



PTO Meeting Minutes February 19, 2026

Date, Time, Location: Thursday, February 19, 2026, 7pm in the Wass Media Center

Meeting Called to Order: at 7:03 pm

Attendance: Ashleigh Jennings, Kevin Tuczec, Krista Steiger, Kristin Crowe, Emily D'Amico, Gina Savikas, Erin Whaley, Dayna Koskinen, Amy Mills, Sara Burch, Emily Strait, Holly Haberkamp, Erin Voss, Vanessa LaRocca

There were 14 members in attendance; a quorum was reached. No guests were in attendance.

Principal's Report, given by Kristin Crowe

- **Pistons Assembly** – the assembly was funded by the PTO and took place in the week following winter break. Mrs. Crowe reports that the event was enjoyed by students, included good messaging, was entertaining and that the group was easy to work with. The staff liked the timing of the assembly immediately following break.
- **5th Grade Festival of Choirs** took place in January
- **Unified Basketball Shooting Shirts/Wass Night**
 - Wass students fundraised \$240 for the team and used the funds to buy shooting shirts which were presented by students.
 - The “Wass Night” game was well-attended by students and staff.
- **NWEA Testing**
 - Troy School District administered this test to grades 3-5 for the first time. They utilized the math portion.
 - The district is able to utilize data to pinpoint individual student needs, grade level and school-wide trends.
 - Testing is compared to national level data, vs MSTEP which compares to state-level.
 - The students will repeat this test in the spring. In the future it's likely upper elementary will complete this 3 times a year for data purposes.
- **Maria Dismondy Visit**
 - The author was able to divide student groups and adjust her presentation to make it age-relevant for each group. The students and staff enjoyed having Ms. Dismondy.
 - Cost for this assembly were split with Troy Union

Teacher's Report, given by Vanessa LaRocca

- Vanessa presented “March is Reading Month” – Theme is Read-topia – Zootopia/Jungle Based
 - Kick- Off – Dr. Machesky will come by and read his favorite picture book which will lead into a school-wide read aloud with Mr. Anthony (custodian) reading the first chapter of our take-home book

- School Read Aloud
 - Each family will receive a PTO-funded copy of the book “Magic Treehouse: Lions at Lunchtime” by Mary Pope Osborn
 - Teachers will be creating their own magic treehouse staff displays (ex. Givens with Glitter)
 - A Wass staff member will read each chapter in a video link. These will be available all at once this year so families can find their own pacing around activities.
 - Because the book is shorter than in years past, there will also be available video links to Wass staff members reading a favorite story book out loud on some nights.
- A calendar of activities will be provided that gives fun tie-in reading activities for school and home
- Reading logs will be sent home – goal is for students to read every day, even if just for 5 minutes
 - Each week students can turn in a completed reading log and be entered to win an age-appropriate book series if their names are drawn
- Families “caught reading” – selfies/photos of families “caught reading” can be sent to Ms. LaRocca for inclusion on morning announcements
- Drop everything and read – themed music will play at random as a signal to students to drop everything and read
- Door Decorating Contest
 - Room parents are asked to create zoo-themed classroom doors – they can recruit a committee or do this themselves in coordination with their teacher
 - Door art should be completed by March 23rd, there will be a contest for best door
- School-Wide viewing of Zootopia 2 to end the Month
- “Partnership is the corner stone of success” – a quote from the movie that will be incorporated through the month. Students will work with buddies frequently
- Wednesday February 25th- decoration day – parents are invited to help Ms. LaRocca decorate the school in zoo theme or donate decor

Committee Reports

- **Wrap Up**
 - **Holiday Drive**, given by Krista Steiger
 - Reporting successful event, families wishes were granted and thank you to community
 - **Restaurant Night – Gilly’s**, given by Ashleigh Jennings
 - Steady traffic throughout the day is reported in spite of weather – earned \$100
 - **Escape: Play, Dine & Bowl**, given by Emily Strait
 - Reports successful and enjoyable night for families - earned \$535
- **Upcoming**
 - **BINGO**, given by Ashleigh Jennings
 - February 26th, with tickets on sale at lunches 2/24 and 2/25
 - 350 tickets max will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis
 - Theme is “think spring”
 - **Flower Sale**, given by Ashleigh Jennings
 - Launched this week- link in emails, pamphlet came home today
 - Delivery expected around May 20th

- **RWTW**, given by Ashleigh Jennings
 - Sizes are being collected for student t-shirts, please see the link in the howl
- **Restaurant Nights**, given by Ashleigh Jennings
 - Jet's Night on March 18th

Officer Reports

- **Co-Presidents**, given by Ashleigh Jennings
 - President's Council met last night – compared notes on fundraisers and restaurant nights
 - Tony Porta, co-president, sent written regards read out loud by Ashleigh
- **Treasurer**, given by Kevin Tuczec
 - Reports spending continues to be on track

Announcements

- *February 26, 2026 – BINGO Night*
- *No Meeting in March*
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Next Meeting is: April 16th at 7pm, district representative will be present

Meeting Adjourned: 8:15

Minutes compiled by: Krista Steiger, PTO Secretary