

PTO Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6:01 pm by Elisabeth Reigle.

Elisabeth Reigle motioned and Rosa Lopez-Washington seconded, to approve the meeting minutes from the October meeting.

Attendance

Aimee Briggs: Vice President - ES	Trisha Kocanda; Superintendent
Elisabeth Reigle: Vice President – IS	Andrea Wiklund; ES Asst Principal
Rosa Lopez-Washington: Vice President – MS	Aga Macoch: School Board
Jennifer Knop: Secretary & Interim Treasurer	Suha Dimon: Art Awareness Co-Chair
Amber Rychlik: IS Teacher Representative	Monica Trent: Yearbook Chair (ES)
Amanda Monico: MS Teacher Representative	Guests:
	Greg Wideman

Reports:

President's Report:

Stacie Brown reported via email. Thank you to Aimee for organizing and implementing a successful Reading Rally! We had a great turnout and the Book Fair also had a successful night.

Elisabeth and I spent more hours in the PTO closet cleaning out more stuff. It is much cleaner and ready for us to remove bins so the old shelves can be removed!

Sha resigned as the Treasurer. Jen Knop has graciously stepped in as the interim Treasurer. We are starting to advertise for the opening.

March Madness is set for Saturday, March 15th at Mundelein High School.

Bingo is set for Friday, April 25th.

Vice Presidents' Reports:

Lincoln School: Yoon Chung reported via email. Winter Party hosts will be notified this week.

Elementary School: Aimee Briggs reported. Party host notifications went out today. The Reading Rally was wonderful - about 75-100 people attended, based on number of flyers distributed that night.

Intermediate School: Elisabeth Reigle reported. Party host notifications went out today. The Happy Little Flame fundraiser raised over \$1100. Everything is ready for pickup in store/getting shipped today. Trunk or Treat made a little over \$900. The event went really well and it was a beautiful day.

Middle School: No report.

Treasurer's Report: Jen Knop reported. Overall, the PTO is in good shape. There have been some challenges in stepping back into the Treasurer role. There are currently four bank accounts, but we plan to be back to two, in Mundelein, by the end of Q1 2025.

Mundelein Comm. Checking Balance as of 10/31/24	13,698.33
Mundelein Comm. Savings Balance as of 10/31/24	1,057.31
Republic Bank Checking Balance as of 10/31/24	52,124.92
Republic Bank Money Market Balance as of 10/31/24	34,597.04
Less: Committed Funds	90,749.85
Uncommitted Funds as of 10/31/24	10,727.75
Balance available for 2024/2025:	10,727.75

Parent Liaison - No report.

Communications - Aimee Briggs reported. If you have something to include for this week please send it asap.

Principal's Report: Andrea Wiklund reported. Report cards are available, if anyone has trouble accessing them, please reach out. K-8 conferences will be held on Monday November 25. If you have not scheduled conferences yet, but would still like to, contact your child's teacher. MAP Testing will be held on December 8 & 9. Thank you for hosting Book Fairs.

ES - The Veteran's Day assemblies were well-attended. They are now on their fourth rotation of the new PAWs Patrol program - the program and the bags are a big hit with students!

IS - Last Friday was the PAWS assembly where they introduced the PAWs patrol and Junior Hope Squad members. There were contests and Ms. Maslov's class was declared the winner.

MS - Thank you for supporting the Science Olympiad club and the Civil War Museum field trip for the seventh grade students not attending Springfield.

District and School Board Report:

Aga Macoch reported for the School Board. The last board meeting was on November 18. Approved the purchase of six new school buses – with air conditioning. Six buses will get traded in, so these will not be additional buses. They are also trying to retrofit two more buses with a/c. The fleet will be ready for the next school year. Next board meeting is on Monday, December 16.

Set the final levy, and there was a presentation on the Educational Long Range Facility Plan Steering committee's progress.

Trisha Kocanda reported for the District.

Board will vote on the Educational Long Range Facility Plan at the next meeting. Highlights of the plan are to build a new middle school. We would then reduce the number of grade levels in other buildings to accommodate the new building containing 6th-8th. This is predicted for the 7-10 year range. In the meantime, the focus is on site improvements to set the stage over the next five years, including access to municipal water and sewer, as well as, traffic management improvements with a new road behind the K-5 buildings to provide different routes for cars and buses. Other plans include renovating the lower level at the middle school for more STEM space, and eventually bringing the preschool back on campus. Still in discussions about the financial needs and following whether the village of Mundelein will be looking for a TIF due to the new construction.

Also at the last board meeting, we recognized the community and thanked them for recognizing when there were threats and for reaching out immediately. We are still working with the Lake County Sheriff's office.

The 2025-2026 Fremont School Calendar was also previewed. It will be voted on at the next meeting. Biggest item of note is the shift in dates. The first day of school will be moved to August 21, with the last day being June 5. The Lincoln calendar will follow at a later time, as it requires aligning with four districts.

There is a newly created leadership podcast, "Fremont Leads" that focuses on interviewing students about their leadership within their school. There have been two episodes so far, with more to follow.

Conferences are next week. And finally, this Spring there will be four school board positions with terms ending. Three of the positions have incumbents running again, and the fourth opening has Latoya Conners Gray running unopposed.

Teacher Reports:

IS: Ms. Rychlik reported. Halloween parties went well. The Reading Rally was successful. Students are visiting the book fair.

MS: Amanda Monico reported. The Book Fair is open and off to a good start.

Committee Reports:

Art Awareness – No report.

Birthday Board – Christie Johnson reported via email. Everything is good.

Book Fairs – Stacie Brown reported via email. K5 Book Fair - made about 3K from the Reading Rally. This is more than last year, which included being open for the holiday boutique.

Jen Knop reported on MS Book Fair. Off to a strong start, looking forward to finishing up on Monday during conferences.

Fundraising – Rosa Lopez-Washington reported. Total from the recent Mod Pizza dine in night was \$49.75. This was the first year that we've tried booking all the dine-in nights in advance. Next year we might adjust which restaurants we use. The next night is December 11 at Culver's in Mundelein. They are allowing flyers to be distributed the day of the event as well as ahead of time. Next year we will consider some restaurants in Wauconda as well. This role will be open next year if anyone is interested!

Hospitality – Stacie Brown reported via email. Elisabeth and I have started exploring lunch options and we are finalizing the date for the Holiday luncheon.

Membership Toolkit – No report.

Picture Day/Yearbook – Monica Trent reported. Waiting for composites to be finished. Still advertising sales of yearbooks in the newsletters.

Room Parents - No report.

Special Days/8th Grade Dance – No report.

Field Days – No report.

Spirit Wear - Stacie Brown reported via email. Spring Spirit Wear dates: February 7-21. Feedback from those present is that winter hats and hats in general are requested.

Old Business: none.

New Business: none.

Adjournment: 6:32 p.m. Motion made to adjourn meeting by Rosa Lopez-Washington, seconded by Aimee Briggs.

PTO minutes submitted by: Jen Knop