

Raymond PTO Meeting Minutes

September 2, 2026 | 6:30 PM

In Attendance:

Rachel Thomas, Katy Shelly, Allie Wing, Laura Hutchins, Alyssa Moore, Machel Sharrock, Kellie Tucker, Jess Parthmore, Sarah Sheers, Lauren Do

Treasurer's Report

- Need an additional third credit card to give to the office; we will request that from the bank
- \$5280 currently in our bank account
- Income over summer: Kroger Rewards, BoxTops
- Expenses so far this year: Basketball Jones assembly, button challenge, water in office & teacher's lounge, open house, operating supplies, stocking teacher's lounge
- Overview of teacher incentive program: teachers sign up to volunteer at PTO events, in exchange they receive a stipend to spend in their classroom

Principal Update

- Has been a great beginning of the year; Kindergarten settling in nicely
- Basketball Jones assembly was fantastic
- Field of Flags for Veterans Day coming up; emphasizing community service this year
- Pride groups will have a year-long service project with Canine Companions; they are bringing in a therapy dog once a month
- Hi Point is coming in for K-2 to discuss pathways
- Looking for career speakers for 3-4 grades
- Staff are learning new technology with my PowerHub and Merit points
- Have a long-term sub for teacher going on maternity leave; looking for another long-term sub in February
- Have a student teacher this fall following an IS
- Could not find a better price for water (others were higher than our current rate); can eliminate purchasing bottled water for the lounge
- Finishing diagnostics in 3rd and 4th grade

Back to School Open Houses

- Completed 1-4 open house and K open house; gave out PTO paperwork and cookies; rolled out button challenge
- About 90% of families attended
- Was nice to have kindergarten's separate from others

School Supply Kits

- Sold 39 kits, earns us \$39 for PTO and earned 5 free kits so we could give 1 to each grade for use as needed
- Not used as a fundraiser, just a convenience for our families

PTO/School Communication

- Jess touched on new technology
- Can continue posting news as newsfeed notifications plus monthly newsletters
- Parents receive an email when there is a newsfeed post
- Calendar is difficult to use
- PTO could potentially create their own opt-in communication system

Funding Requests:

- Request for funding Basketball Jones again next year for \$900 – approved
- Request for funding 4th grade recorders for \$150-185 – approved

One School One Shirt

- Collected all shirt sizes; ordering tomorrow through Pat's print shop (\$2-3 less per shirt)
- Turnaround is within 3 weeks
- Will be offering a few spiritwear sale in the next few weeks

Eda's Dine to Donate

- Coming up September 9; offered all day at Eda's and you don't have to say you are with Raymond, they give a portion of all sales that day

Mum Fundraiser

- Kicked off yesterday, goes through Sept 21
- Goal is to raise \$4500; raised \$302 so far
- Volunteers needed for pick up day October 1

Book Fair

- Runs October 8-14 during parent teacher conferences
- Will probably hold in library
- Will have 3 a year; winter is books only; spring is BOGO
- Will have volunteer shift sign ups
- Funds raised go to help fund our library

Fall Fest

- October 9
- Hot dog truck is returning; will have horse and carriage, smoothie truck, photo booth, fall games, bounce house, pumpkin patch
- Will create a sign up genius for number of items we need donated (rather than asking by entire grade level)
- Need water and wipes to help clean up at the smores station

Der Dutchman Fundraiser

- Kicks off October 21, pick up week before Thanksgiving
- Has been 3 or more years since we did this fundraiser, this will replace the Texas Roadhouse fundraiser
- Can order cookie dough, pies, pumpkin rolls, gift cards

Stock the Lounge

- Stocked this month, next will be after Christmas

First Friday Staff Appreciation

- Are asking for families and businesses to sponsor treats for staff once a month – this helps relieve some costs from the PTO
- We've posted 6 dates and they are all filled up; we will put out additional dates soon

Next meeting is Wednesday, October 7 at 6:30 PM.

Rachel Thomas moved to adjourn the meeting, Katy Shelly seconded, adjourned at 7:47 PM.