

Viking Elementary PTO - Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

Call to Order and Welcome

First Approval Katie, 2nd Approval Rachel

Secretary

- Minutes from February PTO Meeting
- First Approval Jess, 2nd Approval Rachel

Representatives from The School District of Holmen and The Holmen Education Association (HEA)

Jennifer Dieck: Holmen School District Board President present to discuss the Key Points of the Referendum

- 1) Educational Programming- supports our current programming including core academic classes and enrichment opportunities, special education, gifted and talented, meeting the needs of every student where they are at, retaining qualified staff, considers appropriate class sizes, etc.
- 2) Safety- update to 2-stage secured entrances to align with current school safety best practices with screening and intercom outside of the school doors, update door fobs and access control systems for reliability, replace the camera system in all of our school buildings and on all buses with enhanced central command center system for cameras
- 3) Operations & Maintenance- supports keeping salaries and benefits for our staff competitive with surrounding districts; due to operating under a budget deficit the last couple of years, there was a freeze put on all employees salaries last year; replace 1993 portion of the High School roof that is leaking; High School track is unsafe and needs to be replaced to host meets
- 4) FAQs (30 - 40 questions that will give a voter more information on the referendum)
- 5) No projected school tax rate, mill rate to remain at \$6.94
- 6) If referendum passes it would exceed the state revenue limit for 5 years starting in 2026-2027 to 2030-2031

Treasurer's Report

- 501(c)3 Update - Approved by IRS

Principal's Report

- Forward Testing
- UW- L Partnership
- Read Across America - \$8000 - replenish library books, etc
- Parent Teacher Conferences
- District Survey coming out March 16th
- No School April 3rd - 6th

Old Business

- Chuck E Cheese Fundraiser \$800
- Furniture for Landing Space - kids are using this furniture
- Donuts with Dear Ones - about 300 attended
- Glow Dance huge success - thank you volunteers - \$200 donations
- Student Teacher Swag and Welcome Gift - teachers shared how thoughtful this was
- Whistles for Teachers/EAs - purchased

New/Upcoming Business

- Music Concert Reception Set Up - discussion of how to best set up for two lines
- April 16th - Jess and Kali 1st grade
- April 23rd - Rachel and Nicole 5th grade
- Bingo, Books and Bites | Thursday, April 30 - Monkey Business, Schindoggies, Coulee Lemon Co
- Penny Wars Fundraiser | April 13-17 - each grade competes against each other, bring to bank to count at the end of the week
- Conference Meal (Teachers) | March 26 at 4pm Olive Garden soup, salad, breadsticks
- 5th Grade Bash Meeting is Wednesday, March 11th at 6:30pm - Sand Lake
- Conference Meal (Kindness Club) - donate to assist this cause (meals to eat at conferences)
 - Purchase water and Capri Sun
- School Supplies 2026/2027
 - Follow Up from the Guiding Coalition Meeting - funds from Fun Run will purchase a portion of school supplies, families will be responsible for some supplies as well

Motion to Adjourn:

First Approval Katie, 2nd Approval Megan

In Attendance: Nicole Lorentz, Jess McIlvane, Katie Rutenbar, Rachel Johnson, Nina Swanson, Lindsey Bahr, Megan Webster, Kierstin Lovell, Rachel Valadez, Samantha Kuhns, Autumn Rollins, Jennifer Dieck