

## ORCHARD HILL ELEMENTARY POWWER MINUTES

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Date: October 14, 2025

Time: 6:30 PM

Meeting called to order by: Sarah Hess

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### IN ATTENDANCE

Sarah Hess, Jess Messerli, Andrew and Nicole Bolthouse, Andrea Christopher, Ashley Welter, Lindsay Marks, Nick and Megan Gambell, Michael Lueth, Melissa Hepler, Hayley lehl

### PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

- Watched video about 6<sup>th</sup> grade learning so far this year
  - Mrs. Messerli added 6<sup>th</sup> grade is focusing on sharing students with all 3 teachers, co-teaching, and working more as a team this year
  - Rotations include: Mrs. Brown-Science, Mrs. Messerli-Social Studies, Mrs. Hillebrand-Authentic Learning
  - There is a new 6<sup>th</sup> grade science curriculum this year. Going well so far.
  - Working on dividing fractions, surface area, percentages, and ratios in math
  - Authentic Learning focuses on real life projects, problem solving, and team work
  - School of the Wild at Hartman Reserve went well and kids had a lot of fun learning experiences
- WIG (Wildly Important Goal)
  - October's challenge is Lead and Read. All students were sent home with a paper outlining different activities to complete and turn in. The goal is to complete 5 of the activities. If student turns in the paper to office they will get Joyride candy. If schoolwide goal is met Ms. Chris will spin the "wheel of doom"
- Durable skills will be discussed next month

### TREASURER'S REPORT

- Green Bin (clothing donation bin), popcorn day donations, and some misc. income of about \$600
- \$130 spent for tree planting
- Teachers spent some money for classroom supplies
- Still looking at 2 budgets depending on if we are able to hold fun fair or not

## HOSPITALITY

- Serving dinner for teachers on Tuesday during conferences. Need volunteers to bring in food items. Contact Nicole Bolthouse if you want to sign up.
- Need more parents to sign up for room parent/class parties. Contact Nicole Bolthouse if you want to sign up.

## OTHER UPDATES

- Darin Adams has stepped down as POWWER president
  - We need to have a full board to remain a non-profit organization. Looking to fill this position.
  - Will be sending out a letter and/or video to families explaining what POWWER is and how to be more involved
  - Parents can volunteer for many different roles. Some roles are more time extensive while others aren't. Minimal time commitment options include coming and listening to POWWER meetings, volunteering for various events throughout the year (examples include Popcorn Friday, helping in lunchroom). Even small things make a big difference.
- We still need someone to lead fun fair to have it again this year
- Potential fundraiser ideas include a fun run with obstacles, movie night, blacklight dance party
- Sun shades for playground will be purchased if we are able to have fun fair
- 1<sup>st</sup> graders planted a tree last week. Hoping to keep this a yearly 1<sup>st</sup> grade tradition. It is the 2<sup>nd</sup> year doing it.
- Important Upcoming Dates:
  - Popcorn Friday 10/17. Sponsored by Kyle and Katie Corson
  - Butter Braid Fundraiser 10/20-11/3
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Museum School field trip week of 10/20
  - Noon dismissal 10/24 for report card writing
  - Conferences 10/28 4-8pm and 10/30 1-8pm
  - Halloween at school will be 10/30. Parade at 1:15. No class parties. Kids can wear costumes to school. No blow ups or scary costumes.
  - No school 10/31
  - Report cards sent out 11/3
  - Picture retake 11/3
  - POWWER meeting 11/11

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| <b>PURPOSE STATEMENT</b> "...to promote the welfare and educational values of children and youth |
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Minutes taken and submitted by Ashley Welter