

OMPS - PTO Meeting 11-13-18 at 8:15 a.m. School Cafeteria ~ Coffee and Muffins Provided

- * Meeting called to order at 8:27 am
- * Please see meeting notes in italics under each agenda item below
- Please see attendance sign-in sheet and bank statement filed in official records

1) President's Report - Julia Phelps

- Pumpkin Walk:** It was a great night to walk through our haunted woods for a story with Witch Wendy in our outdoor amphitheater! Thank you to all our volunteers who helped make it perfect for the kids! A huge thank you goes to Cory Holman at Holman Farms! They donated 175 pumpkins! And Brent Edgecomb at Edgecomb's Farm who donated 25 pumpkins! What a fantastic community we live in!
 - *A record number of people turned out for the event and haunted stories at the amphitheater*
- Veterans Day Celebration:** We were so touched by all the veterans who came out and shared their stories about what it was like to serve our country! Great learning experience for the kids! Big thanks to Debra Hartley for all of her hard work on this event!
 - *24 Veterans joined us for the event, they were very grateful that we honored them, we hope to make this an annual event*
 - *We will be sending letters from students to the Grand Rapids Veterans Home*
 - *Next year we will consider sending care packages and/or candy to the troops*
- Boots and Bling Fundraiser:** It was an incredible night! We are so thankful to everyone who came out and showed support for our kids and staff. Also - big shout out to all of our donors and volunteers! We are going to be able to do some awesome things as a result of its success!
 - *Approximately 180 people attended the event, raising approximately \$8,000 in net profit for our students, teachers and school*
- Holiday Gift Store:** Wednesday and Thursday, December 19th and 20th. Store hours will be announced in an email home to parents when details are finalized. The Holiday Store is furnished with items crafted by parents and children (or can be purchased) and donated to our "store" for children to buy as gifts for family members. Items are priced between 25 cents and \$5.00, and all proceeds go to the OMPS PTO. Our previous year's Spirit Wear will be available for purchase as well! Volunteers are needed to run the store, so look for a Sign Up Genius coming your way soon! **Donated items will need to be turned in to the office on Friday, December 14th**, in order to provide time to price and display the items for sale.
 - *Room Moms will be sending out a reminder as well*

- e) **Stacie Kelly:** Proposal for Mindfulness
 - *Additional discussion with school staff and program administrator are necessary to determine next steps*

- f) **TC Food Pantry:** Traverse City High School alternative education is a school for students with unique needs - these are homeless students and young parents. Our mission is to supply them with non-perishable foods and personal care items. Examples: boxed and canned foods, as well as toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo and soap. Now that we are heading into the colder weather, hats, mittens and socks would be welcomed too! The dates for the pantry drive are as follows:
 - **November 12th - 19th** - Table in OMPS foyer: This collection will include a little competition of showing your support for your favorite Thanksgiving pie: Pumpkin vs. Apple. Which pie will win?! Choose your side on the table in the foyer.
 - **December 17th - 21st** - Table in OMPS foyer.
 - **March 11th - 15th** - Show your school spirit during spirit week with a friendly class to class competition! There will be a celebration for the winning class!
 - **June 1st - June 7th** (last day for donations) **Panther Pride Day** - Table in OMPS foyer.

- g) **Scholastic Book Fair:** If anyone interested in running the book fair, please let us know.
 - *We are working with Scholastic to see what dates are available, may push this out until Spring*

2) VP Report - Debra Hartley

- a) Veterans Day Appreciation and Celebration Recap (*see notes above*)

3) Secretary Update - Melanie Wise

- *Due to Holiday Concert on 12/4, next PTO meeting at Bonobo will be moved to 12/11*

4) Treasurer's Report - Ali Kozan

- a) Boots and Bling Financial Report (*see notes above*)

5) Head of Academics - Dena Schweitzer

- *Upcoming events:*
 - *11/29 - Shadow Day for prospective new students*
 - *12/4 - Evening Holiday Concert*
 - *12/21 - Holiday Singalong (during school day)*

6) Library Update - Vicki Shurly

- Children must have library card in order to check out books
- Children must have signed permission slip to read to therapy dogs who provide non-critical environment for children to read aloud
- Ground breaking ceremony for new library was on 10/14

7) Room Parent Update - Erica Jager

8) Hospitality Update - Leslie Ketko

Meeting adjourned at 9:48 am