

January 13, 2026 PTO Meeting

Call to order: 6:04 called by Melissa seconded by Kim

Principals' Report: (Mrs. Cohn) We are back in the swing of things! We have early release on Friday and no school on Monday. Mrs. Sharp and I are working on the snack pantry we are starting. We will have weekend snack bags. We have been researching this, did a visit at the high school because they have something similar there. For some of our students during the week is great because breakfast and lunch are provided, but the weekends are hard. We made a list of things kids can make on their own. We got a generous donation around Christmas time specifically for this. Cabinets are being delivered for that and we are shopping Friday for food. There are 22 students that have signed up currently. If there are siblings at our school they get their own bag. We have voyager cinch backpacks that they will bring home on Fridays. Our goal is to do this for the rest of the year and see how much it would cost us going forward. We need to also be aware of expiration dates. As much as we would like to send fruit and veggies, we will stick to non perishable items. We are really excited. We have told teachers if there are kids in classes that might have missed the sign up they can still be added. We will be able to do it through this school year and our hope is to send them into summer with more. We did the math with all of the things we want and Sam's club is the winner for all of it. A few families have reached out and want to give donations for this. As we go on, we will report back to the PTO regarding partnering.

Treasurer's Report: (Katie)

Financial report sheet: please see print out

- Income: box tops, charities aid foundation, conlon candy buy back, and McDonalds dine out, Timber Ridge fundraiser. Total \$3,733.45
- Expenses: Quick books fee, staff appreciation (Christmas wrapping), accountant fee to get all caught up \$832.53
- Total balance in our account: \$29,001.41

Old Business:

- The Holiday drive thru was a success, we had a great turnout. Thank you to everyone that helped make this event happen.
- Light covers were purchased for all the classrooms and office
- For the holidays, we made a little wrapping station in the breakroom for staff to pick up wrapping supplies. Kim made cute comet ornaments for all the staff.
- National rubber duck day is today, Kim put together little rubber ducks with cute sayings for all the staff. Thanks Kim!
- Timber Ridge Event is this Friday, January 16th. It sold out in less than 2 days. Maybe we can look into a second night at Timber Ridge. Possibly in the spring.

New Business:

- Assemblies: the dribbler was a little more money than we wanted to spend but we did hear from Matt Wilhelm (BMX) and he does have availability. We're thinking possible Friday, April 17th unless we wanted to try and do it in February. He has Feb: 4, 11, 17, 19, 24, 26

- Mrs. Cohn said the April date works, we are done with IAR testing. It would be fun to end testing with an assembly. Melissa will book the assembly April 17th.
- Staley the bear does “dive into a good book” for a theme and could come in March. Also very reasonably priced.
- Urban Air Night will be on Thursday, February 12th.
- Our spring event will be May 14th from 5-7pm. We will be having it with the spring BOGO book fair. This is always a hit.

Committee Reports:

- Roller rink event: Extreme Wheel in CL on Wednesday, **January 28, 2026**. Cost: \$500 (covered by PTO - we don't require a deposit.. you can pay that evening!) You want free admission for everyone! (When this is the option, we greet people at the door to let them know if they don't need rental, they can come right in)
- Skate/Blade rentals \$5/person if needed (parents pay for this)
- Skate mates \$6 if needed (parents paying for this as well)
- No drop-off parent must accompany the children. The event is private, please only students and the family of Valley View Elementary School. No need for a waiver per Extreme Wheels
 - Valley View PTO will also pay for skates for any student that cannot afford to rent them.
- Bingo: Saturday, Feb 7th, and Sunday, Feb 8th are available. Beer Garden Ceader room \$300.00 /max 80 ppl for 4 hrs.
 - We will check with Macy Glosson about babysitting as a fundraiser.
 - Feb 7th is the daddy daughter dance so probably not the best choice
- Calm down area at recess ideas from Mary Tomlinson: We have a wish list of items and a box to store the items that doubles as a bench. There are adirondack chairs and fidgets for sitting there and relaxing and cooling down. The total cost is \$399. PTO can order everything from an Amazon list. Wellness teachers will help introduce the new items, too.
- Katie looked into new playground ideas like the new musical/sensory friendly things at the remodeled Pearl St. park. This would be really great to add.

Events Committee:

Box Top report (Kriss): \$230.40

Comments:

End of meeting: 6:37 called by Melissa, seconded by Kim.