



PTO Meeting Minutes September 18, 2025

Date, Time, Location: Thursday, September 18, 2025, 7 pm in the Wass Media Center

Meeting Called to Order: at 7:01 pm

Attendance: Ashleigh Jennings, Anthony Porta, Kevin Tuczec, Krista Steiger, Gina Savickas, Emily D'Amico, Dayna Koskinen, Erin Whaley, Tina DePetris, Holly Haberkamp, Kiran Esser, Jaclyn Gingrich, Sara Burch, Jackie Heikkinen, George Yousif, Erin Voss, Kristin Crowe

There were 17 members in attendance; a quorum was reached. No guests were in attendance

Welcome – Members in attendance introduced themselves.

Principal's Report, given by Kristin Crowe

- **Building Updates**

- **Playground Launch** – Playground is up and running and is being utilized by students who are enjoying it.
 - The 5th grade classes created playground safety videos that other students are able to view on the morning announcements
 - The fencing is still up to protect growing grass. There will be a natural hilled area accessible for students to play on once the fencing comes down
 - There was a repair needed for the lower elementary playground, but the contractors responded to the repair call swiftly and are working on obtaining the part to solve this. Currently that area is roped off until safe use of it can be resumed.
 - The school/Mrs. Crowe will be looking into a cover for the sandbox.
- New flooring was installed in the media center, office, and entryway over the summer.
- There is a new counter in the clinic.
- There is a new PA system and new clocks that has been installed throughout the building.

- **Staffing Changes**

- Mrs. Crowe welcomes Erin Voss to fifth grade to replace Mr. Lawson, and Lori Kostrzewa to fourth grade to replace Mrs. Kelly.
- We welcome in 3 new rotating media center instructors now to replace Mrs. Kostrzewa.
- Emily Connoly is our new MICI teach as Jamie Kazdan moves to the Wass resource room.
- Tricia St. Clair is now serving full time at Wass as teacher consultant.

Teacher Reports, given by Kristin Crowe

- **Teacher Allotments/PTO Funding**

- Teachers have been receiving their yearly PTO budgeted allotments and utilizing those to enhance their classrooms and student learning experiences. Many examples were given on

how teachers are using these such as buying books, art supplies, organizational materials, and learning games.

- The PTO contributes to the funding of fieldtrips for each grade level throughout the year.
- The PTO contributes to funding safety patrol activities and rewards throughout the year.

PTO New Business, given by Kevin Tuzcek, Ashleigh Jennings and Tony Porta

- **Budget Proposal for 2025-2026 School Year**, given by Kevin Tuzcek
 - Income lines that were adjusted to reflect projected include addition of Escape Bowling fundraiser, increase in flower sale number, increase in principal fund
 - The running with the wolf line items were split to include an income line and an expenditure line, vs having the category netted in the past
 - Expenditure lines that were adjusted to reflect projected include an increase for assemblies and an increase for fifth grade camp
 - Motion to approve presented by Holly Haberkamp, seconded by George Yousif, motion carried, budget approved for the 2025-2026 school year.
- **Calendar of Events for 2025-2026 School Year**, given by Ashleigh Jennings
 - Looking at targeting November 6th or 13th for Learning Night with the theme being “writing” to support new writing curriculum.
 - Dates of future events and fundraisers presented
- **Overview/Introduction of Committee Chairs**, given by Ashleigh Jennings

Committee Reports

- **Upcoming**
 - **Spirit Wear**, given by Kristin Crowe, Krista Steiger – Order is in and will be distributed mid-October
 - **Auction**, given by Ashleigh Jennings – The auction is underway, and ends Tuesday September 23rd at 7pm
 - **Room Parents**, given by Ashleigh Jennings, Kristin Crowe – the forms went out and the RPLs will be contacted soon
 - **Skating Party**, given by Ashleigh Jennings - Happening October 13th, ticket sellers needed. See Howl
 - **Trunk or Treat**, given by Erin Voss and Holly Haberkamp
 - Competition for candy donations- top centrum gets pj party
 - Wolfie and Mrs. Crowe, fire truck, dance party all in front of the school to get the traffic to flow that way after students make their round of the trunks
 - Consideration of allergies
- **Any Chair/Co-Chair Openings**, given by Ashleigh Jennings
 - Looking for a BINGO co-chair and for someone to run Escape bowling and arcade night

Officer Reports

- **Co-Presidents**, given by Ashleigh Jennings and Tony Porta
 - **Volunteer Form Introduction** – looking at what people are interested in and plugging people in
 - **Treasurer**, given by Kevin Tuzcek
 - Audit was completed in over the summer

- **Secretary**, given by Krista Steiger
 - Thank you notes received and shared from Mrs. Mayne and Mrs. Schwarz

Announcements

- Auction Closes September 23rd
- Skating Party October 13th
- Next Meeting October 16th

Open Discussion

- Discussion on bookfair future and whether parent-run bookfair may be a feasible option
- Ipads use at home vs. School and would there be potential for school ipads to be stored at school for all grades
- Discussion regarding future of free lunch program in Troy
- Solutions/regulations regarding community posting via Wass Facebook page

Next Meeting is: October 16 at 7pm

Meeting Adjourned: 8:19 pm

Minutes compiled by: Krista Steiger, PTO Secretary