
In Attendance

Sarah Hess, Ashley and James Welter, Andrew and Nicole Bolthouse, Justine Rinehart, Molly Penberthy, Nick Rhoads, Darin Adams, Randy Husted, Mindy Kramme, Lisa Schweigel, Nick Rhoads, Haley Iehl, Erica Twietmeyer, Jordon Smock, Tami Halvorson, and Jenna Flugum.

Orchard Hill Student Lighthouse Team

- Ms. Penberthy, building instructional coach, and Mr. Rhodes, 6th grade teacher, are the advisors for the Student Lighthouse Team. This year's team is made up of 37 members (5th and 6th graders) and the purpose of the team is to take what they are learning through Leader in Me a step further, to show their genius, and make a difference within the school and greater community.
- Three Lighthouse team members (Ellie, Addison, and Raelyn) presented ideas they have for this year's Fun Fair. They have a list of game ideas that they would love to have and can write up game descriptions. They also had the idea of printing volunteer sheets to hand out and/or to sign people up to volunteer at spring conferences. They are planning to have the Student Lighthouse Team help volunteer at Fun Fair as well.
- Plan to touch base with Ms. Nolte to see if the art team can help create decorations that align with the theme. The decorations committee chair, Brenda, will also assist.

Principal's Corner (Andrea Christopher)

- Ms. Chris was not able to attend tonight's meeting as she attended Leader Valley's ten-year anniversary celebration and received the Leader in Me Administrator of the Year award!!

Updates & Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer's report – Stuff Etc and gift wrap fundrasier came in. Primary expense was for the IXL purchase. We are intentionally overspending our budget this year to drive down the overage and we are currently on track with the budget.
- Hospitality report – Planning a hot cocoa bar for teachers and staff in January. Valentine's Day parties are also coming up. Conferences are in March with the teacher meal scheduled for Tuesday, March 7.
- Box Top app is available and individuals can select Orchard Hill to get these points.
- Hy-Vee receipts – turned in \$53,679 in Hy-Vee receipts this fall which will bring in \$214 for POWWER. Please continue to collect those for the spring turn in.
- Popcorn day is going well! Feedback received – use less salt. One of the popcorn machines is not working and one broke accidentally. Interested in purchasing two carts (approximately \$100 each) and a new/used popcorn machine (approximately \$200). Could some of our POWWER funds go toward this? Student Lighthouse Team could also possibly run a fundraiser for this and help with popcorn days. Haley is planning to contact a few people to see about sponsors for the remaining popcorn days for the year. Donations for this can be made to POWWER with notation of popcorn days. Next year we may charge \$2-3 per person.
- Penny Wars will be held Jan 23-27. Ms. Nolte is helping to put posters together. Each grade-level will have a piggy bank with a poster. Pennies will be negative this year and silver will be positive. Email to be sent this week and flyer to be sent home in student folders next week. After group discussion, it was determined that funding for penny wars will go toward popcorn days equipment.
- Read-a-thon will be held Feb 20-March 3. Teacher/staff feedback – be cognizent of allergy sensitive foods, like donuts (potentially offer two food options, like donut and ice cream scoop). Perhaps break overall individual

reading goal into two groupings - K-2nd and 3-6th (1,000 minutes). Also, ask Ms. Chris for more teacher feedback about teachers tracking/submitting minutes at school.

- Ms. Halvorson requested funding for kindergarten classroom furniture storage (two sets for \$400 each) and would like to use their grade-level funding for this. This expense was approved.
- There was a question about why other teachers/grades have not yet utilized their funding for this year. Ms. Penberthy mentioned that since we will be utilizing a new ELA curriculum next year, teachers are hesitant to purchase things that might not be useful for long-term use. The leadership team discussed technology needs and Luke Wagner, Instructional Technology Coach, will be putting together a list of potential needs that this funding could be utilized for. Leadership also discussed playground shading, bench seating, or a laminator.
- Sarah Hess gave a brief update on the status of the outdoor classroom on behalf of Ms. Chris. The cost continues to grow and is now up to \$29,700. A private donation planned to cover the original cost and then when the cost jumped to \$23,000, POWWER put in the remaining to cover, but it has increased again. Trying to figure out where to go with this project now. If anyone knows of people or businesses who might be interested in sponsoring some of the cost of this, please let Ms. Chris know. Students have been working on a grant for outdoor bench seating as the bid only covers the concrete slab and wood pergola. CAPS program or industrial tech class through Cedar Falls or even UNI or Hawkeye Community College were ideas brainstormed of who might be able to assist with bench and picnic table assembly.
- Fun Fair – first planning meeting is following this meeting so anyone interested in helping is welcome and encouraged to stay! Still in need of a volunteer coordinator as well as ideas for raffle items. Thoughts or ideas regarding Fun Fair can be directed to POWWER and the planning committee.

Next Meeting

Adjourned at 8:03 p.m. Next meeting will be held Tuesday, February 7, at 7:00 pm.

Minutes taken and submitted by Jenna Flugum.

<p>PURPOSE STATEMENT</p>

<p>"...to promote the welfare and educational values of children and youth at Orchard Hill Elementary School..."</p>
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