

February PTO Meeting Minutes  
6 p.m. March 17, 2026

- I. Treasurer's Report - Hannah Not many new expenses - Valentine's Dance, new microphone set for gym and new mascot suit. The mascot suit and microphone are not yet reflected on the Treasurer's Report. Things are still looking good.
- II. Old Business
  - A. Valentine's Dance All went well - plenty of snacks this year! Shannon was happy with how things went.
  - B. Teacher Appreciation February was Panera + fruit, Altr'd state jewelry giveaway for all staff and 4 \$25 Bliss gift cards done as giveaway to staff. Staff in attendance enjoyed the Panera treats and jewelry.
  - C. Curtain Quote Dr. Cottrell got a quote from the approved KCS vendor to replace the curtains for the stage in the gym. The all-in cost for replacement would be \$5741. Hannah feels optimistic about us being able to help with this, but would like to see how much the Pepcat Prowl brings in before we set plans for this. We can discuss it again at our April meeting.
- III. New Business
  - A. Upcoming Teacher Appreciation March 27th - there will be a trail mix bar for the staff. Lindsay also has 120 tickets to Anakeesta that can be used for a giveaway. She will put out a message to the staff to see who all is interested so she can distribute those. For future plans, she is thinking of lunch for April - Salsaritas or Firehouse. Teachers in attendance said Salsaritas is always a good choice. For teacher Appreciation Week, she wants to do something every day. Crumble cookie is donating (Monday), Jackie is setting up ice cream through UT (Wednesday), lunch - possibly by Charlie Pratt (Friday). She will have goodies and/or giveaways on the other days.
  - B. Pepcat Prowl Kim will be doing an update on morning announcements tomorrow. There is currently \$1765.00 on Givebacks. This does not include any cash donations. Food City donated \$30 toward snacks. Knox 360 is planning to do balloon arch again and asked what our budget is. Kristi will communicate with her. We thought ~\$100 if possible. Andy Morgan volunteered to do a special treat for the top selling class. There will be paw medals for each student (~\$1/medal). Kristi will wait until next week to order to make sure we are in a good place with donations. Hannah is going to send out a reminder in Friday folders this week to promote the final push for fundraising.

1. Fundraising: 2/27 - 3/24 we will leave it open until 3/25.
  2. Event: Friday, March 27th during Related Arts classes
- C. Book Fair - March 18-27 there are a few volunteer spots still open if anyone can help! Sign up is in the Book Fair GroupMe section.
- D. Thursday March 26 Events
1. Book Fair Family Shopping Open 3:15-6pm in the library
  2. Art Show - 5-6pm in the gym and hallways Mrs. West shared that artwork will be placed in the hallways outside of each classroom except for Kindergarten which will be set up in the gym.
  3. Magnificent Math Games - 5-6pm in the cafeteria Dr. Cottrell shared there will be a variety of games set up and everyone that attends will get to bring a math kit home.
- E. Skatetown NEON Night - April 2nd, 5:30-7:30pm \$7/person (includes skate rental). There will be a prize for the class with the highest attendance.
- F. Peecat Suit/Naming the new Peecat We have ordered a new Peecat suit! Reveal will be at the ABES game. There will be a naming process where kids will vote for the new name. Dr. Cottrell will talk to Mrs. Kelly who organized the last voting event.
- G. ABES Basketball Game - Friday, April 10th 6:30pm at Halls HS We are now hosting at Halls HS. There will be a sign up sheet coming out soon. Hallie is working on concession plans. Shannon was going to reach out to the lemonade truck to see if that is an option too or if we should just stick to traditional concessions. We need raffle baskets if anyone has ideas. Kim plans to make a KDT basket. Melissa said Knox Drives usually does one too and to check with Lori. Kristen is going to check with Moonshine Mountain Cookies and Shannon will check with Gracie Lee's.
- H. Kindergarten Round Up - April 14th 3:30-5pm in the gym There is a country Western theme this year if we want to coordinate with that. Shannon & Jackie volunteered to help with this. Hannah will get change ready for merch sales at this.
- I. Spring Grounds Day Saturday, April 18 - time still TBD. Hallie has a group that may be interested in helping so she is waiting to see what time they are available and will plan based on that.
- J. Available Board & Chair positions - voting at next meeting There are many positions available next year so look through the flyer and see if anything

interests you and let us know if you have any questions. Next year, Shannon will be moving to President, so Vice President and Secretary will be open positions.

- K. **Remaining Siddiqi Funds** We have \$11,426.89 remaining. We were planning to use this for a new shade structure on the K-2 playground, but didn't think spending over \$24,000 on one structure was appropriate with or without grant money, so we now have this available again to spend toward something that will promote physical activity.
  
- II. **Principal Remarks:** The early release day next Wednesday is still as planned for now. Dr. Cottrell shared that last year the April one was converted to a full day after using many snow days, but as far as we know this one is still planned. April 14-24 is the TCAP window. KCS will be removing asbestos from the building this summer so it will be closed completely. No access to anyone all summer (even the janitors). FCE will not be used for summer school or Kidsplace because of this.
  
- III. Cassie added a request from Ms. Timmerman who would be grateful for anyone willing to vote for her in the "America's Favorite Teacher" competition. The voting link was shared on Parentsquare.

\*\* Next PTO meeting Tuesday, April 14th at FCE in the Library at 6pm. Jackie shared that the next meeting should not be as long as in past years because we do not have to do carnival planning this time. We hope voting will be followed by a light meeting.