Orchard View School
Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
November 2, 2026

Present: Maura, Misty, Ananda, Daniel, David, Janice, Deborah, Rio, Felix, Andrew, Reed

1. Advisory Committee Representation and Communication

Misty Gay will serve as the parent representative for the grades 8–12 Advisory Committee. Daniel will serve as the student representative for grades 8–12. Put out a call for additional 8-12 parent representative.
Misty requested that supporting documents be linked directly in meeting agendas posted on the OVS website to improve access to information for families and committee members.

2. Administration Update: Enrollment and Staffing

Administration reviewed current enrollment and discussed factors limiting the school's ability to reach its enrollment goal.

- **Current enrollment:** 219 students
- **Funded enrollment level:** 230 students

The committee discussed staffing capacity and whether increasing Education Specialist positions could support additional enrollment.

3. Spring 2027 Course Planning

The committee provided feedback on course offerings and instructional approaches for the spring semester.

English 8

Members discussed the importance of maintaining effective instructional practices, particularly with a change in teacher. Reading discussion groups and whole-class discussions were identified as valuable components of the course.
It was reported that Amplify is not currently being used.

UC Scout Curriculum

Students and committee members shared concerns regarding UC Scout courses, including:

- Repetitive instructional videos.
- Extensive writing requirements.
- Daily assignment deadlines that may not align with the independent study model.
- The need for greater flexibility and customization to reflect OVS students and instructional practices.

The committee discussed whether OVS teachers could adapt the implementation of UC Scout courses to better support the school's independent study model.

Economics

A question was raised regarding the structure and curriculum of Economics for spring 2027.

Senior Seminar/Junior switch

Feedback from students and parents about how much they value this course and Ondrjejka as the instructor.
Next Step: Administration will bring a draft of the spring 2027 course schedule to the next Advisory Committee meeting.

4. Dual Enrollment and Early College

Spring 2027 CCAP Courses

The committee discussed spring 2027 CCAP offerings and asked whether Political Science C1000 would continue on the same day and at the same time.

2027–28 Course Planning

Members requested that course descriptions and potential offerings for fall 2027 and spring 2028 be provided as soon as possible to support student planning.

Early College Grant

Administration discussed the Early College grant application and the school's efforts to expand college opportunities and pathways.
The committee requested information regarding the postsecondary destinations of OVS graduates, specifically the number who attend community college and the number who enroll at four-year institutions.
Next Step: Gather available graduate destination data and publish the information on the OVS website.

5. Student Leadership and Clubs

Student Leadership presented four student club requests.
Committee members emphasized the importance of responding promptly to student proposals to maintain enthusiasm and momentum for student-led activities.
Next Step: Maura will create a student club request fact sheet to clarify the process and expectations for establishing student clubs.

6. School Community and Fundraising

The committee discussed the success of the Orchard View Education Foundation (OVEF) Walk-a-Thon.
Grades 8–12 Student Leadership will discuss high school student interest in organizing a high school fundraiser.

7. Facilities Concerns

Committee members identified several facilities issues requiring attention:

- Student bathrooms: Need for warm water.
- Art room: Sink water reported to be scalding hot.
- Water bottle filling station: Not functioning correctly.
- Science room: Sinks occasionally become clogged.

These concerns were identified for administrative follow-up, with particular attention to the art room water temperature.

8. Follow-Up Items

Follow up on reported facilities concerns
Put out a call for additional 8-12 parent representative.
Link supporting documents in website agendas
Explore staffing capacity, including Education Specialist positions, in relation to enrollment
Bring draft spring 2027 course schedule to next meeting
Review English 8 instructional feedback and UC Scout concerns
Clarify spring Economics offering
Confirm spring Political Science C1000 schedule
Provide 2027–28 course descriptions and options when available
Gather and publish graduate postsecondary destination data on OVS website
Develop student club request fact sheet: Review four student club requests promptly
Discuss high school fundraising interest assigned to Leadership class