

Pepper Ridge Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2025

In Person

Board Members Present: Amanda Kreuger, Hailey Saairinen, Brittney Arendt, Steve Arendt

Attendees Present: 9 in person

Call to Order: 5:04 PM

Approval of last meeting minutes

1. Principal Report

- a. Positively shared attendance is at 95% so far as of this month
- b. Students from PBIS team will be recognized at the board meeting tomorrow at 6:30 pm
- c. We will be sharing parent-teacher conference information soon with links to sign up soon.
- d. Fall parties 10/31 in the afternoon after lunch. Time is at their discretion Only volunteers that have signed up will be allowed to attend. That morning students will be able to dress up in their costumes for a parade in the morning at 8:30 am. If any students need a costume, please reach out to Hannah Kupferschmid at Pepper Ridge.

2. Assistant Principal Report - none

3. Teacher's Report: Brittney Arendt (Kindergarten) Thank you PTO and Lori Spencer for coordinating the Teacher appreciation event this past month.

We are also so thankful for the PTO teacher scholarships to help up provide items for our classroom and for our students that many teachers wouldn't be able to afford out of pocket. 2nd grade will be attending a field trip to the Children's museum fully funded by the PTO.

4. President Report

- a. Working on sharing more posts on social media spreading the word about the
- b. Sign up geniuses are being finished up
- c. Spirit wear sale \$440 raised for PTO
- d. PTO paid for new recess equipment and hooks

5. VP Report

- a. Wanted to possibly set up another landscaping day to work on tidying up landscaping near gardens and near the front.
- b. 2nd grade has utilized their teacher/classroom grade level grant for a field trip to the children's museum.
- c. Discussed whether PTO is creating classroom party sign up geniuses.

6. Treasurer's Report

- a. Report attached
- b. We will be opening up at PayPal and Venmo to accept donations for the trunk or treat.
- c. Insurance premium will be going up slightly, possibly based on the last statement from Country Insurance. The treasurer will be reaching out to his insurance contacts for finding a better deal.

7. Secretary Report

- a. Reviewed meeting minutes. Meeting minutes will also be shared on the PTO page on the school website.

8. Committees Report:

- a. Teacher Appreciation - Tailgate/game day themed food provided by committee. Parent teacher conferences day food will be chick fila with a portion of the food donated by chick fila.
- b. Fundraising - Spirit wear sale will start up again in order to have orders in time for Christmas. Penny Wars will be in March (discussion will be tabled until February meeting)
- c. Classroom parties (committee full, responsibilities include creating sign up genius for party supplies)
- d. Trunk or Treat - Trunk or treat will take place in the north parking lot this year so it will be closer to the playground. 2 food trucks will be present - Mama bear's Brunch box and the BiteBox. Photo backdrop Sign will be donated. 80 canvas bags were donated by State Farm. The PTO table will be a bake sale with items made by the teachers.

9. Old business

- A. Spirit wear was very successful, discussion of recess equipment paid for by PTO

10. New business

- A. Trunk or Treat (Fall Fundraiser)

1. 10/23 5 pm Trunk or Treat committee meeting to finalize details. We discussed the option of some 5th graders volunteering to help out with face painting and supporting some of the festivities.

B. Out of the blue event for October

- a. Looking for volunteers to help pop popcorn on October 21st
 - i. Another option would be to get popcorn donated from the movie theater.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:56 PM