



**Ballwin Elementary PSO**  
**(Parent School Organization)**  
400 Jefferson, Ballwin, MO 63021

**Ballwin Elementary School**

**Meeting Date:** 1/12/26

**Meeting Location:** Library

**Agenda/Meeting Notes**

- Welcome & Introductions: In attendance:
  - Board members: Emily Manninger-President, Heather Connell-Vice President, Katie Jess-Co Treasurer, Mandy Pelhank- Co Secretary, Ashley Force-Co Secretary.
  - Staff: Emilie Ortyl, Allyson Ryan
  - Members: Sarah Torretta-Trout, Jackie Williams, Meg Acelar, Mary Jones, MaryBeth Nicely, Stephanie Vogel, Abby Mucklow, Roni Eason, Amanda Kiesel, Heather Ihring, Jordan Renner, Julie Millburg, Lindsey Mothersbaugh, Jen Roskowske
- Principal's Report - Grade cards came out today. We are planning to print them this year. IC has access as well. K enrollment starts tomorrow. It is important for staffing. We had the opportunity for Rockwood's presidents forum. We got to brag on our school. Thank you to the PSO for all that you do for all of the kids. There was a presentation from our EAA director. We want everyone to feel welcome just as they are. We are very short on custodians. Thank you for the wish list items! They have been rolling in and we appreciate it.
- Treasurer's Report- Some changes are: we had winterfest which was a big success. We paid for the grade level shirts from our budget. The FEATS committee gave a gift to Mrs Newton who had a baby. We spent about \$5,700 on wishlist and fulfilled all requests. We paid for a couple of speakers and JA Biztown for 5th grade. We received a check from Raising canes and box tops. If you use the app, we get money back. Walmart can link to box tops as well. The budget is on the website. We can move some of our money to a savings account to earn interest with a vote from the board and it listed in our meeting notes.

- FEATS- teacher appreciation in May. Spring conferences are in February. We had cookie day which was a great turn out. We could use more help next year.
- Spirit Wear: All orders have been picked up and delivered. Meg will have spirit wear ready for K kick off next year. Needs date from Dr. Ortyl.
- EEA -see notes under principals update.
- BWYB
  - 1/21 3rd Grade BWYB
  - 2/4 4th Grade BWYB
  - Looking for help for 3rd grade. Cassie Cook will be there at 6:30. Meg can help as well. Need to double check supplies. Mandy needs info for 3rd grade for PS. Dr O will send to Mandy. We need help for next year. Jen and Katie are done.
- Restaurant Nights
  - Sky Zone : 20% back to Ballwin if you tell them that you are with the school. Mandy to send out a PS post Thursday AM.
  - Working on one for Slick City over spring break.
  - 2/23 Texas Roadhouse
  - Cane's: \$144 check.
  - Waiting on a check for about \$100 from a lil high.
  - Clear the cup challenge went well.
- Winterfest: Done! Huge turn out. Lots of positive feed back. We spent about \$3100, made about \$3200. This is great for a break even event. Mandy looked into companies that do the elf shop, but they were so expensive. This is a 3 person gig and we need help next year and moving forward. Santa would like to come the first week. Pancake people can only come the 2nd weekend possibly. There was a higher attendance this year. We had 221 pancake tickets. Holy Infant also does an event. If we can plan around them, that could help with volunteers. Cookie decorating kits will come back when Mandy is no longer here.
- Family Nights
  - 1/30 Bingo: starts at 6:30, should be an hour long. Any longer is a mess. Kids should stay with their parents. Doors open at 6:15. Need prizes and concessions. Checking with Mrs P about tables needing ordered. Will check what we did last year. Prizes have been ordered. Could use help with selling extra bingo cards. Might use two cash boxes to help with concessions.
  - 4/10 Ballwin gives back Movie Night: Kids will get to vote for this movie. We will collect canned food and hygiene items for Rockwood gives back.
- Carnival: Things are getting booked. We will need volunteers. Watch for sign ups.

- Jackie and Sarah are looking to do a spring event next year. But, will not be doing an auction. If someone wants to do that, let us know.
- The board voted to move money from our checking account to our savings account to start earning interest. Katie will check with the bank to see if we are limited on how many internal transfers we can have each month if there is a limit. We will decide on an amount via email after we receive this information.

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- Open Positions for 2026-2027
- Vice President
- Family Nights
- Winterfest
- Feats
- Carnival

## Ballwin PSO Board and Committee Members

Current PSO Board	2025-2026
Co- Presidents	Emily Manninger
Vice President	Heather Connell
Co - Secretaries	Ashley Force & Mandy Pelhank
Treasurer	Katie & Derek Jess
PSO Committees	
Spirit Wear	Meg Acelar
Restaurant Nights	Sarah Torretta Trout
Grade Level Shirts	Abby Mucklow
Boosterthon	Ashley Force, Heather Connell
Trunk or Treat	Jordan Renner, Melissa Melnick
Winterfest	Emily Manninger, Mandy Pelhank, Jordan Renner
Veterans Day	Ashley Force, Abby Mucklow
FEATS Families Enthusiastically Appreciating Teachers and Staff	Julie Millburg, Katie Jess, Nicole Lester
Carnival	Ashley Force, Heather Connell, Mandy Pelhank
EEA Educational Equity & Access	Leah Owczarczak
Family Events	Jen Roskowske, Emily Manninger, Jackie Williams
BWYB Breakfast With Your Bear	Jen Roskowske, Katie Soetart, Abby Mucklow
School Kits	Kristen Bracken
Class Parties	Ashley Force, Abby Mucklow, Heather Connell
Communications	Mandy Pelhank

**We would love to have more help and see new faces as well as old ones. If you are looking to get more involved in our amazing school, please reach out at [BallwinPSO@gmail.com](mailto:BallwinPSO@gmail.com)**

