



PTO Meeting Agenda September 8, 2026

Date, Time, Location: Tuesday, September 8, 2026, 7pm in the Wass Media Center.

Meeting Called to Order: at 7:03 pm

Attendance: Ashleigh Jennings, Tony Porta, Emily Strait, Krista Steiger, Sara Burch, Gina Savickas, Emily Damico, Tina DePetrus, Erin Whaley, Dayna Koskinen, Andrea Parsons, Jacklyn Gingrich, Paige Walters, Holly Haberkamp, Bill Haberkamp, Erin Voss, Colleen Ciske, Kristin Crowe

There were 18 members in attendance, no guests were present; a quorum was reached

Principal's Report, given by Kristin Crowe

- **Start of the Year** – Mrs. Crowe reports overall positive start to the school year with students and staff getting into their routines over the first weeks.
 - There was significant flooding in the school on Thursday afternoon after dismissal with water rushing into centurms and coming through some of the ceiling. A team of teachers who were in the building were able to save items as the water came in. The staff was able to get in Tuesday, and clean and reset while the students were off. At this time the reason for the flood is unknown.
- **Staffing Changes**
 - Still looking for a second grade teacher, Mrs. Martin continues in her role at Wass for the time being – Mrs. Crowe expressed the importance of finding the “right fit” candidate as she and the 2nd grade team actively interview.
 - Changes in positions this year include: Ms. Grubb – 3rd grade, Ms. Herbert – 5th grade, ELD teacher – Mrs. Puzzoli to Leonard, Mrs. Yousif in 3 days a week, Mr. Melesky in for Psychology, Mrs. Whaley in for front office
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PTO New Business/ President Report, given by Ashleigh Jennings

- **Meetings** – PTO was looking to switch to 2nd Tuesday of the Month at 7pm based on previous feedback, however membership in attendance expressed interest in looking at other options for future meeting dates.
- **Calendar of Events for the 2026-2027 School Year** – presented. Is available to download on facebook or through the Howl
- **Overview/Introduction of Committee Chairs** – Ashleigh expressed a big thank you to our chairs for filling the needs. Most chair positions are filled at this time, which was positive.
 - There is an open chair spot for 5th Grade recognition which is traditionally held by a current 4th grade parent. Several parents are available to help, but someone is needed to be the point person. 5th grade graduation is set for June 2nd.

- Concern was raised as to communication that went out asking for a 3rd grade chair. Clarifications on that include:
 - There are not plans to ask 3rd grade families for donations to the event
 - The ask for the 3rd grade chair, was to ease the year-to-year transition with use of a co-chair
 - Plans for further communications seeking a chair to include further break down of roles
 - Communication was sent specifically to (then) 3rd grade families to obtain a chair in the spring, but there was not a volunteer.

Committee Reports, given by Ashleigh Jennings

- **Upcoming**
 - **Spirit Wear**, given by Krista Steiger
 - Today is closing date, Spirit Wear orders should go in by end of the day. We do not plan on running a second sale.
 - **Auction**, given by Jaclyn Gingrich
 - Ashleigh and Jackie have been working on getting things in place for the launch using the auction website.
 - There will be returning items and some spots added to increase current student experience opportunities – specifically there will be more spots in the morning announcements and more lunch DJs.
 - The Auction is set to launch on 9/18 and run through 9/29
 - **Skating Party** – Monday 10/12
 - **Room Parents/ Class Parties**
 - The sheet is coming or has come home with students. Interested parents are asked to fill out with a ranking of their party preferences and return to school. There is a box that can be checked for any parent interested in Room Parent Lead.
 - Membership suggested that Mrs. Crowe issue an email reminders to parents at the start of the year that class parties are parent lead and parent funded. Wass does not use PTO budget for these events, so it's necessary for parents to chip in and help.
 - **Restaurant Night** – The first restaurant night of the year is Jets pizza night on 10-8 (first night of fall conferences)
 - **Trunk- or – Treat-** Date set for Sunday, 10/25. The committee will discuss operations.

PTO Dollars in Action, given by Krista Steiger

- Biggest uses of PTO funds go to things like Teacher Allotments, Field Trips and Assemblies.
 - Examples of how teacher allotments were spent were given – things like classroom organization, crafting stations, book and material refreshments
 - Field Trips – include admission as well as busing. The amounts go toward easing the costs of these events on families
 - PTO supports safeties through the year with provision of hot chocolate and a reward party at Escape each year
 - PTO funds assemblies – last year the Pistions dunk team and 2 authors visited Wass

Treasurer Report, given by Emily Strait

- Emily provided graphics and charts on how the PTO expenditures are split by student experiences, classroom funds, appreciation initiatives and outreach. Her detailed report can be found in the budget proposal document.
- **Budget Proposal for the 2026-2027 School Year**
 - The budget proposal income predictions were reviewed with membership in attendance at the meeting. Areas of increase and decrease were highlighted. For more in depth information, please see the posted budget proposal.
 - The budget proposal expenses were reviewed with membership in attendance at the meeting. Areas of increase and decrease were highlighted. For more in depth information, please see the posted budget proposal.
 - Motion to approve the proposed 2026-2027 PTO Budget presented by Gina Savickas, seconded by Bill Haberkamp, motion carried. Budget approved for the 2026-2027 School Year.

Secretary Report, given by Krista Steiger

- Staff “Thank You”s received from Teresa Schwarz for her teacher allotment and from Phyllis Walters for her retirement gift.

Questions

- Discussion regarding dismissal and communication during Thursday’s severe weather.
- Question asked regarding whether direct donations are accepted in a lump sum by PTO. PTO will accept this method of donation. Member suggested communicating that option in the Howl.
- Discussion regarding HVAC issues/water issues. Mrs. Crowe is in communication with building maintenance to address these concerns.
- Discussion on future playground allocations from the district. This is still ongoing.
- Discussion regarding volunteers/staffing during lunch recess. Mrs. Crowe reports success.

Announcements, given by Ashleigh Jennings

- **Upcoming Dates**
 - *Close of Spirit Wear – 9/8/26 AT 11:59pm*
 - *Auction Timeline – 9/18/26 – 9/29/26*
 - *Jets Date – 10/8/26*
 - *Skating Party – 10/12/26*

Next Meeting Planned for: October 13 at 7pm

Meeting Adjourned: 8:03 pm

Minutes prepared by: Krista Steiger, PTO Secretary