PTO Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2025 | 7pm

Welcome

Introductions were made, and thanks given to everyone who was able to attend. In attendance: Todd Orner, Mr. Wells, Jason Keller, Jennie Harrison, Jeremy Kuhar, Anastasia Kalashnikova, Sam McClure, and Caleb McClure.
Approved the April meeting minutes.

Treasurer Report (Maria Kretz)

Jennie presented the budget. We had a starting balance of $10,356.34. Withdrawals totaled $13,895.01 for teacher stipends, Teacher Appreciation Week, R&K sub order, and Hersheypark order. Deposits totaled $11,849.29 for Hersheypark tickets, R&K Subs, and one more check for subs (being deposited). A fee for a bounced check was noted. Graduation caps for 5th grade were also included. Balance as of today's meeting is $8,310.62.

Mr. Wells Report

Mr. Wells reported that students visited the museum and that PSSA testing occurred. District events included a chorus concert, band concert, and the 3rd grade field trip. May will be very busy as the school races toward the finish, ending with May Fair. Mr. Wells and staff thanked the PTO for teacher appreciation support. A garden sign-up sheet for June/July maintenance was shared, open to anyone. Volunteers are needed for the outdoor science area. Fundraisers (subs and Hershey tickets) received praise, and preparations for summer are underway.

Jennie raised a question about ongoing garden maintenance, suggesting a PTO committee. Jeremy suggested PTO summer get-togethers that could combine yard/playground activities with gardening.

New Business (Allison Symmes)

There was no new business to report.

Committees

Fall Fundraisers (Jennie Harrison & Maria Kretz)

No update.

RIF (Jennie Harrison)

There is no real update. No word yet from Optimist Club. Discussion noted how expensive books and supplies have become, while fundraiser revenue is not as strong as in past years. Caleb's letter was forwarded to Jennie for editing.

Restaurant Fundraiser (Maria Kretz)

No update.

Box Tops (Mrs. Sease & Mrs. Spokus)

Mobile app shows $67.00 year-to-date. Ted asked to connect accounts for additional contributions.

Spring Fundraiser (Jennie Harrison)

The Hersheypark and R&K Sub fundraisers went well and pick-up was successful.

Holiday Craft (Allison Symmes)

No update.

Hospitality

Discussion was held about Family Movie Night. Members were uncertain about details, with preference leaning toward a playground event. Jeremy raised a copyright question.

Math Madness

No update.

Science Fair

No update. Hoping to restart in September.

End of Year Discussion

Jennie thanked everyone for the teacher appreciation week and all PTO support. Discussion followed about budget adjustments for next year, including possibilities for field trip contributions from parents, ongoing donation options (such as sponsoring a student), and structuring fundraiser events with both product sales and cash-giving options. Ted raised Kindergarten orientation and the new student night as opportunities for PTO outreach, suggesting a handout/rack card for August. Jeremy suggested a grade-level representative system, where designated PTO members serve as liaisons to parents at events and through communications.

Announcements

Gift Card winner announced.

The next meeting will be September 9th, 2025 at 7pm