

PTO Meeting Minutes

April 15 2026

Meeting called to order at 6:03 pm by Catherine Glidden.

Rosa Lopez-Washington motioned and Elisabeth Reigle seconded, to approve the meeting minutes from the March meeting.

Attendance

Catherine Glidden: President	Stefan Ladenburger: IS Principal
Yoon Chung: Vice President - Lincoln	Latoya Conners Gray: School Board
Elisabeth Reigle: Vice President - IS	Stacie Brown: Special Events
Rosa Lopez-Washington: Vice President - MS	Aimee Briggs: Communications
Danielle Coughlin: Treasurer	Monica Trent: Yearbook
Jennifer Knop: Secretary	Guests:
Chloe Erkman: ES Teacher Representative	Brittany Ricci
Lindsey Maslov: IS Teacher Representative	Krista Lee
Amanda Monico: MS Teacher Representative	Suzanne Tomaschtk
Nick Brilowski: District Representative	

Reports:

President's Report: Catherine Glidden reported. The last school store will be on Wednesday, May 6. A reminder will go out to students a little earlier this time.

Vice Presidents' Reports:

Lincoln School: No report.

Intermediate School: No report.

Middle School: No report.

Treasurer's Report: Danielle Coughlin reported.

Mundelein Comm. Checking Balance as of 3/31/26	35,617.96
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Mundelein Comm. Savings Balance as of 3/31/26	48,134.58
Less: Committed Funds	60,815.77
Uncommitted Funds as of 4/9/2026	22,936.77
Balance available for 2025/2026:	22,936.77

Principal's Report: Stefan Ladenburger reported.

Lincoln updates - There will be a Parent Coffee on May 8 at 10:00 for families that have a student transitioning to kindergarten. Childcare will be available.

Elementary School updates - Looking forward to Book Fair and the combined Multicultural/BINGO night.

Intermediate School - Looking forward to the first ever IS Musical on May 15. There will also be assemblies so that the second-fifth graders will be able to view the performance. :

Middle School updates -

- Save the Date - The sixth grade and New Student Launch event will be held August 14 for students and families to attend.
 - Students will have an orientation to the middle school to learn about things like staying organized, printing, using Teacherease, and setting up their locker; while teachers and administration share helpful information with families.
 - The event ends with a scavenger hunt to learn more about the building before the first day of school.
- Related studies teachers visited fifth graders last week to introduce the different options that they will have in Middle School.

District and School Board Report:

Nick Brilowski reported. April Board Meeting preview:

- Parent Transition Night was held virtually last night. Great event with about 20 attendees for the intermediate session and 50 for the middle school session. A video recording of each event has been included in the Fremont Focus newsletter for anyone that missed it.
- Spring Newsletter should be hitting mailboxes this week.
- The Community Survey closes next Monday. We would love to have a few more responses.
- Middle School construction in the kitchen/cafeteria will begin mid-May. There will be a few changes at the end of this school year to accommodate this construction, while keeping the student impact to a minimum.
- The next School Board meeting is Monday, April 20.
 - There will be presentations on CTE and STEM efforts
 - Anticipated approval of the Director of Buildings and Grounds and the shared Safety Officer
- Proposed 1% sales tax for Lake County

- Board will vote to put the sales tax increase on the ballot in November. To be included on the ballot, 50% of Lake County School Boards must approve the motion.
- Taxpayers/voters will then decide whether the increase is passed. This 1% increase would be distributed amongst all the school districts based on what percentage of students they have enrolled. (This would have generated approximately \$121 million this past year, of which Fremont would have received roughly \$2 million).

Latoya Conners Gray reported. The School Board Insurance Committee has been working on options for staff coverage for next year. Rates are coming in higher than normal for next year. However, the committee is looking at co-op programs and trying to find other alternatives to keep health insurance as affordable as possible.

Teacher Reports:

IS: No report

MS: Amanda Monico reported. The seventh grade team thanks you for the Boomers game field trip next week.

ES: Chloe Erkman reported. Excited for Book Fair and Multicultural night.

Committee Reports:

Art Awareness – No report.

Birthday Board – Christie Johnson reported via email. Everything is in good shape!

Book Fair - Catherine Glidden reported. Set up is tomorrow. The Book Fair runs through the BINGO and Multicultural night.

Communications - no report

Fundraising – Rosa Lopez-Washington reported. Dave and Busters gift card fundraiser closes tonight. 33 cards sold so far, with an approximate \$300 profit. Culver's will be May 19 in Mundelein - this will be the final dine and share fundraiser of the school year. Principles will receive a sign up link for teacher volunteers.

Hospitality – Stacie Brown and Elisabeth Reigle reported. Teacher Appreciation Week was shared to Room Parents and also in the PTO newsletter. This year will have a Circle 360 Delivery with a Target theme. There will be a sign up for volunteers to help each day - especially with MAP testing.

Marketing/Facebook/Instagram - no report.

Membership Toolkit - no report.

Parent Liaison - Courtney Billitier reported via email. Transition Night Zoom Parent U last night was a great success. Two separate sessions- one for future intermediate students and the other for middle school, which ran concurrently, were each very well attended. Special thanks to Stacie Brown for helping co-host the middle school session with Principal Loerakker, Principal Ladenburger for the intermediate sessions, as well as Nick Brilowski and Craig Albers from the District Office for managing the Zoom link and recordings.

Picture Day and Yearbook - Monica Trent reported. Final stretch! Custom pages are due on Friday! Finish your pages if you haven't done so. Will be going to print on April 30. We are in pretty good shape so far. All addresses have been accounted for at this point.

Room Parents - No report.

Special Events – Catherine Gliden reported. BINGO and Multicultural night will be a week from Friday. The Multicultural Fair will run from 6-7, with BINGO going 6:30-8. The Book Fair will also be open 5:30-8. Registration is open for both. The Multicultural Fair sign up is for hosting a table. BINGO attendees that walk through the fair will receive a special passport to collect stamps at each table. This will be redeemed for a BINGO card to be used during an exclusive prize round.

Latoya Conners Gray reported. The Mom/Son event will be held Saturday, May 16 from 4:30-6:30. This year's event will be bowling at Lakes Lanes in Round Lake. The cost of \$25/person will cover two games of bowling, shoe rental, pizza, and drinks. A registration form will be coming soon.

Spirit Wear - no report.

Old Business: none.

New Business:

Suzanne Tomaschtik gave a short presentation on Parent Ambassadors at Mundelein High School. This organization is similar to PTO, but members help the high school with their events as opposed to planning them as well. There are many events throughout the year and you do not have to help with every one. This is an outreach effort to help increase participation at the high school level.

Following that presentation, she added a sincere thank you to the PTO for their contributions to the teachers, students, staff and families. She will be leaving Fremont after 30.5 years, and is thankful to the PTO for helping fund the coding robots and starting the technology department. She wouldn't have been able to do half of what she has without the support of the PTO and truly appreciates the support.

Funding requests:

1. \$1,000 requested by Cory Davis and 5th grade student, Cadence Heroff, to create a sensory hallway in our Intermediate School to better support students' emotional regulation and learning needs. There will be a short presentation. Motion will be held until the next meeting. If there are any questions, they should be submitted to Catherine Glidden.
2. \$900 requested by Lisa Schippel and Bryn Brighton for adaptive library things, including: Wonderbooks, YOTO players, switches, fidgets, magnetic animal sorting toys, motor skill activities and decodable books. This will benefit IS and ES structured learning students. Motion made to approve by Danielle Coughlin, seconded by Rosa Lopez-Washington. Request approved.

Adjournment: 6:31 p.m. Motion made to adjourn meeting by Elisabeth Reigle, seconded by Yoon Chung.

PTO minutes submitted by: Jen Knop