

**Chippewa Parent Group PTO Meeting**  
**02/11/2022**

**Attended by:** Jody Noble, Lily Ortiz, Soumya Madala, Sarah Morgan, Karen Shapiro, Gayatri Rajaram.

Meeting commenced at 8:30 am.

**Minutes from January 2022** meeting were reviewed and approved. Motion to approve by Lily Ortiz and supported by Soumya Madala.

Minutes approved will be posted on the Chippewa middle school website under “parents → CPG → minutes”.

**Principal’s report by Mrs. Noble:**

- Hiring process was discussed. Screening interviews for High school principal and assistant principal positions are being conducted. 56 applicants for 3 positions.
- High school counselors will start helping 8<sup>th</sup> graders with their High school classes processing. It will start in March 2022. Students will directly receive emails from the counselors.
- Chippewa class scheduling will commence after Spring break.
- Kinawa 6<sup>th</sup> graders transitioning to Chippewa next year will receive a virtual welcome meeting. It will be done by Jody, Rebecca and Tessa.
- 7<sup>th</sup> graders moving to 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be assisted by Rebecca and Tessa with their class selections.
- Winter Days: 3 days of field trip activities planned for 7<sup>th</sup> graders; one day of sledding at Hawk island for 8<sup>th</sup> graders.
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade will have a trip to Cedar Point in Spring.
- ICHD new mask guidance updates will be communicated by Mr. Hood the following week.
- Mascot update: Wolves was chosen. The next step will be working on the logo design. School board will review and approve the logo design by mid March. Families and students will be able to submit logo ideas.
- Bond committee: companies have presented to the community after assessing the schools in our district including Wardcliff. Email Mr. Hood about ideas to be included in the Bond. Some of the wants for Chippewa are larger furniture, newer science lab, desks, better signage and tennis courts.
- Attendance at school home games and fine arts is now open.
- March is reading awareness month. Kelly Caesar department chair of language arts has chosen “DEAR: drop everything and read”. She is looking for funds from the PTO for gifts for meeting reading goals.
- 8<sup>th</sup> graders will take PSAT in math and ELA online format. Science and social studies tested in MSTEP.
- 7<sup>th</sup> graders will take math and ELA MSTEP.

**Treasurer’s Report by Lily Ortiz:**

- No Amazon or Kroger checks were received.
- CPG paid the paypal commission of \$126.20 from the Winter gift card drive. Funds raised \$4663.80, total after fees: \$4790.
- Account balance on 02/10/2022 \$8162.30.

**DPC Report by Karen Shapiro:**

Last meeting was on 01/10/2022.

- Interim OHS principal lowered the final percentage rate to help students get back into the groove with their grades.
- OHS Winter dance was cancelled.
- Radio program by the OHS theater group being conducted.

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- Mr. Hood discussed the impact of COVID on school attendance. Okemos district has maintained 88% attendance rate in January (compared to 94-98% pre COVID).
- Bond was discussed.
- Grades 3 to 12 were giving mascot input. Narrowed down to 4 top choices and top choice will be declared.
- Run, hide, flight training: This training was discussed which includes portions of ALICE. School doors can be placed in lockdown mode immediately.
- Dr. Slee is providing teachers training on trauma and stress and effects on brain and behaviors.
- New cleaning service has started services within the district.
- Cornell principal resigned and that position is being filled by an interim principal Dr. Peggy Baldwin.
- Stacey Bailey discussed new curriculum, new textbooks, elementary ELA programs, new AP books, middle school social studies textbooks.
- District professional education advisory committee making new goals.
- Hiring new school nurse for April 2022. There are 2 nurses currently. They are mainly handling the phone calls to families. Close contacts are now receiving emails.

**Fundraising by Lily Ortiz:**

- Chippewa Walk Run: originally it was a 5 mile which was reduced to 3 miles. Mr. Tomzack has some ideas to hold an event without the traditional walk run component. Doing a possible dodgeball event? Should consider this fundraiser before weather gets too hot. Needs to be scheduled around MSTEP and PSAT dates. The week after testing may be an ideal time.
- An ice cream social was conducted one year and it was a big hit. Could be held near the fine arts building with a tent like set up.
- 7<sup>th</sup> graders would go to Aquatic center in East Lansing.
- 8<sup>th</sup> graders have a dance.

Next meeting on Friday March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022.  
Meeting adjourned at 9:17 am.