



1. Call to Order

Time: 6:03 PM. Called By Brandi Lavelly - President

2. Attendance/Roll Call

- a. Noted by Rachel van Dinkel, PTO Board Secretary
- b. PTO Board Members Present:

President: Brandi Lavelly – Present
1st Vice President: Mandy Kostrewski – Present
2nd Vice President: Latisha Richard – Present
Principal: Amy Wallace – Absent
Teacher: Rep: Megan Maiuri – Present
Treasurer: Anne Rasmussen – Present
Secretary: Rachel van Dinkel – Present

- c. Additional Attendees Present (incl. Non-board speakers):
 - i. In-person; 11 (5 students, 6 adults)
 - ii. Virtual; n/a

3. Welcome and introduction of PTO Board Members

4. Student Presentations

- a. 1st Grade - Enjoying mystery readers for March is Reading Month; learning to add and subtract; learning about light & shadows
- b. 2nd Grade - Also enjoying mystery readers
- c. 3rd Grade - Learning multiplication & division; learning about how things move; Just finished reading *Because of Wynn Dixie* and are looking forward to watching the movie
- d. 4th Grade - Writing literary essays; learning geometry; learning to work on assembly lines like Henry Ford's lines; creating Rue Goldberg machines
- e. 5th Grade - In science we are doing experiments; learning to play instruments; going on so many great field trips

5. Reports

- a. Treasurer
 - i. Getting excel online for view only (board access)
 - ii. New format for spreadsheet
 - iii. Volunteer manual (show very rough draft, need info from each member on how to perform their role)
 - iv. Working on the taxes, no update yet
 - v. *Discussion:*
 - 1. We are saving \$10/month in bank fees as we do not receive paper statements.
 - 2. Current have approximately \$23,000 in the bank; will begin discussing options for potential Capital Projects for the school



3. Anne & Rachel have a proposed process for submitting expenses; will discuss with Amy (and any other relevant staff) to ensure process and rollout make sense

b. Committees

- i. Dining for Dollars (*Chair: Mandy Kostrewski*)
 1. Approximately \$1,900 earned so far this year
 2. 4/17 City BBQ
 3. 4/29 Mr. Kabab; working to secure teachers to be present as well (handing out samples?)
 4. Open to suggested partners for May
 5. Zoyo in June
- ii. Fun Run (*Chair: Mandy Kostrewski*)
 1. Two people have signed up to help out for next year's event
 2. We should start planning now, before the end of the school year
- iii. International Night/School Fair
 1. Cancelled this year due to timeline. The hope is to start planning in the fall for next year's event.
- iv. Online Promoter (*Chair: Rachel van Dinkel*)
 1. Gmail calendar current
 2. Alex posts are getting decent metrics
 3. We've seen an uptick in membership requests
- v. Talent Show
 1. Took place last night
 2. Discussion: Really well organized this year, excellent talent, and great seeing older kids and community members helping out as well!
- vi. Teacher Appreciation Week
 1. Monday (5/4/2026) - Friday (5/8/2026)
 2. Additional people have signed up to help on the committee
 3. Selected a theme for the week: *Toy Story*
 4. Given the current budget forecast, may propose something a little extra special this year if there is flexibility to increase the allocated funds
- c. Staff & Principal Report -
 - i. Spring conferences are next week; open to all families and hoping for 100% representation
 - ii. M-step testing to begin shortly after spring break for grades 3-5
 - iii. Character Education evaluation took place last week. Very involved process, involving many teams of people from Wattles community. Very appreciative of all who played a role!
 - iv. *March is Reading Month* is in full swing. Will wrap up with a special activity - reading in CATpacks, special treats and pretend campout. Also hosting a spirit week at the end of the month.



7. Unfinished Business

- a. None

8. New Business

- a. 2026-2027 Executive Board
 - i. Positions to be filled: President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary
 - ii. A March communication will include an announcement for nominations
 - iii. Nominations will close at the end of the April PTO Meeting
 - iv. Elections will be held during the May PTO Meeting
- b. Rachel shared about conversations during Character Education prep that led to brainstorming how to potentially better support our expat and non-native English-speaking families. Shared suggestion of establishing Family Ambassadors for new students, ideally with shared language and/or culture. Goal of welcoming and helping them learn how things work and assisting with some cultural insights as well. Group appeared to have some interest in further discussion and consideration.

9. Adjournment

Time: 6:51 PM Called By Brandi Lavelly - President

Next Meeting: Wednesday, 8 April 2026