



Meeting Minutes

Martell Elementary PTO

Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at 6:30PM, In-person & ams

I. Call to Order / Welcome

The meeting was called to order and attendees were welcomed at 6:32PM

II. Approval of March Meeting Minutes

The November PTO meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

Approved by: Manal Geibig & Krista Russo

III. Principal's Report – Collette Ivey, Principal

- **Upcoming Meetings:**

- Parking Lot update:

- Engineer from the city came for arrival and dismissal and made recommendations in writing and they have been shared with central office administration.
- We have community members entering the parking lot through the exit which is extremely dangerous.
- Before recommendations are shared publicly, Mrs. Ivey has to share with head of facilities to see what we can put into motion for next year.
- We are not going to get a traffic light. Smith will be getting traffic light, but not Martell.
- Working to get GSRP to start earlier to help relieve some of the traffic.
- Police department cannot be here daily to help with arrival and dismissal.
- Our best option is to revamp how we are utilizing our current space.
- Hoping to be able to share more information next PTO meeting.
- Unable to get a reflective mirror to be able to see oncoming traffic.

- Next year we will be implementing BIST (Behavior Intervention Support Team): Colette Ivey, Nicole Wilson, Clayton Lalko and Alison Keaser will be apart of this program.

- Kids will be working on 3 reflective questions when they don't want to do something when they don't like it. So we are working together to use some common language at school and at home to be able to help set expectations.
- MSTEP
 - Next week 5th grade starts ELA
 - 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades will be testing.
 - Important to get good night sleep and good breakfast before testing.
- End of year parties:
 - Staff decided June 2nd anytime between 10am-12pm.
- May 4th PTO meeting had to get moved to 5:30pm due to a music concert. This is PTO election day.

IV. Teacher's Report – Deb Motherwell, Teacher Representative

- Happy Spring!
- Remember to dress your children for the weather currently.

V. Officer Reports

a. President's Report –Kristy Osterlund and Jackie

- Elections coming up next meeting: in person at meeting or anytime in the office that day.
- Make sure to send in any nominations on or before April 30th.
- Nominees will be listed in Martell monitor on April 17th.

b. Vice President's Report –Krista Russo and Manal

- Check for end of the year party, make sure to have reimbursements before the end of the year.
- All baskets need to be dropped to Manal's house by May 3rd.
- Survey is closed, so we will pull the data and summarize at next month's meeting.
- Yearbook pictures are still able to be sent ASAP.

c. Treasurer's Report – Sam Becker (not present) Jackie read report

- Current balance: \$32,498.69
- End with \$10,956.45 would be ending balance currently once everything is paid through the end of year.

VI. Committee Reports

- **Restaurant Nights:** Ongoing planning and execution.

- **Glow Party:**
 - Over 200 people came
- **Skate World**
 - Flyer is set up and ready to go.
 - April 23rd 6:15-8:15
 - \$5 per skater
 - Parents do not have to pay if they are not skating.
 - Skate rental will have to be paid at Skate World directly to Skate World
 - Pre-registration deadline April 22nd.
- **Fun Fair update from Shelby**
 - Volunteer signup sheet will go out this week
 - April 20th flyer about wristbands will go out.
 - This year:
 - Glitter tattoos
 - Bug lady
 - Bounce Houses
 - Food trucks: Waffle and Taco trucks
 - Any option to see if there is a healthier option.
- **Teacher & Staff Appreciation**
 - Flashback Through the Decades
 - Kids will be able to participate in Spirit Week
 - Monday 60s- Pizza and Salad
 - Tuesday 70s – Baked Potato and Salad Bar
 - Wednesday 80s- Burger and fries
 - Thursday 90s- Ice cream Sundae bar
 - Friday Breakfast and Coffee for Staff

VII. Unfinished (Old) Business

VIII. New Business

- Not enough recess is only complaint.

- Children get 3 recesses and they get physical education weekly so there is a lot of movement.
- Classes get “Brain Breaks” to get up and move around and giving the children a lot of activity.
- Check-in system – when coming for the first time you have to bring your drivers license the first time. Once checked in, a visitor pass will be printed for visitors to wear to remind staff you have been through the office and are safe to come in the school.
 - School is able to add regular visitors for parents here often.
- Questions about email (child Placement):
 - This provides families a chance to be able to share information about their child to get them with the right teacher.
 - Goes to Mrs. Ivey first then goes into a spreadsheet and this helps the staff understand previous issues to make sure children are placed properly.
- Kids unhappy with lunch choices:
 - School confirmed there are 3 choices every day and this free lunch program gos through the state. The school uses Chartwell, but only options available are provided.
- Is there any way to get extra support in classrooms because of so many students?
 - At this time no. There is a ratio used within the district so there are enough full-time staff members to the number of students.

IX. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by at **7:50 PM.**

Attendees

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| • Erin Johnson | • Shelby Swinburnson | • Sonila Gkoros |
| • Kristy Osterlund | • Debbie Motherwell | • Vitjola Meroli |
| • Krista Russo | • Jackie Goulding | • Yagnesh Brahmhatt |
| • Judith Miller | • Manal Geibig | • Sydnee Solomon |
| • Amy Benavides | • Nicole Ferlito | • Colette Ivey |