



ORIGINS HIGH SCHOOL EST. MMXIII
**WHERE CHARACTER, CREATIVITY,
+CURIOSITY MEET**
PARENT ASSOCIATION (PA)
CHERIE LANG, PRESIDENT
DENISE WALPOLE, RECORDING SECRETARY
ELAINE MURPHY, TREASURER

February 2021 General Meeting Minutes

Date, Time, Location: Wednesday, February 6, 2021 at 6:30 pm via Zoom

Meeting called to order by President, Cherie Lang at 6:38 pm

Attendance: To be provided by Principal Banks

January Minutes reviewed – clarified the Child Mind Institute program. They will present information and OHS staff will translate to Arabic and Russian. Child Mind does not have capacity to provide any other languages than Spanish. Funding per diem reimbursement for translation.

- Parent Concern: Staff may not be the appropriate persons to provide interpretation as they are not professional interpreters.
- Parent Recommendation: Provide female interpreter for Arabic speaking parents due to cultural sensitivities.

Principal's Report: given by Principal John Banks

- Date to return to in-person learning still unknown
- For Title 1 Funds, Rosetta Stone licenses and other programs being explored
- Important Dates:
 - 02/12/2021 to 02/19/2021: Winter Break
 - 02/25/2021: Virtual Career Day
 - February: Black History Month events
 - Make-up Day for picture
- Senior Information:
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 - Senior meeting with all the students the Monday prior to winter break
 - Graduation planning: meeting with other principals and there is no direction from DOE at this time; Waiting for guidance on if a graduation ceremony can be held.
 - Parent recommendation: communicating with families at the beginning of the year about the expected cost and the expectation of payment due dates. Typically, this is completed but due to current state related to COVID and too many unknowns, planning could not complete.
 - The school will fund any cost associated with holding a graduation ceremony.
- SAT: Letter to be mailed to Junior students offering SAT. It will not be mandatory. Expected 2 dates in April and students will have to respond with interest and the school will schedule 1 or 2 dates based on response.
- Military Opt-Out: Federal regulations dictate a child 16 or older's information be provided to the military. The opt-out will exclude your child's name from being provided.

Old Business: given by President, Cherie Lang

- Financial
 - Bank Account: Explored multiple banks and TD Bank has an account that does not have administrative fees related to balances. Donation of \$160 received to establish account.
 - Fundraising Opportunities:
 - Stop & Shop requires a form (W9) that we are unable to obtain from the DOE. Request parent's assistance from another school regarding the form. The PA could complete a W9 if the PA has their own Tax ID and the DOE will not provide.
 - Donation Letter: Once bank account established, a donation letter will be sent.



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New Business:

- SLT Replacement Required
 - Nomination – Charles Jacobs
 - Voting next PA meeting
 - Next SLT meeting: 02/23/2021
- Parent Suggestions/Input
 - When communicating with parents, the first couple of lines or subject should be something that captures the reader's attention.
 - Senior links not active on OHS website
 - Posting on the OHS FB page itself not just the FB story as the story disappears after a time.

Next meeting is 03/03/2021 at 6:30 pm via Zoom

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm

Minutes compiled by Denise Walpole, Recording Secretary