping, please reach out to [Kristin Peterson](#).
- We will be coordinating a lunch on Wednesday, May 4 along with other activities.

Leadership Positions for 2022-2023:

- Mae is graduating, and Kristin will be stepping down at the end of the school year.
- We are still looking for help with the adult Chair position. We have a student who has expressed interest in the student co-Chair position.
- If you are interested but have questions, please reach out to [Kristin](#) or [Dave](#).
- Goal is to have someone in place by our May meeting as that is when elections are held.
- Please spread the word!

Our next meeting is April 19 (online) at 6:30.