Overlook PTO Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2024 @ 6:30 PM in the Overlook Library

(Attendance: M. Bailey, C. Hunter, C. Blythin, C. Shaffer, K. Ashby, D. Ryder, S. Drollinger, L. Williams, L. Moore, C. Blatter, G. Schleifer, C. Smith)

Welcome and Introductions

October Meeting Minutes (Approval 1st M. Bailey 2nd C. Blythin)

October Budget and Expense Review (Approval 1st L. Moore 2nd C. Shaffer)

Board Member Reports

President- Paper has been moved to the cupboard in the library in marked PTO.

Secretary- Please send flyers to PTO Secretary for website posting.

Principal Report- The Veterans Day assembly was today. This year was Mr. Yoder's first time directing the program at Overlook. The 3rd grade students are going to see the play "A Wrinkle in Time" at the Wadswoth High School for their walking fieldtrip. The first Yes Day will be on Nov. 22nd, and the day will possibly be a movie day. Thanksgiving Break is Nov. 28-29. Students in the 2nd and 4th grades will be taking the CogAT/Iowa assessments the first and second weeks of December. These assessments take approximately five days to complete. The Character Strong theme for November is gratitude. The Overlook students celebrated the custodians. The Overlook Staff celebrated gratitude by signing papers with messages for colleagues for National Kindness Day. Cards were created for individuals who were undergoing medical procedures and not at school. Dr. Hill shared that the trees in the area in front of Overlook were removed because removing the trees means an additional bat study will not be needed. The district had to conduct a study related to brown bats last year as part of the development of the new CIS building. The conference meals were amazing and appreciated by the Overlook Staff. Groups of 4th grade parents are proposing a Turkey Trot to raise money for the end of year 4th grade event. The student council is not able to manage the collection of funds nor do they have the time to facilitate the event. The parents are asking if it is possible for the group to use the PTO Venmo. The 4th grade teachers are good with having the event. The event would be at the track at the high school on Nov. 27th. All 4th grade students would participate. The event would include only grade 4 students. There is not currently a bad weather back-up plan for the Turkey Trot event at this time.

Teacher Grants- Bendel- sensory items and puzzles $150.00; Ott grant for puzzles.

Teacher Liaison Reports- Teachers are thankful for the meals.

New Business/Upcoming Events

- **Family Night Out**- The committee chair will be M. Postak. The tenative date for the event is Jan. 24th. The event will again take place at the Middle School. Anyone interested in helping with the planning of the event are welcome to attend the planning meeting scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 21st at Cambria @7:00 PM.
- **Indoor Movie Night**- The event will be on Feb. 21st. The movie for the event will be Inside Out 2. The committee chair will reach out to Mrs. Laino to see if the movie could work with counseling lessons for the month. There will be concessions, a photo station, and a raffle for the movie.

Committee Updates/Follow-ups

- **Spirit Wear**- There are two different stores through 1st Place Spiritwear: Overlook and Wadsworth. Currently, there is quite a bit of competition for spiritwear. Feedback regarding the online store is that the online store is not user friendly. We are in the process of purchasing schoolwide shirts for all Overlook students; we have sizes for all of the students. We need to get everything in the system. We received approximately $1600 in donations, and we have $3300 already earmarked for schoolwide shirts for Overlook students. A few adults have ordered shirts. The process seemed to go well.
- **Classroom Ambassadors**- The Fall parties went well. There are 3-4 volunteers allowed per classroom; however, it is the teacher's discretion as to the number of individuals needed to assist with the class parties.
- **Book Fair/Special Person's Day**- Scholastic Wish List items have arrived. Thank you to the volunteers who helped sort and return the items to the school. The Spring dates for the Book Fair are April 21-23. The event will be set-up in the gym on Thursday, April 17th after school. The event that will be paired with the Spring Book Fair is TBD.
- **Restaurant Nights/Dine to Donate**- Applebee's Dine to Donate night is tomorrow.
- **Conference Meals**- The Fall conference meals went well. The next conference meal event is in Feb.
- **Lunch Spirit Sales**- Sales have went fine. The new merchandise has gone well. The note pads were popular. Students are drawn to the bright colors of the newer items.
- **Overlook Rubber Ducks Night**- We are hoping for May 9th for the event. The goal is to have Overlook students sing the National Anthem. The back up date for the event is April 25th.

• **Overlook Skate Night**- There were 149 paid admissions. This is the first time we tried having the event in Nov. Feedback from the families was they enjoyed the costume contests held during the event in previous years, and they missed not having the contest this year. Nov. 5th is the tentative date for the event next year.

• **Overlook Monsters Night**- The online link to purchase tickets is ready, and our contact is creating a flyer for us. The event will be on Friday, Jan. 10 @ 7:00 PM. The tickets will cost $16.00 each for mid-level seating. The event is at the Rocket Mortgage Fieldhouse in Cleveland. The committee chair asked if we could consider a possible incentive to get families to purchase tickets. The committee chair suggested families who purchase tickets by a certain date are entered into a raffle. The raffle prize is TBD. ADA seating is available for the event.

• **Snowball Express**- The flyers will go home after Thanksgiving with students. We are receiving close to $12,000 in merchandise for the event. The committee chair purchased baskets for students to use while shopping. We will have seven tables for the event. The Music room will be utilized for the event. The committee chair will send out a call for volunteers for the event next week. The product will be stored in the PTO closet. Teachers would prefer not to have a preview day. Every classroom will shop during a 40 minute block. The last day of the Snowball Express event will only be open to students with money and preschool students. The event is Dec. 9-11. The set-up for the event will be Friday, Dec 6th after school.

• **Magic of Giving**-The committee is waiting on final details from B. Laino, and the sign-up will go out once details have been finalized.

Adjourn C. Shaffer 1st L. Moore 2nd

Important Dates

December
Dec 9-11 Snowball Express
Dec 20 Christmas Class Parties
Dec 23-31 No School Winter Break

January
Jan 1-3 No School Winter Break
Jan 6 No School
Jan 14 PTO Meeting- Overlook Library @6:30 PM
Jan 10 Lake Erie Monsters Game- @7:00 PM
Jan 20 No School
Jan 24 Family Night Out

February
Feb 3 National Counselor Day
Feb 6 Evening Conferences
Feb 11 PTO Meeting- Overlook Library @6:30 PM
Feb 14 Valentine's Day
Feb 17 No School
Feb 21 Indoor Movie Night
Feb 28 2nd Trimester Ends