

PTO Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2025

Meeting Details

Date/Time: Monday, September 8th, 2025 at 4:15pm

President: Samantha Kimzey (present)

Vice President: Melissa Richards (present)

Treasurer: Kayla Termentonzzi (present)

Secretary: Carrie Neyers (present)

Staff present: Emma-Leigh Larsen, Ms. Hughes, Ms. Darr, Ms. Bryan, Ms. Ellis, Ms. Rasmussen

Parents present: Lindsay Gray, Frances Hicks, Mira Hurshman, Taylor Bennet, Melissa Davis

Students present: None

Welcome to Monument Ridge Elementary PTO!

1. Introductions
 - a. Officers, staff and parents introduced themselves.
2. Community Rewards
 - a. City Market earns about \$4000/yr. Samantha to request that Ms. Jenny posts "how-to" sign up on facebook and sent home in Thursday folders.
 - b. American Family Rewards earns \$500-600/yr

What is PTO?

1. Parents, Teachers, and Administrators who plan engaging activities designed to build community, provide support, and ultimately enhance the educational experiences for the students, teachers, and families of MRE.

How does PTO use funds?

1. Funds are used on things that the general school budget does not provide. We want to make sure the funds are used to benefit a large number of kids, not just a small group.
 - a. Teacher Grant Requests
 - b. School Needs and Events
 - c. Staff Appreciation
 - d. Family Nights

Fundraisers

1. Coin Wars (9/22 - 9/26)
2. Move-a-Thon (April)

Treasure Report & Budget

1. Current balance at \$37,307
2. Budget Report is based on what we've spent in prior years.
3. Request was made to separate out Outdoor Ed costs from Teacher Requests in Budget Report. Outdoor Ed budget needs to include \$5000 that was set aside last year for golf program. Kayla to update budget report to reflect this and present at next meeting.

Student Council Update

1. No updates at this time
2. STUCO officers have been chosen, will undergo training 9/9
3. STUCO will send student to all PTO meetings for SUCO updates

Teacher Grant Request

1. Ms. Ellis requests \$150 to pay for buses for Kindergarten Fall Field Trip
 - a. Motion to approve \$150 for buses for Kinder Field Trip made by Ms. Larsen, second by Melissa. All in favor, no objections.
2. Ms. Bryan requests \$592 for SoundTrap for kids to write music to video clips for 5th Grade.
 - a. Motion to approve \$592 for SoundTrap made by Melissa, second by Carrie. All in favor, no objections.
3. Ms. Darr requests \$640 total for 5th Grade Fishing trip planned for 9/25/25. This will cover costs of buses, sub for Mr. Hughes and materials.
 - a. Motion to approve \$640 for 5th Grade Fishing trip made by Sam, second by Melissa. All in favor, no objections.
4. Ms. Darr requests total of \$980 for Ameritowne for 5th Grade on 10/29/25. Of note, \$750 was set aside last year for Ameritowne for 25/26 school year, and Ms. Darr is requesting the difference of \$230 to cover increased costs.
 - a. Motion to approve \$230 for Ameritowne made by Carrie, second by Melissa. All in favor, no objections.
5. End of Year Planning Committee requests \$4500 for end of school activities and family BBQ.
 - a. Motion to set aside \$4500 for end of school activities and family BBQ made by Melissa, second by Sam. All in favor, no objections.
6. \$640 was set as a line item last year for Lego League. Request made for \$158 in addition to \$640 already set aside to cover total costs of Lego League this year.
 - a. Motion to approve \$158 for Lego League made by Ms. Larsen, second by Carrie. All in favor, no objections.
7. On behalf of Ms. Weaver, Ms. Larsen requests \$169.39 to purchase 4 additional Bee-Bot Mats, Computer Programming activity.
 - a. Motion to approve \$169.39 for 4 additional Bee-Bot Mats made by Carrie, second by Melissa. All in favor, no objections.
8. On behalf of SSN program, Ms. Larsen requests \$199.99 for new microwave for SSN room for practical life works and to heat up food.
 - a. Motion to approve \$199.99 for new microwave made by Ms. Larsen, second by Sam. All in favor, no objections.
9. On behalf of Speech & Language Pathologist, Ms. Larsen requests \$190 be set aside for Bjorem Speech Publications if not covered by the district.

- a. Motion to set aside \$190 for Bjorem Speech Publications made by Sam, second by Melissa. All in favor, no objections.

Coin Wars (9/22 - 9/26)

1. Theme: "Inside Out"
2. New rules this year to provide only certain details about daily standings
3. Ms. Bryan agrees to help make change containers, Melissa will reach out to Culligan Water to get new collection jugs
4. Team names for each grade will be a "feeling"
5. Sign-up genius will be sent for money counters each day (Sam)
6. Prize will be Glow Party again, tentatively 10/3

Conference Meal (10/9)

1. Olive Garden for lunch
2. Sam to get total numbers
3. Sam will pick up/deliver

Next Meetings: 10/20 and 11/17