



TONAWANDA

Elementary School

**TONAWANDA PTO
February PTO MEETING**

(2/10/26) In Person at Tonawanda Library, Elm Grove, WI 6pm

Call to Order/Welcome: Carina Tran/Danielle Linn

In attendance: Chelsey Meier, Kristin Olson, Leah Christianson, Lindsey Swain, Sumner Welsh, Amy Holt, Carina Tran, Danielle Linn, Ashley Wills, Courtney Arntzen; Garrett Soberalsky

Principal Report – Kristin Olson

Teacher Grants

- Parents Night Out was Fun
- The book for the all school read is Ball Park Mysteries The Sausage Chase Race. It's going well and everyone is enjoying it.
- The Penny War is coming up to benefit the nature center. Be sure to send in your change to show your support!
- The Sweetheart Dance is coming up on February 26th. There are still volunteers needed.
- The all-school author visit went great. Alex Willan author of "the Worst" books series came to reach his new book. He also led the kids through a goblin drawing activity. It was an overall great visit and the kids loved it.
- On February 16th at 6 there will be the facility tours to go over the proposed changes to Tonawanda.
- January Assessments for Literacy and Math were competed.
- EEF Stem Night is coming up on February 18.

Approve January Minutes: Sarah Approves; Garrett Seconds – Minutes approved with a request to attach the budget.

President Report – Carina Tran/Danielle Linn

- Thank Yous- Emily Abeyta & Chris Schulta, Parents' Night Out
 - It was a great night and we really appreciate it.
- Garrett Soberalski--Bylaws update and clarification on decision-making process.
Recommendation of steps to resolve social events debate.
 - Proposing Bylaws with specific voting for the Sweetheart (can apply to next year)
 - Revised Bylaws and process
 - Agreement to proceed with the events "as everyone welcome" this year and move forward with an update to the decision-making process. Will provide an update at the March meeting.

Treasurer Report – Leah Christianson

- Account balances as of 1/31/2026:
 - Operating Account: \$88,632
 - Reserves Account: \$56,939
 - Budget to Actuals: Net Operating Income of \$56k vs. Planned loss of (\$35k)

- Spring Teacher Grants submissions
 - Total of \$707 requested; still under budget for the year if approved
 - 4K - handwriting activities, STEM activities, art supplies - \$507
 - 1st - math games and hands-on manipulatives - \$200
 - Motion to approve

Committee Reports:

Academic Enrichment – Sarah Van Lieshout/Sarah Kass

- Have been in contact with Hannah Johnson, Megan Gray, and Molly Salinas (parent volunteer)- once they have the final headcount around 3/20, we will assist with purchasing/acquiring scoobie tokens and supplies for prizes.
 - Where to post and where to go out in the Tonawanda news (3/20 register)

Social Programming – Kelly Blong/Lindsey Swain

- April 22 and April 29 is the bowling bash

School & Family Relations – Garrett Soberalski

- No new updates

Fundraising – Sarah Danforth

- Parents Night Out was a hit!
Total revenue: \$11,050.80 with 88 tickets sold, \$7,260 in auction items. Final expenses are being settled.

Other Business and Online Submissions

- Update on Floor Mat ordering/pricing?

ONLINE SUBMISSION:

- For next year, It'd be cool to host a "Math For Parents" event where parents are taught the "new" way of doing math. When my kids have problems with their math homework -- I can help them get the answer, but not using the same methods the kids are using. It'd be fun and helpful! Could pair it with fun, contests, trivia, etc. or just a straightforward info night.
 - Everyone agreed that this was a great idea.

Mission Statement: The mission of the Tonawanda Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) is to foster a strong partnership between families, teachers, and staff. We are committed to supporting academic enrichment and building an inclusive school community through family involvement, volunteerism, communication, fundraising, and events.