



TONAWANDA

Elementary School

**TONAWANDA PTO
APRIL PTO MEETING**

(4/9/26) In Person at Tonawanda Library, Elm Grove, WI 6pm

Call to Order/Welcome: Carina Tran/Danielle Linn

In attendance: Sarah Danforth, Danielle Linn, Sarah Kass, Carina Tran, Leah Christianson, Garrett Soberalsky, Kelly Blong, Courtney Arntzen, Ashley Wills, Molly Salinas, Chelsey Meier

Principal Report – Kristin Olson

Approve March Minutes: Garrett motioned to approve, Sarah seconded the motion. March minutes approved.

President Report – Carina Tran/Danielle Linn

- Many Tonawanda Staff were nominated for Engaged in Excellence Awards! Carina Tran from our very own PTO is a very well-deserved finalist!
- The Ability Center is coming on Wednesday, May 13 and Thursday, May 14 for an inclusive, school-based program where the ability center takes over physical education classes. There will be a sign-up for parents to come in if they would like to join in for their kid's class.
- New signs were put up on the gates, and they were painted black based on feedback from the community.
- Another facility tour will be Wednesday, April 15.
- Music showcase will be on Tuesday, May 19 at 6PM.
- Field day is scheduled for June 5th at the Park.
- The 5th Grade promotion is scheduled for June 9 and will likely be in the gym.

Treasurer Report – Leah Christianson

- Account Balances as of 3/31:
 - Operating: \$95,649
 - Reserves: \$56,985
- Operating Income YTD = \$62,816 (\$99k favorable to budget)

Committee Reports:

Academic Enrichment – Sarah Van Lieshout/Sarah Kass

- **Urgent volunteer need:** The Art Showcase needs help hanging artwork throughout next week. Volunteers the day of the event would be greatly appreciated as well. Sign up for a shift here: [Volunteer Sign Up](#)
- High Interest Day Update:
 - Everything is ready to go and there is a volunteer group that will meet to set everything up. Sign-up Genius is out.
- Field Day Update (Courtney Artzen)
 - Park has been reserved for Friday, June 5

- Mrs. Bond has sent items needing to be ordered
- Looking for something to replace the climbing wall. Will provide an update once selected.
- Sign-up for volunteers will go out after HID

Social Programming – Kelly Blong/Lindsey Swain

- Bowling sign-ups sent. The budget is currently \$4000, but is also expected to bring in an equivalent amount in registration fees that it should break even.

School & Family Relations – Garrett Soberalski

- Will talk about bylaws in the future.
- Memorial Day Parade Candy budget
 - Motion to increase the candy to \$500 (**Approved**)
 - Motion to approve increased candy budget of \$500: All in favor of approving and no one was opposed. Motion approved.

Fundraising – Sarah Danforth

- Book sale fundraiser with Rainbow Books tentatively scheduled for May 19th (partnering with Music showcase 5k-G3) to support bringing a first semester concert to 2026-2027 school year
- Carnival planning is underway – A signup will be sent seeking volunteers to chair committees and help manage aspects of the event. The Carnival will be on the last day of school (pending Village board approval in April).

Other Business and Online Submissions

- PE Wish List (**Approved as is**)
 - Motion to approve all items on wish list: All were in favor, and no one was opposed. Motion approved.
- Janitorial Wish List (**Approved as is**)
 - Move to approve vacuums and bulk cases of batteries: All were in favor, and no one opposed. Motion approved.

ONLINE SUBMISSION:

No online submissions

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 PM

Mission Statement: The mission of the Tonawanda Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) is to foster a strong partnership between families, teachers, and staff. We are committed to supporting academic enrichment and building an inclusive school community through family involvement, volunteerism, communication, fundraising, and events.