Orchard Park Academy

"We strive to provide a positive, structured and caring environment centered on student achievement and growth."

PTO and Building Accountability Advisory Committee (BAAC) Agenda

2026 - 2027

Date: November 4, 2026

Time: 8:44am

Location: OPA Staff Lounge

Present: Lydia Vargas,Mindy Frates, Jody Weidman, Renee Lamb, Samantha Gomez, Ana Ramirez, Nancy Lopez, Sandra Rodriguez, Greisy Jiminez, Savanna King, Maira Sterling, Cyndy Amaro, Natividad Ruiz, and Guests: Bobbi Garcia, Whitney Gustin Conner.

PTO Items

Welcome and Introductions: Kids first healthcare guests Whitney & Bobby.

President's Report: Samantha Gomez: The Ofrenda was very successful and this year we had the most participation than years before from students and parents.

Treasurer's Report: Jody Weidemann:

We brought in $404 dollars to Feed the teacher fundraiser, and spent $431 cooking for the teachers for the first night of parent teacher conferences. Spent $390 on Chik-Fil-A and salads for the second night of parent teacher conferences. We will be budgeting on donuts for the Student of the month celebration. We still have $6,016 in our current balance.

Old Business

- ☐ Student of the Month: 2nd celebration went well. Next student of the month awards, order less donuts. Skate City: Last month October 22, 2026, and next December 10, 2026.
- ☐ Feed the Teacher collection: Brought in $404 to feed the teacher. Spent $431 for groceries for PTO to cook for the teachers. Spent $390 for Chik-Fil-A & salads for the 2nd night of conferences.

New Business

- ☐ **Kids First Health Care** (Guests): Whitney & Bobbi executive directors of Kids First health care. They have a clinic in Commerce City, they just opened a new clinic in Westminster. They offer a walk-in clinic. They accept Medicaid and various other health insurance. Ms. Bobby does help with applying for medicaid. They help non-citizen children apply for medicaid. They offer various services for children from newborn- 21 yrs old. They have various clinics in schools. PTO decided to post a class Dojo announcement so all families can be informed.
- ☐ **Adjustments to Skate City:** Decide to make an announcement that all students must have a parent present during the skate city events. Next skate city event December 10, 2026
- ☐ **Movie Night:** Get the word out more, spread more awareness.. Vote on a movie and possibly do it with a book read in the school. Planning to have the first movie night on January 21st 2027 which falls on a Thursday .

BACC: Ms. Frates

Ms. Frates Report

- **Attendance Challenge:** Starting a new attendance challenge. We will have certificates and awards for the class that has the most student attendance. Once a month certificate for individuals with 95% attendance. Celebrate the classroom that has the best attendance.
- **Gratitude Month:** Grateful for the students, families & the staff. Staff members can pass out puma paws to kids and they can enter them in for a chance to win a prize, 7th & 8th graders can get puma paws and get points.
- **Assemblies:** We are bringing back assemblies. The first assembly will be a Native American assembly on November 11th. They will be showing kids native

american dancing and have some students participating as well. Assemblies will be just for students. The next assembly will be the NED assembly, using yo-yos and discussing positive actions and behaviors. This will occur on the same day as literacy night, allowing a station to sell the yo-yos after school. Mrs. Frate's vision is to get more assemblies done here at school. She would like to have assemblies at least every month to celebrate cultures.

- **Afterschool programs question:** We plan on getting as many after school programs available as possible. Looking to have available a dance program that will come in to teach the kids to dance. Planning to have someone from Westy futures come in 2 times a week and have the kids participate in sports that are not in season. Which will not be for competition. All grades will be included.

Coffee with principle: Will be in 2 weeks, Nov. 18th**.**

DAAC update

Questions for the team

Next Meeting – December 2, 2026

Meeting Adjourned: 9:52am