

Ockley Green Supporters

May 12th @7pm

Agenda

- OG Supporters Overview
- OG Supporters Leadership Roles
- Fundraising Overview & Update
- Events, Past & Upcoming
- Other News, including updates from Dr. McKey

Discussion

OG Supporters Overview

- OG Supporters mission statement:

Ockley Green Supporters strives to support and advocate for all our children by partnering with staff, families, and the wider community to create a positive learning environment where students can realize their full potential.
- OG Supporters website: www.ogsupporters.org
 - On our website, you can find information about upcoming events and volunteer opportunities, links to OG Supporters meeting recaps, links to useful school and PTO affiliated sites, and (soon) answers to a list of frequently asked questions. At the site, you can also sign up to our mailing list, so we can help you stay in the know about what's going on at OGMS!
- Transition from PTA to PTO
 - This is Ockley Green Supporters' first full year of being an independent PTO. We disaffiliated from the PTA in part so that joining OG Supporters would not require official membership or dues. All are welcome to participate whenever they like in whatever capacity they'd like!
 - Becoming a PTO also frees our community to determine how OG Supporters is run, free of required PTA rules and bylaws. We do, however, abide by all statutes and rules governing Oregon nonprofits, as we are a registered 501c3 nonprofit organization.
- Participation
 - You'll typically see between 6 and 10 people at OG Supporters meetings, but attendance at meetings is not what defines being an OG Supporter—it's just one of many ways to participate in

supporting our community. Many people, both those who attend meetings and those who don't, lend their support by heading up and/or supporting fundraising efforts, community events, and staff appreciation efforts. All contributions are welcome and appreciated!

OG Supporters Leadership Roles

- Our current PTO President, Kari Powers, will be transitioning to Roosevelt High School after the 2021/22 school year. Nominations for people to fill this role during the 2022/23 school year are welcome!
- OG Supporters is also seeking a new treasurer, as our current treasurer, Sue Dearborn, is transitioning out of this role. This role can be filled remotely and on your own schedule. Filling this role does not obligate you to attend all OG Supporters meetings, though attendance is encouraged and appreciated. If you'd like to learn more, please reach out to president@ogsupporters.org
- Want to have a say in the 2022/23 OG Supporters budget? We'll be having a meeting sometime this summer to prioritize funding priorities and fundraising goals. If you might be interested in joining, please reach out to Kari Powers at president@ogsupporters.org and let her know!

Fundraising Overview & Update

- Most OG Supporters fundraisers are dedicated to specific fundraising goals. We respect that community members value knowing how their contributions will impact our school community.
- Annual plant sale
 - \$1,400 was raised
 - All funds will support 8th grade end of year promotion activities, with OGMS admin informing funding priorities. Funds may contribute to covering the cost of buses for the 8th grade field trip, covering security at the promotion ceremony being held at Roosevelt High School, and/or purchases related to the traditional 8th grade BBQ at Peninsula Park.

- Annual wreath sale
 - \$2,500 was raised
 - Funds were dedicated to the purchase of student incentives, mindfulness resources, and the funding of teacher mini-grants.
- Teacher Mini-Grants
 - Each year, OG Supporters offers mini-grants to every staff member. Staff can submit receipts for classroom supplies that they've purchased and OG Supporters will provide reimbursement up to \$125. So far, in the 2021/22 school year, 10 staff members have applied for the grants. We expect this number to rise in the 2022/23 school year.

Events, Past & Upcoming

- OG Supporters has a goal of supporting 3 free community events per year. We provide financial, volunteer, and communication support in coordination with OGMS staff.
- Examples of past events include
 - International Potluck Night
 - Families brought their favorite dishes. The event, two years running, was very well attended and kids and families loved it.
 - Lotteria Night
 - Headed up by the Spanish teacher and her students. Families went to different rooms to play games, win prizes, and enjoy traditional food. 1st event was the year prior to the pandemic.
 - Culture & Community Night
 - 1st annual event was held this year. Students, as part of their Social Studies classes, created and displayed presentations focusing on a wide range of topics falling under the umbrella of culture and community. There were music and dance performances and a food representing several different cultures. OG Supporters contributed to the cost of catering.
 - Community Clean up Days

- There are typically two clean up days a year, with one at the beginning of the school year and the other around Earth Day.
- Staff have been facilitating student clean ups during the school day to help with keeping school grounds clean.
- Staff Appreciation
 - Twice a year, OG Supporters rallies community members to show our appreciation for staff. This typically takes the form of providing food for staff to enjoy and purchasing small prizes that bring joy.
- Upcoming Events
 - There's an upcoming community clean up and garden party, organized by SEI and SUN. For more information, go to www.ogsupporters.org and/or www.pps.net/ockleygreen
 - News about 8th grade promotion events will be shared in updates at www.pps.net/ockleygreen. Volunteer opportunities will be shared there, too, as well as via the OG Supporters Mailing list and on ogsupporters.org.
 - School Dance
 - Typically there would be 3 dances per year, organized by school counselor Jillian Stone and DJed by a parent. This year, the first (and only) school dance will be on June 3rd during 7th period. Mr Crumb (sp?) will be DJing the dance and he's meeting up with some students to decide on a theme. For those who do not wish to dance, alternative activities will be offered.

Other News (from Q&A with Dr. McKey)

- Title 1 Status
 - OGMS is no longer a Title 1 School. As a result, moving into next year, there will be fewer funds available to our school. The extra FTE provided to Title 1 schools will no longer be available.
 - What's the threshold for Title 1 designation?
 - Unclear. Federal Title 1 funds are allocated to states. Then, the Oregon Department of Education allocates funds to

each school district. Each school district decides which schools are Title 1, so it's not clear to school level administrative staff, or the public, what the threshold is for Title 1 designation.

- Breakfast & Lunch

- Both breakfast and lunch will continue to be free for all students. This is thanks to a federal program that OGMS applied to be part of. [Editorial Note: I've been unable to find written confirmation of this statement on any PPS site.]
- Kids have a choice of 3 different entrees each day, including one vegetarian option. They have unlimited access to vegetables during lunch.
- Sometimes kids get so wrapped up in socializing that they fail to go through the lunch line and end up hungry. If they haven't eaten lunch, it is never because they lacked the opportunity.
- Each day around 300 lunches are served, so around 200 kids are bringing lunch from home.
- OGMS is also part of a fresh fruit and vegetable program. This year, fruits or vegetables were offered at the end of the school day. In previous, and possibly future, years, fruits and vegetables were provided mid-afternoon. The change to end-of-day this year was in line with COVID safety measures. This program not only provides a healthy snack, but also provides an opportunity for kids to try fruits and vegetables that may be new to them, such as mini bananas, pink pineapples, persimmons, and kumquats.

- School Grounds

- Dr. McKey will be signing OGMS up to participate in PPS's fall Community Cares day
- There will soon be a gate on the NW corner of the school grounds. This will help our school security person keep neighbors, including people wishing to let their dogs run and houseless individuals, off school property during school hours.
- Despite many signs indicating that the school yard is an on-leash only area, neighbors continue to use the school grounds as an off leash area and kids and staff continue to contend with dog

poop left in the fields. It's been suggested that providing poop bags may help with this issue. However, if these poop bags are left in school trash cans, this may contribute to the rat problem. Pest control has recently been called to deal with rats in the exterior garbage cans.

- Where Everyone Belongs (WEB) Program
 - Program overview here [[LINK](#)]
 - OGMS fully funded staff training and school funds were also used to purchase program supplies for the 2022/23 school year. There is a line item in the 2022/23 school budget for other costs associated with the WEB program. OG Supporters plans to provide additional funding toward the purchase of prizes and food for WEB events.
- Clothing Closet
 - Program overview here [[LINK](#)]
 - The clothing closet is growing rapidly.
 - It's currently just for middle school kid clothing.
 - Kids can check in at the office to gain access to the clothing closet.
 - Donation requests are focused on new clothing, as the way people define "gently used" has varied widely, resulting in needing to dispose of clothing unsuitable for distribution. (Truly gently used clothing that is like new is always welcome.)
- Reader Board
 - After many years, OGMS may finally have a school read board by the end of this school year. The reader board will be located near the corner of Ainsworth and Interstate. It was made possible by a \$10,000 donation from ArLo Apartments, OG Supporters, and many community members.
- Sports
 - All after school sports at OGMS are run via [Portland Interscholastic League](#) (PIL) and each team aligns with either Roosevelt High School or Jefferson High School. Kids practice at OGMS.
- School Leadership
 - PPS expects to make an announcement re: the 2022/23 OGMS Principal by the end of May

- 4 parents and 4 staff volunteered to interview an internal candidate for principal
- Next year, OGMS will have 2 PPS-funded Assistant Principals. The new principal will select Assistant Principals.