



1. Call to Order

Time: 6:00 PM Called By: Brandi Lavelly Title: 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 – Present
Teacher Representative: Megan Maiuri – Present
Treasurer: Anne Rasmussen – Present
Secretary: Rachel van Dinkel - Present

- c. Additional Attendees Present (incl. Non-board speakers):
 - i. In-person; 14
 - ii. Virtual; n/a

3. Welcome & Introductions

4. Student Presentations

- a. 1st Grade - In writing we are learning about made up characters. We had mystery readers for March is Reading Month, and in math we are learning to count using number lines.
- b. 2nd Grade - We started a new math unit, we are learning to write realistic fiction, and in social studies we are learning about capital, human, and natural resources.
- c. 3rd Grade - We are working on stories, and preparing for ELA and M-step testing
- d. 4th Grade - Spirit week was great, especially pj day. Learning about algebra and multiplication, enjoyed March is Reading Month and having mystery readers.
- e. 5th Grade - We are writing books about the American Revolution. In science we are experimenting with properties of matter.

5. Reports

a. Treasurer

- i. Classroom support funds (teachers used the majority of their funds!)
 - 1. Setting a deadline really helped.
- ii. New format update
 - 1. In process
- iii. Info on the PTO Guidebook doc
 - 1. In process
- iv. Account balance
- v. Update on the taxes

b. Committees

- i. Dining for Dollars - YTD \$2,174!

Wattles Elementary School PTO Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 08, 2026 6:00 - 7:00 PM
Location: Wattles Elementary School, Media Center



1. City BBQ 4/17/26
 2. Mr. Kabob 4/29/26; teachers will participate on site
 3. Zoyo last week of school
- ii. Online Promoter
 1. No major updates this month
- iii. Teacher Appreciation Week
 1. Monday, 5/4/26 - Friday, 5/8/26
 2. SignUp Genius was created & will be promoted through email, Gazette, and Facebook group
 3. Working to create a "Favorite things" questionnaire for staff to complete, providing families with a nice guide for appreciation activities
- c. Staff & Principal Report
 - i. Wrapped up March is Reading Month activities - theme was widely appreciated and lots of excitement generated throughout the month.
 - ii. Mrs. Silverman had her baby!
 - iii. M-Step → Parents really need to read the information sent out on this, we do *not* want to pressure our students! Literacy assessments are also coming up, as is NWEA testing. NWEA Testing is a nationally normed assessment, Wattles is currently only participating in Grades 3-5 math. NWEA results were very helpful for admin and staff.
 - iv. We are in events season - Kindergarten Roundup, 5th grade promotion, Wattles Alumni Clapout Events (6/1), etc.
 - v. CAT Packs are shifting next year to a "family" model; each "family" will consist of students from each grade level, and will stay together for the duration of their time at Wattles.
 - vi. Collecting grocery gift cards for a family who suffered loss of a Parent.
 - vii. 5th Grade Camp - high level overview shared with attendees; factors that led to the decision to shift the model included cost, supervision, attendance, etc.
 - viii. Grass & fences (parent asked the question) - grass seed went down too late in the season, and so the fences will stay up until the new grass has grown in properly to avoid damage and future additional work/expenses. Expected to stay up through the summer.
 - ix. May PTO meeting welcomes a TSD Cabinet Member who will provide:
 1. Updates on changes within the District
 2. Updated to budget
 3. Changes to Special education
 4. ...and more!
 - x. No summer school this year other than Special Education and ELD programming. School is promoting resources to help students bridge the summer and slow/avoid the learning slide that happens between school years.



7. Guest Presenter - Camp Mirage

- a. New to Troy, working to get the word out into the community
- b. Flexible summer care
- c. Established (25 in Plymouth-Canton area, now officially franchised)
- d. Licensed social worker, excellent feedback from first season in Troy (last summer)
- e. 80-120 Kids weekly (last summer)
- f. Weekly themes offered each week; 7-10 campers grouped together
 - i. Examples of themes:
 - 1. Business Boot Camp
 - 2. Taylor Swift Eras
 - 3. Bedroom Makeover Camp
 - 4. Hollywood Movie Making
 - 5. Sports
 - 6. Creative Themes
 - 7. Nerf
 - 8. Lego
 - 9. Pokemon
 - 10. Harry Potter
 - 11. ...and more!
- g. Would love to partner with schools - can offer some free weeks of camp up
- h. So far ~60% of this year's enrollment is returning families

8. Unfinished Business

- a. 2026-2027 Executive Board
 - i. Positions to be filled: President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary
 - ii. A March communication was sent out requesting nominations.
 - iii. Nominations will close at the end of tonight's meeting.
 - iv. Elections will be held during the May PTO meeting.

9. New Business

- a. Reflection on fliers handed out at conferences.
 - i. Flyers were a good idea, but the timing wasn't good. Zero uptick in signups after handing them out. Advise not doing as a hand out for conferences again - they get lost in the shuffle.
- b. SignUp Genius for next school year is ready to go. Brandi will sign up those who expressed interest on the previous SignUp Genius.

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- i. Plan to have it added to the Gazette, an individual email (thoughts on when the best time would be for this to go out) and post on PTO Facebook group. Any other ideas?
- ii. Have dates/themes before the end of this school year, especially for the Fun Run.
- c. School Supply Drive - bumped to May meeting for discussion
- d. Additional Funds Allocation - Approximately \$8,000 remaining that can be allocated for Principal use.

9. Adjournment

Time: 7:00 PM Called By: Brandi Lavelly President

Next (FINAL) Meeting: Wednesday, 13 May 2026