

ORCHARD HILL ELEMENTARY POWWER MINUTES

Date: November 11, 2025

Time: 6:30 PM

Meeting called to order by: Nicole Bolthouse

IN ATTENDANCE

Andrew and Nicole Bolthouse, Ashley Welter, Andrea Christopher, Libby Lueth, Megan and Nick Gambell, Evan Marks

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

- Orchard Hill received a Leader in Me/Lighthouse Honor Roll certificate
 - Recognition for meeting certain criteria
- WIG goal for November is a Math Challenge
 - Different goals for PreK-3rd and 4th-6th
 - If 200 sheets are turned in students will earn prize, more than 200 Ms. Chris spins Wheel of Doom
- Orchard Hill Families are starting again soon
 - Most family groups will stay the same from previous years
 - Kindergarten and new students will be added to a family group
- District survey will be coming out regarding change of conference schedule
- Orchard Hill would like to help families in need due to losing SNAP benefits or other circumstances. Family meal in December or other ideas being discussed.
- Watched video about what 3rd grade has been doing this year and some favorite moments were shared
- District is implementing durable skills this year. "The Tiger 10" was developed in the district. Durable Skills will help teach important life skills and can lead to success in school, careers, and life. All grades will learn about character and other categories will rotate depending on grade level. These will be implemented in morning meetings and certain content areas They will be included in student progress reports. In conjunction with Leader in Me, not replacing. Junior High and High School will be implementing in the future as well.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Profit from Butterbraid fundraiser
- Donation specified for teacher appreciation came in
- \$380 came in from the clothes bin
- \$680 came in from from Benevity
- Teachers can still spend from teacher supply fund

HOSPITALITY

- No updates

OTHER UPDATES

- 11/14 Popcorn Day
- 11/25 3:30-5:30 Butterbraid pick up in parking lot
- 11/26-28 Thanksgiving break- No School
- 12/2 Music Concerts and Cookies
 - 5th grade 6pm, Cookies for families provided by POWWER at 6:30pm
 - 6th grade 7pm, Cookies for families provided by POWWER at 7:30pm
- 12/9 Next POWWER meeting at 6:30pm (Changed due to conflict with 6th grade band concert)
- 12/9 Popcorn Day
- March POWWER meeting changed to 3/3 6:30pm due to spring break
- No fun fair this year due to lack of volunteers
- Cannot buy sun shades for playground due to budget constraints from not having fun fair
- Mrs. Marks got grants for music room
- Voted to make Nicole Bolthouse POWWER President – No objections

PURPOSE STATEMENT "...to promote the welfare and educational values of children and youth

Minutes taken and submitted by Ashley Welter