

OCE PTA Meeting Minutes

August 18th 2026

In person meeting: 11am time in media center:

[Daytime Meeting Virtual Meeting Link](#)

Attendance: Robyn Mayer, Sarah Davis, Alice Seely, Laney Light, Ashleigh Grimal, Francie Fread, Randall Arms, Brittany Cleveland, Loretoo Ewen, Carolyn Bentley, Ed Hornbeck, Laura Essee, Divya Mirchandani, Kelly O'Hare, Laurie Jendrasiak, Meg Burkes, Stephanie Herndon, Bethany Schneider, Alice Seeley

Welcome/Updates: Ed Hornbeck

- Shout Outs!!!
 - All those that volunteered with spirit wear and at PTA table for opening events
 - Cleaning/Handyman crew
 - Go Play Save fundraiser volunteers
 - Membership Drive volunteers
 - Spirit Nights/Fundraising Team
 - Mahjong fundraiser team
 - Website team
 - Teacher Appreciation Team
 - Cultural Arts Liaisons for Barlow
 - Everyone that has joined PTA and/or signed up to volunteer so far!!
 - Current: 260 members

Volunteers and Committees: Kelly O'Hare

- Continued Recruitment:
 - Please fill out [THIS LINK](#) if you haven't! (Additionally, you can just reach out to Kelly, oce.pta.vp@gmail.com.)
 - Over 30 people have filled out the form for interest
 - Fill it out, or email Kelly with any questions
 - Committee leads have been fulfilled
- [Committee](#) Leads:
 - Laura Essee (Fundraising)
 - Jessica Ferguson (Teacher Appreciation)
 - Melanie McGraw (Wellness)
 - Brianna Tucker (Social)
 - Bethany Schneider (School Partnership)
 - Megan Burkes (Advocacy)
 - Ashleigh Grimal (Beautification- Projects)
 - Bethany Schneider (Nominating)
 - Robyn Mayer (Outreach)
 - Divya Mirchandani (Audit)

- Handyman Projects- **This is ONGOING**
 - Please consider helping here: [OCE Fixer Uppers](#)
- Upcoming Needs:
 - Fun Run sign up ready to send out pending approval
 - Tk 1, 3 September 10
 - Tk 2, 4 September 24
 - PTA Facebook Group Moderators
 - There is an OCE page, but looking for people willing to help
 - Mahjong Fundraiser (need helpers that are not planning to play) [LINK TO SIGN UP!](#)
 - Will need lots of volunteers
 - Spirit Wear Team (if we want more merch!)
 - Currently just Katherine- more merch = more people
 - *Office needs:*
 - Boys size 6-7, and 12-14 shorts if anyone has anyone to donate:
 - Are sign-ups going for lunch volunteers and First Mate?
 - Check with Allie in office
 - Room Parents
 - Ms. May sent to teachers asking for room parent information

Principal's Update

[Mrs. May's Update](#)

Additional Resources:

- [PTA Beacon Newsletter here.](#)
- [Whom to Contact](#)
- [Clipper Connection](#)
- [Principal's Message](#)
- [Stay in Touch with OCE](#)
- [Whom to Contact](#)
- [Whole School Dates](#)

Treasurer Report: Divya Mirchandani

- New budget has been approved at open house
- [July Budget Update](#)
- For reimbursements, please use the [Check Request Form](#). Please make sure receipts show a date, total amount, and any tax paid.

Committee Reports

Membership: Melanie McGraw (Kelly/Alice)

- Updates for 26/27- Membership Drive
 - 260 (includes faculty)
 - We will continue to do membership communication throughout the year

Go Play Save Fundraiser: Francie Fread & Alice Seely

- \$3475 (Current- minus a percentage taken)
- Lower than prior years, but think that has to do with lack of physical book
- Closes at beginning of September

Teacher Appreciation: Jessica Ferguson

- Lunch provided this coming Friday for workday (Mezzaluna)

Apex Leadership Fun Run Fundraiser: Ed Hornbeck

- Aug 31 - Sept 11, 2026 (TK 1 & 3)- Fun Run on Sept. 10th
- Sept 14 - Sept 25, 2026 (TK 2 & 4)- Fun Run on Sept 24th
- Kelly made sign-up but needs to double check times
 - Will need volunteers for this event

Fall/Spring Fest: Ed Hornbeck, Brianna Tucker

- DJ, Hot Dog Stand, Concessions Truck, Jam icecream, Facepainting
- Certain inflatables allowed still (Nothing enclosed)
 - Will be more game style
- Silent Auction - Spring

Safe Cottage Coalition: Megan Burkes & Adrienne Prusik

- SIGN UP for information here [LINK](#)
- Sub-Committee Meeting
 - Email was sent to parents from previous meetings
 - Need more volunteers to take lead on specific roles
 - 6 Trailers have been deep cleaned so far
 - Ms. Sullivan's trailer has been being worked on
 - Working on one at a time with WCPSS requests
- Monthly newsletter going to be sent out (via Allie)
- Sign up for things needed/donations is being worked on
- Fundraising will be necessary
 - Board is working on its own dedicated page

Spirit Wear: Kathryn Broadus

- Inventory - tie dye standard pricing/ all rest sale bin to get rid of
- No additional shirts will be ordered- sweatshirts will begin soon

- Additional items are being looked into, but need a team for this

Walk to School Wednesday: Kristin Johnson

- Kristin volunteered to lead/help with this!
- Oct. 7th (National)
- Walk/Roll (May)

Fall/Spring Book Fair: Loretto Ewen & Megan Burkes

- Scholastic for 26/27
- Fall: October 19 - 30
 - Meeting this Thursday
 - Everything on track
- Spring: February 8 - 19

Mahjong Fundraiser: Francie Fread and Kaitlyn Trahan

- \$2500 donation
 - Fratellis food
- Learn to Play (9) / Game Night (9)
 - Low attendance interest, but will continue pushing
- Several local business donations for raffle baskets
- Wine for sale
- Not OCE exclusive
- Help Needed 10/15: [LINK](#)
- Learn to Play 9/24: [LINK](#)
- FUNDRAISER 10/15: [LINK](#)

Family Marathon: Casie Pittman and Gina Ho

- Meeting with Coach Hall Wednesday to secure dates/details!

Special Persons Breakfast: Robyn Mayer & Cassy Hendrickson

- 2027 Tentative Date in Feb

Spring Dance: Melinda Dyk, Brianna Tucker??

- 2027 Tentative Date in Feb

International Night: Need Liaison but OCE Staff are doing most of this

- 2027 Tentative Date in March
- Budget: \$600

Field Day: Melanie McGraw & Kari Doumas & Kaitlyn Trahan

- Tracks 1 & 3 - 4/13
- Tracks 2 & 4 - 4/23

Spirit Night: Maureceia Brewington & Laura Esseeesse (and Priscilla?)

- **July** Give Back: Sweet Frog \$125

- **August** Give Back: Peace, Love & Little Donuts (Sweetwater) on Saturday, 8/15/2026
- **October** Give Back: Eggs Up Grill 10/7 with Walk to School Wednesday
- **October** Give Back: Red Robin 10/27 (All day!)
- **November** Give Back: [Minted.com](https://www.minted.com) (Holiday Cards)
- **December** Give Back: Kenda Scott (Fenton) on Saturday, 12/12/2026 from 1PM to 3PM

Advocacy/Kids Corp: Kaitlyn Treder

- Update

SHARE Program: Carolyn Bentley

- Ongoing - Need someone to take over going for next year

Additional Discussion and Questions

- Sponsors (Laura & team)