

Deerfield PTO Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, October 14, 2025

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Deerfield Elementary – Music Room

1. Call to Order

PTO President Nicole Beatty called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Attendees: Nicole Beatty, Jamie Reed, Kelly Langseth, Katie & Ben Coldham, Cale & Mo Yost, Kyle Cranston, Kristin [last name], Georgia All (STUCO), Matt All, Tandy Wolters, Brandy Davidson, Caleb Ballard, Heather Tildes, Brooke Ramsey, Diane Bailey, Jenny Humburg, Charlotte Wagner [STUCO], Christina Wagner, Anna Lansbury, Tricia Franklin, Summer Moeckel, Amber Epperson, and Kristin Fisher, Ashley Beck, Alana Kramer

Icebreaker: Attendees shared how long they have lived in Lawrence.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

The September minutes were available on the Deerfield Elementary website under *For Parents* → *PTO* → *Minutes* and in the ParentSquare App under *More* → *Media* → *Files*.

Motion to approve: Cale Yost

Second: Kelly Langseth

Motion carried.

3. Reports

President – Nicole Beatty

- Event Recaps
 - Movie Night (Sept 19): Showed *Elio*, 200+ attendees. Sold hotdogs, chips, and drinks. Special thanks to Alana and Ashley for their help with movie setup.
 - Fun Run (Sept 26): Consider separating younger and older students for the foam party next year. Suggests moving the event to the morning due to lighting and cleanup issues. Noted difficulty hearing announcements.
- A \$1 surcharge applies to electronic payments under \$5.
- Capital Improvement Update: Discussion on possible future projects.

Treasurer – Cale Yost

- Reviewed Budget and updates

Principal – Summer Moeckel

- Party Scheduling: Possible time change for 3rd grade.
 - Site Council: Successful meeting; Discovery Night scheduled for Nov. 11, in partnership with Windsor.
 - School Activities:
 - Hosted Free State cheer and pom squad at assembly.
 - Upcoming Haskell Pow Wow and aerial arts performance.
 - Book Buddies program going well.
 - Crisis drill held
 - Conferences, book fair, and inflatable day
 - Rewards: Kona Ice for Q3; dunk tank for Q4.
 - Music Programs: Dec 11, March 3, April 30 (with Small Cakes).
 - Tech Policy: Adjusting student screen time limits.
 - ParentSquare: Continuing communication updates.
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4. New Business

Trunk-or-Treat – October 26 (3–4 PM)

- Organizer: Ashlee Beck
- Setup begins at 2 PM for trunk decorators.
- Accepting donations for the pantry and hygiene items.
- Candy donations due the Wednesday before the event.
- Tom's Coffee Truck attending.
- Open to community participation.
- Discussion about creating a rain plan in case of bad weather.

Martial Arts Family Fun Night – November 18 (6:00–7:30 PM)

- Organizer: Nicole Beatty
 - Pizza and drinks for sale
 - Family event—no drop-offs.
 - May need a sign-up form and waiver/disclosure.
 - Estimated attendance: around 150 children.
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5. Ongoing Business

Committee Reports

- Apparel – Brooke Ramsey & Caleb Ballard - Sales totaled \$760 (compared to \$767 last year)
- High Five – Heather Tildes & Caleb Ballard - September High Five update shared.
- Deerfield Dines Out – Kelly Langseth - Next event: December 4 at Lucky Seb's (25% donation back to the PTO).

- Marathon Club – Nicole Beatty for Samantha Bishop Simmons - Fall session runs Wednesdays, Sept 3–Oct 29 (no meeting Oct 15).
- Scholastic Book Fair – Trisha Franklin - Runs Oct 13–16. Sales up Monday, steady Tuesday. Need volunteers Thursday.
Spring Buy One Get One Book Fair is set for May 2 (books only).
- Teacher Wish List – Tandy Wolters - Spent just over \$3,000 of the \$3,200 budget.
- Game Day Parent/Teacher Dinner – Nicole Beatty for Rebecca Fast – Still need a few items.

Parent/Caregiver Questions or Concerns

- Possible partnership with **Premier** discussed.
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6. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Motion to adjourn: Brooke Ramsey

Second: Cale Yost

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 11, 2025, at 7:00 PM