



OAK FOREST PARK DISTRICT  
FLAG FOOTBALL & CHEERLEADING  
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**OFFPD Meeting Minutes – Monday, October 5, 2026**

**Committee Members in Attendance:** Melissa D'Amico, Chastity McCormies, Leticia Garza, Vince Joyce

Also Present: Missy Kurtz, Christina Colon, Kevin Lally, and Jeff Majeski

Meeting Called to Order at 6:30pm

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Melissa motioned to approve the minutes from the meeting on September 21, 2026. Chasity seconded the motion and passed unanimously.
2. **Correspondence:** We will continue to use email and Facebook for all correspondence.
3. **Open Forum:**
  - Missy Kurtz from the Bucs wanted to discuss the game that took place on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> played between the Bucs and Giants. She stated that there were numerous plays where she witnessed tackles and illegal blocks. She said there was maybe 0 or 1 possible flag thrown. One of the plays she stated the referee looked right at them and did not throw a flag. She feels that the kids are not safe and said that to the referee and was brushed off with the ref telling her and other parents this is full contact football. Missy also stated that the Committee and the park district are responsible and if a child gets injured, we will have big problems.
  - Christina Colon from the Bucs also wanted to discuss the game and the safety of the children. She agreed with Missy's accounts and mentioned maybe 2 or 3 flags were thrown. She said the other team players were being too aggressive, several Bucs players were injured and did not see the other team take a knee.
  - Melissa D'Amico asked if Kevin and Jeff wished to speak and they said they were just there to listen.
  - Melissa had a memo from Jennette Mikos, the Park District Rec Supervisor, which she read verbatim (Memo is attached as official part of the minutes) All Committee Members also received a copy.
  - Melissa also agreed with the park district and while it is still currently under investigation went through each of the videos that were submitted by a Bucs parent. There was 1 play that the referees missed that could have warranted a flag on the play. Coach Andrew had brought it to the Head Referees attention. A similar situation happened in another play and a flag was thrown. Out of all 10 videos 2 flags were thrown. There was also an incident that took place between one of the referees and a Bucs parent. The email from the parent mentioned the referee was aggressive, the video that was submitted did not support that claim.
  - Melissa stated that yes, we are indeed a full contact, non-tackle football league, so there will be contact and injuries can happen. We do our best, as administration and with our coaching staff, to minimize any injuries. All families are informed of our league rules, and they can also download a copy of the full rules from our website. Families are also encouraged to send the Committee an email or attend any of our meetings for any questions and clarifications.



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- Finally, the park district is still currently investigating and we will report any and all findings at the next board meeting.
4. **Secretary:** There are no updates currently.
  5. **Treasury:** There are no updates currently. Will report more thoroughly at a later date.
  6. **Equipment Coordinator:**
    - Leticia reported that one of the large equipment bags for Jesk that the zipper is completely broken and will not close. Melissa stated we will try to have that fixed before the next games at Jesk.
  7. **Banquet Coordinator:**
    - Chasity is working on getting us an update on Awards for banquet. We should have more information at the next meeting.
  8. **Cheer Coordinator:**
    - Leticia stated that several Bucs Cheer Families were a little put off with the recent changes in their cheer schedule. They feel that the lack of practice is not fair and that their squad may not be ready for cheer exhibition. They are happy that the coaches' girls have made the Sparklers team, however they are upset with the changes because of the other girls schedules seem to take priority.
    - Melissa responded that at the coaches meeting in the beginning of the season she goes over with all the coaches that it would be nice to keep cheer and football schedules together, especially if there are siblings, however, it is up to the coaches to make their schedules. They are the ones coaching and it needs to work for them. We try to keep everyone into that consideration process, however, it cannot always happen. Maybe next season we can try to get another helper to fill in.
  9. **Referees:** There are no updates currently.
  10. **Fundraising:** There are no updates currently
  11. **Vice – President:** There are no updates currently.
  12. **President:** There are no updates currently.
  13. **Old Business:**



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14. **New Business:**

- Multiple concerns have been brought to the league's attention regarding a parent on the Bucs sideline exhibiting disruptive behavior, including excessive yelling, inappropriate language and unsportsmanlike conduct during the games. Melissa also stated it starts first with the football coaches then to the cheer coaches, then team parents. She also added that us Committee members are also obligated to interject and remind spectators to control themselves.

15. **Next Meeting Date:** Monday, October 19, 2026

16. **Adjournment:** Melissa made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:32pm. Chasity seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

Minutes prepared by: Melissa D'Amico

Minutes Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Melissa D'Amico - President