

Wattles Elementary School PTO Minutes
Wednesday, September 09, 2026 6:00 - 7:00 PM
Location: Wattles Elementary



1. Call to Order
 - a. 6:07 pm Amy started the meeting with a welcome.
2. Attendance/Roll Call
 - a. PTO Board Members Present:

Board Position	Name	Attendance
President	Rachel van Dinkel	Present
1st Vice President	Latisha Richard	Present
2nd Vice President	Melissa Laseck	Turned in her request to be released from the executive board.
Principal	Amy Wallace	Present
Teacher Representative	Megan Maiuri	Present
Treasurer	Anne Rasmussen	Present
Secretary	Brandi Lavelly	Present

Others present: 13 community members

3. Review intentional focus for upcoming school year
 - a. Expand engagement: Amazing turnout for the first meeting! Thank you to everyone who attended the first meeting.
 - b. Increase accessibility to our international families & students: There is a large international student body at Wattles. As such, there are some language barriers and cultural differences - we want to do the best job for ALL of our families. If you speak another language and are comfortable helping translate for future events, please reach out to Mrs. Wallace or Rachel.
4. Reports
 - a. Treasurer
 - i. Quick update; confirm fundraising goal for the year
 1. The money that is raised helps to supplement experiences throughout the year, teacher classroom stipends, field trips, etc.
 2. One of the largest events is the Fall Fundraising event.
 3. \$20,000 is our goal for this year.
 - ii. Amazon Business account is live - a few teachers have set up profiles already
 - iii. Approve budget: Madelyn moves to approve the budget, Heather seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.
 - b. Staff & Principal Report



1. The direction for this year will not be a laundry list; it is already included in the Gazette and the PTO Facebook page as well.
 2. There will be student representatives (1st - 5th grades) at each meeting who will present about what they have been working on in their class.
- a. Committees
- i. Dining for Dollars (*Chair: Brandi Lavelly*)
 1. Aiming for two events each month with the goal of one dining and one community building event.
 2. Upcoming:
 - a. Buffalo Wild Wings: Wednesday, 9/23/26
 - b. Hungry Howies: Thursday, 10/8/26 (also the same day as conferences)
 - ii. Online Promoter (*Chair: Rachel van Dinkel*)
 1. We have a Facebook group and a WhatsApp community. The goal is for the groups to be self engaging; discussion does not need to be led by an admin.
 - iii. Talent Show (*Chair: Tausha Anderson & Cheryl Willard*)
 1. More adults are always welcome to help!
 - iv. Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week (*Chair: Latisha Richard*)
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 - i. Fall Fundraiser (*Chair: Latisha Richard*)
 1. Wednesday, October 14, 2026 times throughout the day per grade level
 2. It will not be a run this year.
 3. The new name is Wildcat Adventure Quest and it will be a scavenger hunt with teambuilding activities.
 4. Volunteer opportunities
 - a. Adult/High Schools students to go around with each team
 - b. Also need volunteers to lead stations
 - c. Assembly
 - d. Lunch time prize hand out (could also have teachers hand out since their recess is after they eat)
 - e. Reach out to local businesses for donations
 - f. Look for a SignUp Genius coming out soon.
 5. There will be an online platform for fundraising again this year. We are using a different platform that saves us money, therefore, more money is going directly to our school.
 6. There are lots of opportunities for prizes for the students!
 7. There was a prize idea - Wildcat bucks (to be used at events throughout the year).
 8. Scavenger hunt activity ideas (inside and outside)
 - a. Directional game (using words right and left)
 - ii. Spring Event (International Night/School Fair) (*Chair: Heather, Tolia and Zavia*)
 1. Community Event - Right now it can be planned as any of the following:
international night, carnival games, cost, no cost.

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2. An idea was given to Walk around Wattles with a passport (spread the activities out more than they have been in the past).
 3. An idea was given to partner with AHS/THS for games.
2. Unfinished Business
- a. None
3. New Business
- a. Events & Important Dates this year:

Event	Date(s)	PTO Role
Conferences	10/8 - 10/9	• PTO table (needs development) • Easy take-home flyer for next PTO meeting (and any known upcoming events) • Online promotion • Sidewalk chalk greetings?
Fifth Grade Camp	10/19 Spring date pending	
Fall Fundraiser	10/14	
Math/Literacy Night (Family Game Night)	10/22	
Halloween Parties in AM		
Winter Parties		
Holiday Sing Along		
Talent Show Rehearsal		
Talent Show		
Spring Event (International Night/School Fair/Drive-In Movies, etc?)		
Field Day	5/7/27	
5th Grade Promotion		
Last Week of School	5/31/27 Memorial Day 6/1/27, 6/2/27, 6/3/27 half days	

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b. PTO Meetings:

Meeting Date	Guest Speaker Ideas	Activity Ideas
10/14/2026	TSD Security	•
11/11/2026		•
No December Meeting	–	• –
01/13/2027		•
02/10/2027		
03/03/2027		
04/14/2027		
05/12/2027 (final meeting)		• Ice cream truck to celebrate? • School supply drive?
06/16/2027 (Executive Board - proposed)		

4. Adjournment at 7:02 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday, 14 October 2026