Overlook PTO Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2025 @ 6:30 PM in the Overlook Elementary Library
(Attendance: M. Bailey, D. Ryder, C. Hunter, K. Ashby, L. Moore, T. Behrens, C. Blythin, B. Kuhn, K. Ott, S. Drollinger, C. Smith, C. Blatter, A. Addis, L. Williams, G. Schleifer, L. Klancer)

Welcome and Introductions
February Meeting Minutes Approval- (1st M. Bailey 2nd T. Behrens)
January Budget and Expense Review Approval (1st Christi 2nd Betsy)

Board Reports
President Report- A different approach to fundraising has been used throughout this school year that seems to have made a difference in obtaining funds when needed for events. The passive approach to fundraising, only asking for funds or items when needed, seems to have families responding and contributing in a positive manner.

Treasurer Report- There is currently a surplus of funds. Having families contribute to the purchase of schoolwide shirts and the success of The Snowball Express means we have a surplus of PTO funds. The Treasurer asked where the PTO would like to see the funds utilized and whether the surplus of funds, beyond the allotted carry over amount, should be earmarked for specific purposes. The Treasurer asked if it would be possible for the PTO to contribute funds to the Student Council's goals for the year, student field trip experiences, the purchase of a cotton candy machine, or ways to support specials teachers. It was determined by the PTO that we are happy to part with the Popcorn Machine.

Principal Report- The Read-a-thon raised over $10,000. Overlook staff have been encouraging students to read and log minutes. The amount of $2,000 has been allocated for the preschool to purchase light tables and resources that go with the light tables. Funds will also be utilized to purchase quality items for the playground. Additionally, funds will be utilized to expand sensory items available to meet students' needs. Funds will also be utilized to support the Student Council's goal of getting soccer nets for the playground. At this time, over 40,000 minutes of reading time has been logged by the Overlook students. The Chess Club and Girls on the Run are both underway. The Great Dominoes Wadsworth Effect will be taking place March 17-27. The school will be collecting boxed goods that will be donated to Feeding Medina County. The items will be set up throughout the school to form a domino chain. A video of the boxed goods domino topple will be created on March 27th.

Teacher Grants- None

Teacher Liaison- K. Ott will reach out to Overlook teachers about the Scholastic Wish List and encourage teachers to create a Wish List rather than shop in person at the Spring Book Fair to allow more inventory to be available for families during the Spring Open House. K. Ott will also remind teachers that teacher grant money is still available.

Scholarship Committee- The committee is waiting on the student scholarship applications. Once the student applications are available, the committee will determine a time to meet and evaluate the applications.

4th Grade End of Year Event- The committee will meet on Wednesday, March 19th at Dolce. The End of Year Luau will be Thursday, May 29th from 6:00-8:00 PM. The students chose a Swim Party with the surplus of funds they raised from the Turkey Trot. The Swim Party will be on Saturday, May 31st at the Wadsworth YMCA from 4-6 PM.

Budget Committee- The Budget Committee Meeting will be on April 24th at 6:30 in the Overlook Library. We welcome anyone who is interested in helping develop the budget for the 2025-2026 school year to join us at the meeting.

3rd/4th Grade Breakfast- Everything is underway. A sign up will go out for donations closer to the testing days. The committee chair is working to ensure there are many options available and students' allergy needs are met.

Yes Day- The date for the event will be Friday, May 23rd. The committee will begin working on developing a plan for the day.

Staff Appreciation Week- The theme for the week has been determined and all days are set. The committee chair is working to confirm a coffee/tea truck for one of the days. The committee chair is also working to determine meal options for the Wednesday lunch that coincide with the theme. The next Staff Appreciation Committee meeting will be on April 1st.

Spirit Wear- The committee chair has closed the store with 1st Place Spiritwear. The committee chair has spoken with Grizzly Sportswear. Grizzly Sportswear is happy to develop spiritwear for the upcoming school year. People will be able to shop in person or through the online store. The committee chair and anyone interested in helping determine designs for the spiritwear shop will be meeting with Grizzly Sportswear within the next few months in order to begin preparing for a sale at the start of the 2025-2026 school year.

Classroom Ambassadors- The committee chair is sending an email to Classroom Ambassadors encouraging them to check in to see if there is anything that teachers are needing for their classrooms.

Restaurant Nights- There is a restaurant night at Swensons in April. The committee chair will not know if Overlook won the lottery for Scoops until closer to May. If Scoops is not available for May, the committee chair will reach out to Casa Del Rio or Gionino's.

Lunch Spirit Sales- The next Spirit Sale will be on April 11th during lunch. The committee will inventory the items in the PTO closet to determine whether additional stock is needed.

Rubber Ducks- L. Moore is working on flyers. L. Moore needs to know the days and times Mr. Yoder would like to have practice for the students who would like to participate in singing the National Anthem at the game. Mr. Ryder is going to investigate further.

Egg My Yard- The committee chair indicated there has not been a lot of interest in the event this year as of the time of the meeting. Mr. Ryder will send a REMIND and include the event information in the newsletter.

Incredible Kid Day- The committee chair shared the boxes of popsicles have arrived. Mr. Ryder is going to work with the lunch room personnel to store the popsicles in the large freezers in the lunch area. Students in grades K-4 will receive the large Otter Pops. Preschool students will receive the smaller popsicles. Students will also be given a pen, a bookmark, and other items in goodie bags grouped by class. At least one person of the Incredible Kid Day committee is available during the day on Thursday, March 20th. C. Hunter will be able to help on Thursday, March 20th as well.

Spring Flower Sale- The committee chairs indicated that the sale kicked off yesterday and orders are due Friday, March 28. Flower delivery is Monday, May 5. Online selling is available, but the committee chair (S. Tatter) needs an email to upload students into the portal. If families don't get an online sale link, only paper sales are available. If families are done selling prior to March 28, they can send their completed order and money to the office any time.

Overlook's Got Talent- The committee chair is excited and looking forward to the show. The students are excited for the show. Dress Rehearsal is Thursday, May 13th at 5:00 PM at OJ. A family has offered to purchase pizza for all participants. Students wishing to enjoy the pizza should arrive at 4:30 PM on Thursday for Dress Rehearsal. The Overlook's Got Talent Show is Friday, March 14th at 6:00 PM at OJ. Performers should arrive at 5:30 PM. Overlook's Got Talent performers will have the option to provide an encore performance for Overlook students on Friday, March 21st. The committee chair noted the large spotlight at OJ is missing. Mr. Ryder will speak with the CIS Principal to see if there might be an option. L. Moore indicated the carnations have arrived. There will be an option to purchase flowers at the performance. C. Hunter indicated there were 17-19 boxes of donuts ordered. C. Hunter indicated we will be getting 30 total boxes of donuts. There will be boxes of donuts available for purchase the night of the show. C. Hunter indicated there may be the option to purchase single donuts for $1.50 per donut.

Indoor Movie Night- The committee chair would like to give everyone who helped with the event a big thank you. There was a good turn out for the event. The event netted $300. An additional $75 was made from spirit sales. The committee chair indicated there are glow items available for use in the PTO closet. Kindergarten does a glow dance as part of their end-of-year activities. K. Ott indicated the Kindergarten classes will be happy to utilize the glow items.

Monsters Deposit- L. Moore shared that the Monsters Rep had reached out and indicated that if we say yes to booking a game for the next season that we will get four free tickets. The group indicated "yes" to having a Monsters Night again next year. The date of the game does not need to be determined at this time. L. Moore would like to donate the tickets in a way that allows the tickets to go to families.

The PTO individuals in attendance at the meeting extended a huge thank you to Carina and Jordan Smith for all their work on the Overlook's Got Talent show.

Adjourn- K. Ott 1st T. Behrens 2nd

April

Apr 1-4 No School - Spring Break
Apr 8 PTO Meeting - Overlook Library @ 6:30 PM
Apr 15 No School (Gr. K-2)
Apr 12 Egg My Yard Delivery
Apr 18 No School
Apr 19 Egg My Yard Delivery
Apr 21-23 Spring Book Fair/Spring Open House
Apr 23 Administrative Professionals Day
Apr 24 No School (Gr. K-2)

May

May 5-9 Staff Appreciation Week
May 13 PTO Meeting - Overlook Library @6:30 PM
May 9 Rubber Ducks Game
May 23 PTO Sponsored Yes Day
May 27 Field Day
May 29 Grade 4 End of Year Event @ 6:00 PM
May 31 Grade 4 Swim Party at YMCA @ 4:00 PM