

**Overlook PTO Meeting Agenda
September 29, 2016 @7pm**

Welcome

Patricia Botero and Michele Smeal, Co-Presidents

Principal's Report

Principal, Mr. File

Welcome! We had a very successful first day to the school year. There were some glitches with transportation in the school district that Dr. Sichel has addressed.

-Faculty was very thankful for the Amazon gift cards the PTO provided
-Some of the students won a "Lunch with Mr. Perelman/Mr. File" from the Rita's Prize Wheel and a morning announcement. I'd like to mention that the children, as well as myself, really enjoyed it. We will continue to offer rewards/prizes like these in the future.

-I would also like to thank the PTO for committing to provide funding for a cart of Chromebooks that our teachers will be able to use in the classroom. More to come.

Teacher/Staff Update

Mrs. Whiteside

-On behalf of the teachers, thank you for the gift cards and the Mexican themed luncheon.

Present

Treasurer Report- See Report

Discussion

Open house/New Ideas

- Parents find the opening session very informative and welcoming
- Like the convenience of having two sessions to go to

Transportation Concerns

- Seem to affect the Junior HS and Senior High most
- Bus Rte 47 was arriving very early to the first stop

Parking Concerns

- Please pull up in the drop-off loop and let the kids exit
- If you need to unbuckle your child, park in a parking spot to do so
- Reminder, please make a RIGHT turn when exiting the parking lot
- In the afternoon, please do not park on Welsh Road.
- Mr. File has discussed the issue with the district and is working on a plan to hopefully improve the parking.

School Garden

- Received a grant from the Abington Foundation for Education for a garden area.
- The garden is closed during recess because it is located in the 5th grade pod and class is still in session during most recesses. The school is looking into seating options for classrooms to contact lessons there.
- Please e-mail Mrs. Ellen Brown if you would like to donate any perennials.

School Events

SWEBS- School store for proud behavior will be run by the PTO

Spirit Wear-Sale ends October 7th

-the order will go home with your child

-If your order is a surprise gift and wish to keep it a secret, please e-mail Sandy Jones sandra@overlookvolunteers.org

Boys Night Out- October 14th

-Brunswick Zone; 2 hours of bowling, pizza included

-You can pay online! School Store www.overlookproud.com

Book Fair/Reading Night- October 13th- 20th

-Reading Night is THURSDAY October 20th

-Need volunteers- Sign Up Genius link on www.overlookproud.com

Yankee Candle- Sale October 24th to November 7th

This Year's Goal

Chromebooks for Education

-We need to fundraise \$6,000 to purchase 25 Chromebooks with a cart

We will also continue to raise money to fund the following:

-Field Trips- each student gets \$5 donated towards their fee

-Math Night

-Reading Night

-One School One Book

-Author Visits

-Briar Bush visits

Open Discussion

Suggestion made to post a link on the website for donations

-instead of buying something through a fundraiser in order to donate to the school.

-Karin Quinn will have this section built into the website next week.

Discussion of having a "Vendor Night" to raise funds for Overlook

-more to come!

Another recommendation for a "Parents Night Out" event.

-more to come!

Questions...

Why is the Library closed at 2:45pm every day?

-Our librarian is being shared to another school one day a week.

-Mr. File will look into finding out more details.

6th grade has approximately 27 students in each class? Is there any consideration of adding a 4th class?

-Mr. File is not aware of a discussion regarding adding an additional class at this time. There are various resources in place to support all students' needs.

*****Next meeting Friday October 28th at 9AM in Cafeteria*****