



PTO Meeting Minutes May 14, 2026

Date, Time, Location: Thursday, April 16, 2026, 7pm in the Wass Media Center

Meeting Called to Order: at 6:59 pm

Attendance: Kristin Crowe, Tricia St. Clair, Sara Konja, Gina Savickas, Emily D'Amico, Erin Whaley, Brendan White, Paige Walters, Holly Haberkamp, Emily Strait, Erin Voss, Sara Burch, Amy Mills, Tina DePetris, Kim Barbieri, Ashleigh Jennings, Tony Porta, Kevin Tuzcek, Krista Steiger

There were 18 members in attendance; a quorum was reached. 1 guest was in attendance, Mr. Dan Trudel, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services for the Troy School District

Troy School District Update, given by Dan Trudel

- Celebrations
 - Governor Gretchen Witmer visited the Troy School District in March
 - Troy High School Drumline was featured in an advertisement by the Detroit Tigers
 - Christina Rick, Troy teacher, was named Oakland County Teacher of the Year
 - Athens Charity week raised over \$100,000 and Troy High Activist week raised \$40,000
- School Finance Engagement Group
 - Has met 4/5 times, there are 30-44 members who meet
 - The meetings are recorded and links are available under the TSD business services page
- Playground and Technology Surveys will be coming to parent emails in the spring
- Safety and Security Update
 - EPIC system being put into all schools- this is an emergency system that works with classroom microphones and the school PA
 - Building Access Controls – exterior doors will have badge readers installed district wide
 - PikMyKid- unified system across buildings – system for visitor access and attendance
 - Visit U App – available for download by parents to track absences
- Bond Updates
 - Smith on Track to open Fall 2026, Boulan population moves into old Smith for 26-27 school year while Boulan is remodeled. Larson population moves into old smith for 27-38 while Larson is remodeled
 - Administration building is being updated
 - Soffit work is being done on all elementaries (Wass complete), restrooms being updated (Wass to be completed summer 2028)
 - Playgrounds are complete, fences coming down in mid-May
 - Athens new academic wing construction begins March 2027
- Teaching and Learning
 - 3rd grade MSTEP scores were top in the county, secondary school MSTEP scores are trending back to pre-covid numbers
 - Wass was named a National Blue Ribbon School

- Literacy team for elementary and middle school are meeting to analyze reading curriculums
- Budget
 - Just over 12,000 students are projected to be enrolled next school year. We're currently seeing around a 300 student per year loss due to the end of open enrollment.
 - This year an additional 100 slots will be approved for school of choice to try and staunch the loss.
 - Enrollment numbers are projected to level off just above 11,000 in 2030.
 - The governor's proposed budget gives a \$250 per pupil increase, but TSD still feels this increase falls short of costs, due especially to inflation
 - A buy out package is being offered to some staff in order to try and even out the budget – the district is considering areas outside the classroom first
- Enhancement Millage
 - This is proposed at the Oakland County level and will be up for vote on the August 2026 ballot
 - An enhancement millage is the only way that school districts can raise funding for salaries, supplies, etc. A bond can only cover building costs.
 - This is county- wide so it therefore passes or fails in total at the level of the county
 - The proposed increase in taxes would give an additional \$781 per pupil for each year over a 6-year period and would result in an average tax increase in \$300 per household (based on home value).
 - For more information on the millage, visit the Oakland County website. For more information on the utilization plan for Troy Schools if a millage passes, visit the TSD website.

Principal's Report, given by Kristin Crowe

- **Yearbook** – It is completed and looks great per Kristin. A thank you to Tina DePetris and Bernadette Manaay
- **Kindergarten Information Night** – held last night (4/15) and was well attended. Current enrollment for next year is at 58 students
- **Literature**
 - MIRM was successful among students and classrooms. The students had fun and the school looked great!
 - Thank you to the PTO for funding 2 author visits. It was helpful for student writers to hear first hand about the authorship process and relate to it firsthand.
- **Music**
 - Third Grade music performance took place before break and First Grade music informances took place this week. Thank you to Mr. McNurlen
- **Farmer's Market**
 - Brought to schools by Chartwells, which is the TSD food services company. The students were able to observe different fruits and vegetables, and ask questions. They could sample jackfruit.4

Committee Reports

- **Wrap Up**, given by Tony Porta
 - **Restaurant Nights** – Jets Pizza brought in just over \$100 in the spring
 - **Flower Sale** – performed over expectations set in the proposed budget. Mrs. Konja and Mrs.
 - **BINGO** – Mr. Anthony did a great job as Emcee. The event was enjoyed by families

- **Upcoming**, given by Ashleigh Jennings
 - **Restaurant Night – McVee’s**
 - After a reschedule, scheduled for Tuesday 4/28
 - **Teacher Appreciation**
 - Planning and theming is underway for Teacher Appreciation Week
 - Box lunches from Honey Baked Ham were provided for conferences
 - **RWTW**
 - Please follow communications in the Howl for more information on Running with the Wolves. Mrs. Crowe is looking into the schedule for the day.

Officer Reports

- **Co-Presidents**, given by Ashleigh Jennings
 - The final president’s council meeting took place Monday where the spring update was given by the district representative
 - Wass has the following upcoming chair and officer vacancies
 - Treasurer. One person has expressed interest at this time. We will vote next meeting if needed
 - 5th Grade Recognition – generally chaired by a 4th grade parent or parent team
 - Restaurant Night
 - Auction
- **Treasurer**, given by Kevin Tuczec
 - Income includes money taken in from the Flower sale, Bingo night and Kroger rewards
 - Outgoing expenses include the author visit, tshirts for fifth grade and tshirts for RWTW

Announcements

- *McVee’s - April 28, 2026*
- *Running with the Wolves – May 8, 2026*
- *Final PTO Meeting for 2025-26 – May 14, 2026*
- *Flower Sale Delivery – May 20, 2026*

Next Meeting is: May 14, 2026

Meeting Adjourned: 8:12 pm

Minutes compiled by: Krista Steiger, PTO Secretary