

**Overlook PTO Meeting Minutes
February 24, 2017**

Welcome *Patricia Botero and Michele Smeal Co-Presidents*

Principal's Report

- Mr. File wanted to let everyone know that he is working with the Curriculum Department to provide a comprehensive answer to the question about World Language on the elementary level. There is some history in the district related to this question and he is gathering all of the information. He expects to have an answer at the March meeting.

Recap

- **Family fitness:** Everyone who attended seemed to have a wonderful time. This is an event that we will likely try to do every other year.
- **Gold Card Night: *Minute to Win It*** was a fun theme for the children to enjoy. The parents thought that the combination of free time for the kids followed by a structured time to keep their attention was ideal. We loved seeing so many teachers at the event. It was also nice to see the student council involvement.
- **Talent Show:** This was an enjoyable night that had great variety of talent and ran smoothly. It was noted that if more children decide to participate again next year, the time slots for each act may need to be shortened. It was felt that after school practices were very helpful in making the event a success. The stage crew also did a good job.
- **ASEP:** We have done 4 weeks of After School Enrichment Program and things seem to be going well. Next week will be the last week. It was mentioned that the PTO Board is seeking a new chairperson for this event next year.
- **Needs-** We need great ideas and good leadership to come together to help get the Mayfair/Spring Event off the ground and running. There will be a meeting Thursday March 2nd at 7:00pm at the Starbucks in the Abington Target. We are looking for people who can spearhead this event and brainstorm suggestions. We need adequate volunteer participation to keep this event from collapsing. Hope to see you there!! Questions: email Laura at ramsay@overlookvolunteers.com Remember: The PTO is you!

Present

- **Treasurer Report** (see attached)
 - **6th grade:** Currently the 6th grade has \$3,667.07 year to date calculated with income minus expenses. The total income for Applebee's has not been tallied. The Hoagie Sale brought in \$534.42. Many of the year end expenses have not been paid out to date so the grade will need to raise a little over \$3,000 with the three remaining planned fundraisers. It was asked if the end of year activity could be changed to a Pennsylvania location to save from the \$1,000 extra bus expense for going into New Jersey.
 - **PTO:** Year to Date profit/loss is -\$6,813.79. Our bank account balance is \$34,489.50 with checks not cleared of \$2,047.12 leaving an actual balance of \$32,442.38.
- **Gertrude Hawk:** Flyers went out this week. Orders are due next Friday March 3, 2017. You will be able to order online until April 9th.
- **Read Across America:** This event will be held on Thursday March 2nd. We have firefighters, police, and other local heroes scheduled to read to the children. The

PTO is donating stuffed frogs for the classrooms, a cake for the celebration, and hardcover books for One School One Book.

- **SWEBS Store-** The next SWEBS store will be held on March 17th. Daytime volunteers are needed. Sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b49aea62ba3fd0-swebs>.
- **Book fair:** The spring book fair will be held March 9th through March 15th. Volunteers will be needed for the morning time slots. Younger children will be coming to the library in the afternoon to fill out their wish lists and when they return ready to purchase, the morning volunteers will fulfill their orders. Remember tax will be charged on all purchases. To volunteers sign up here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f054bafa829a4f58-overlook1>.
- **Chipotle:** There will be a Chipotle fundraiser on Sunday March 19th from 3-6pm. Be sure to mention Overlook so that we receive 50% of proceeds.
- **BLINGO-** BLINGO is on Friday March 24th. Doors will open at 6:00 and the first game will begin at 6:30. Watch for upcoming information to prepay for tickets. Questions: email Pam Paul blingo@overlookvolunteers.com.
- **Ritas Field Day Coupon Contest:** Rita's will be hosting its annual field day coupon contest again this year. We are the reigning champions for the past 3 years. If we win, we receive free water ice for field day for the whole school. Last year's competition was tight so we need everyone's participation. Coupons will be coming home soon with further details.
- **Question:** A question was brought up about the requirements of food fundraisers in the schools. The PTO board will research the question about any allowable exceptions to the rule.

***Next Meeting: Friday March 29, 2017 at 7:00pm in the Library
(followed by a 5th grade parents meeting)***