

Eisenhower PTO
General Meeting
May 16, 2025
9:30am (Virtual)

PTO Executive Board: President – Rebecca Thornsberry
1st Vice President – Juli Kosovec
2nd Vice President - Mark Miller
Board Advisor – Jen Zofchak
Treasurer – Katie Heitman (unable to attend)
Secretary – Jolien Geis

Attendance:
10 Total attendees

The meeting was called to order by President Rebecca Thornsberry

Welcome – Rebecca Thornsberry

Thank you to everyone. We have worked hard this year to support Eisenhower and we're proud of what we've accomplished. We're also excited to welcome the new members to the team! We're all here for the greater good and we feel incredibly fortunate to work alongside such dedicated, flexible, and caring people. It's part of what makes Eisenhower such a special place.

Approval of Minutes – All (Approval by Jen Zofchak and Juli Kosovec)

Treasurer Report: Jolien Geis updating for Katie Heitman, who was unable to attend. We are in a solid position heading into next year.

- Dollar Bank Balance: \$33,850
- Quicken Balance: \$31,350

We still have approximately \$18,000 in expenses remaining for end-of-year activities. After those are paid, we anticipate an ending balance of approx. \$14,900.

This puts us in a stable place as we begin planning for the upcoming school year.

Installing New Officers:

- Samantha Keller- Vice President: This will be Samantha's second year in the USC district. She brings valuable experience from serving on three other PTAs before joining us. She has already stepped in to help at Eisenhower.
- Sarah Hollihan- Treasurer: Sarah is the parent of a 1st grader and a 4th grader — one headed to Boyce, but still very connected to Eisenhower. She's already made an impact and will be a great asset as Treasurer.
- Missy Nicula- Secretary: Missy has children in 2nd and 4th grade at Eisenhower and is joining the board to lend her support and time.
- Approval of Officers: Jolien Geis and Juli Kosovec.

President's Report: Rebecca Thornsberry
Recent and upcoming events/activities

- Kids of Steel: We had a successful first year and a great team effort. There was a lot going on behind the scenes with coordinating volunteers, weather, and weekly practices. We had approx. 100 kids who registered for the kid's marathon downtown. Baker and Streams were there as well. Thank you to everyone who volunteered.

- StaU' Appreciation- Lego Theme— The teachers received something in their mailboxes every day. They start their week with breakfast, on Wednesday there was a coffee truck, Thursday there was a snack room and charcuterie, hydration stations, and Friday a luncheon.

- Book Fair and S.T.A.R Night: This year we made \$18,411.60 with tax. We use scholastic dollars to help kids purchase books at the fair with an extra 30 cents or less. We purchase books for reading night: \$16,820.73. Next year's scholastic dollars: \$1,400. We can cash out \$4,000. This year we had a 3rd register as a credit card only machine and we were able to quickly check out with less waiting.

- Field Day- May 28th for Kindergarten and May 30th for Grades 1-3: Volunteer forms will be sent again. Look for an email if you need to register for that.

- 4th Grade Activities (Shirts, Farewell, Yearbook, Chorus at Wild Things:) 4th grade shirts will go out on Monday/Tuesday. The yearbook is finishing up. There was a small issue with the Wild Things Tickets and Rebecca is working on it.

Vice President's Report: Juli Kosovec Principal's Report/Eisenhower

Looking forward to next year we'll need help with volunteering for Reading Night, Arts in USC and Spirit Nights. There probably will be more opportunities to come but these are what we know now. If you're interested, please reach out.

Update: Mark Miller

Thank you for StaU' Appreciation Week. We celebrate all of Eisenhower, teachers and staU' including the bus drivers, custodians, and lunch staU'. It really does put a pep in everyone's step.

The PSSAs are behind us. Our focus has always been on providing solid, effective instructions, not just teaching to the test — and that continues to be our priority. Although not widely publicized, our building earned the highest growth score in the area and ranked third overall. That's a testament to the dedication of our staU', the support of our families at home, and, most importantly, the effort and resilience of our students.

We'll receive official results next year, but we're already proud of the work we've done. We do our best to keep the testing experience as calm and low-pressure as possible for our students — and that makes a big difference.

A highlight of Field Day is 4th grade vs. staU' games. It's a fun and memorable way to close out the year. Mr. Vasbinder does a fantastic job choosing activities where the 4th graders can really shine. Everyone has a blast!

Thank you all for a wonderful school year. It's been such a positive experience, and that's because of the incredible community we have — staU', students, and families working together. A special thank you to Rebecca for all you've done this year. Your efforts have truly made a difference!

Dates to Remember:

5/28- Kindergarten Field Day

5/30- Grades 1-4 Field Day

5/30- Chorus Sings at Wild Things Game

6/4- 4th Grade Celebration