

Sand Lake Elementary PTG Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, November 3rd, 2025

Time: 5:30–7:00 PM

Location: Sand Lake Elementary Conference Room & Virtual

Attendance

Present:

- Matt Meyers (Principal)
- Kelly Nestingen (Teacher & Parent)
- Anna Frazier (Parent & Incoming President)
- Emily Crook (Vice President)
- Betsy Jessie (Treasurer)
- Carly Baurichter (Parent)
- Heidi Feuerhelm (Secretary)

Excused:

- Elizabeth Allen (Outgoing President)

Secretary's Report

- October meeting minutes were approved

Treasurer's Report

-Current balance: \$24,199.79 Total

- Checking: \$4,995.55
- Money Market Account (MMA): \$19,204.24

Principal's Report

-Parent-Teacher Conferences (Fall)

- The PTG-provided meal (\$530.00) was very well received; the quantity was perfect, leftovers enjoyed the next day
- The Trail Mix Bar and family activities were appreciated and should continue; Supplies ran low early on day two
- **Spring P/T Conferences:** 3/17/26 and 3/25/26

-Sand Lake Social Committee Collaboration

- This potential partnership is tabled for now

-Impact of SNAP Funding Cuts

- No direct impact on free/reduced lunches
- Sand Lake continues to provide a Friday Backpack food program and maintains a well-stocked Kids' Closet

New Business

-Funds Request Grant Process

- Process and form reviewed and discussed
- Applications will typically be accepted in October and February; this year's first deadline is **November 25, 2025**
- PTG will review submissions at regularly scheduled meetings
- **Emily** will type up the process and send to **Matt**

- **Matt** will distribute application and details to staff

-Restaurant Fundraisers

- **McDonald's:** Application completed and signed by Heidi and Matt; Betsy shared necessary financial info
- Waiting on McDonald's to confirm event date and number of volunteers needed (time will be 5:00–7:00 PM)
- Additional restaurant fundraisers to be determined

-District PTO/PTG Gathering

- Combined meeting for all Holmen parent-teacher groups scheduled for **November 18, 2025, at 6:00 PM**
- **Anna, Emily, Betsy, and Heidi** will attend

-Logo Update

- Anna presented several new Sand Lake PTG logo designs
- Betsy motioned to approve one; Heidi seconded; Motion carried

-501(c)(3) / Nonprofit Status

- Discussion of whether PTG should pursue insurance; decision postponed to a future meeting

-PTG Photo

- Will be taken at an upcoming meeting

Follow-Up Re: Sand Lake Scamper Fun Run

-Collections: \$20,480.36 (net of Booster platform/processing fees)

-Expenses:

- Initial Fee – \$1,000.00
- Incentives/Shirts – \$458.84
- Shirts (net after donations/staff payments) – \$85.76

-Profit: \$18,935.76

-Staff feedback was very positive overall

-PTG/Matt would like the Fun Run to become an annual school tradition

-District elementary principals are not yet ready to confirm 2026 dates with Booster partly due to pending school calendars

Open Discussion

-Thank You Cards

- Anna will send cards to t-shirt donors, Playground of La Crosse, and Children's Museum
- The Sand Lake Student Council may assist

-Scrip Gift Card Fundraiser

- Discussion about pre-purchasing several cards and setting up a booth at the upcoming Sand Lake holiday concert

-Upcoming Events

- Ideas discussed included a holiday "Giving Tree" for staff and/or Teachers' Wish Lists for families

Upcoming Business

-Next meeting: Monday, December 1st at 5:30 at Sand Lake Elementary

-Upcoming meeting dates (5:30 start time at Sand Lake Elementary): 12/1, 1/5, 2/2, 3/3, 4/7, 5/4

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM