

PTO Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2026

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm by Catherine Glidden.

Yoon Chung motioned and Jen Knop seconded, to approve the meeting minutes from the April meeting.

Attendance

Catherine Glidden: President
Yoon Chung: Vice President - Lincoln
Jennifer Knop: Secretary
Amber Rychlik: IS Teacher Representative
Lindsey Maslov: IS Teacher Representative
Katie O'Brien: Lincoln Principal
Latoya Conners Gray: School Board
Stacie Brown: Special Events

Melissa Duitsman: Spiritwear
Aimee Briggs: Communications
Monica Trent: Yearbook
Guests:
Greg Wideman
Brittany Ricci
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Reports:

President's Report: Catherine Glidden reported. Culver's last night was very steady all night. PTO storage as well as the PTO mailbox will be moving to the IS Building. Field Day sign up went out today with the PTO email and filled quickly.

Vice Presidents' Reports:

Lincoln School: Yoon Chung reported. Looking forward to the park playdate on June 5 at Independence Grove.

Intermediate School: No report.

Middle School: No report.

Treasurer's Report: Danielle Coughlin reported.

Mundelein Comm. Checking Balance as of 3/31/26	38,855.78
Mundelein Comm. Savings Balance as of 3/31/26	48,138.53
Less: Committed Funds	43,285.50
Uncommitted Funds as of 4/9/2026	43,708.81
Balance available for 2025/2026:	43,708.81

Principal's Report: Katie O'Brien reported. Thanks for Teacher Appreciation Week!

Lincoln updates - There was a Parent Coffee on May 8 at 10:00 for families that have a student transitioning to kindergarten. Last day of classes will be June 4. There is a park playdate on June 5.

Elementary School updates - Looking forward to Field Day. Thank you for supporting BINGO, Bowling event and Culver's.

Intermediate School - The first ever IS Musical was May 15. Looking forward to Field Day on June 5.

Middle School updates - Thanks for the 8th Grade Dance. Thanks also for supporting the end of year field trips.

District and School Board Report:

Latoya Conners Gray reported. This will be Mike Jandes' last School Board meeting. He has been a member of the school board for many years and most recently was part of the AI committee. The board has been looking into insurance rates as they are very high this year. They will be moving to a co-op option to help offset these rate increases.

Trisha Kocanda reported.

Thank you for all your impact at the school and with the events. 8th grade Graduation will be June 3. This year the District focused on a new social-emotional strategy, called RULER, starting with the teachers and staff learning and transitioning to wider use next year. The schools are working on creating student leadership opportunities. And the District is proud that there was 100% student involvement in service projects this year. At the Board meeting, they approved the reporting agreement with the Lake County Sheriff's office, as well as the new insurance plan. While the school has seen an uptick in phishing scams, they have implemented steps to protect their systems.

Teacher Reports:

IS: Thank you for teacher appreciation week! It was a great week and the teachers all felt loved. The 5th grade musical was a success - thank you for the support. Thank you for the Book Fair, and teachers appreciated being able to carry over balances to the next fair.

ES & MS: No report.

Committee Reports:

Art Awareness – No report.

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

Communications - Aimee Briggs reported. The last email of the year got about 2,000 hits due to promoting field day sign up would be linked there.

Fundraising – Catherine Glidden reported. Culver's was a success last night. We will need a new fundraising chair for next year.

Hospitality – Stacie Brown reported. Teacher Appreciation Week was fun to celebrate the teachers. The hidden "Dog Hunt" was surprisingly competitive and the teachers seemed to love it.

Membership Toolkit - Catherine Glidden reported. While it's been fairly quiet, there was one new membership recently.

Picture Day and Yearbook - Monica Trent reported. Yearbooks should be mailing out next week.

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 went really well this year. It was a different bowling alley and that seemed to help. Thinking ahead to next year and trying to find ideas for other venues and/or dates. May seems to be so busy, that maybe it would be better attended at another time.

Spirit Wear - Melissa Duitsman reported. The first spiritwear sale will run August 28-Sept 11.

Old Business: none.

New Business:

Introducing the 2026-2027 Fremont PTO Board:

Catherine Glidden - President (2nd year of term)

Brittany Ricci - VP Lincoln (2 year term)

Yoon Chung - VP Elementary School (2nd year of term)

Elisabeth Reigle - VP Intermediate School (2nd year of term)

Stacie Brown - VP Middle School (2 year term)

Danielle Coughlin - Treasurer (2nd year of term)

Jen Knop - Secretary (2 year term)

Congratulations to our Excellence in Volunteering Award (EVA) Winners:

Melissa Duitsman and Rosa Lopez-Washington.

Funding requests:

There were not enough Executive Board members present to form a quorum, so funding requests were tabled for an ad-hoc meeting at a later time.

Adjournment: 7:11 p.m. Motion made to adjourn meeting by Yoon Chung, seconded by Jen Knop.

PTO minutes submitted by: Jen Knop