PTO Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2026
Start Time: 5:30 pm

In attendance: Lenea Ortiz, DeAnna Salas, Carolanna Traver, Linda Fief, Claudia Apodaca

Approval of Minutes: Lenea made a motion to approve the minutes from May. DeAnna seconded

Financial Report:

- Balance: $19,611.65
- Summer Spending:
    - Stuffed backpacks were donated to a local fundraiser.
    - We had a fundraiser at Strike-n-Play

New Business:

- **Election of Officers**
    - We will need a new vice president because Lauren Berg has moved and resigned.
    - Table until we can send some notes home and try to get some more parents here to elect new officers.
- **Fundraisers:**
    - **Domino's**
        - Lenea has a phone call scheduled with the fundraiser guy on Friday.
    - **Fundraiser Cart**
        - This is the same fundraiser we've done for several years. We will start the last weekend of September. We have 3 weekends to sell. We have a few days to allow for stragglers. We are hoping to get orders in two weeks before Thanksgiving, so we don't end up with leftovers after break.
        - We will use the same catalogue.
        - Top seller from each grade gets to go to lunch with Claudia. Top seller overall gets to pick the place .
            - DeAnna made a motion to approve up to $200.00 for the fundraiser lunch. Carolanna seconded.
- **Shirts**
    - Teachers request shirts often throughout the year. We were wondering about getting shirts for each class. We will reach out to a few places and get some quotes by the next meeting.
    - Lenea will send out something to the teachers to get sizes and colors from each grade. Whole grade one color/or each class one color.
- **Fund Requests**
    - Lenea is requesting money for the paw prizes. $20.00 per prize at 4 prizes a month for October through August of next year.

- DeAnna made a motion to approve up to $900.00 for pawsitive paw prizes. Linda seconded.
- Claudia is asking for $150.00 for water bottles and granola bars to fill the TRY buckets for the classrooms. They are emergency buckets in case the classes have to be on lockdown for an extended amount of time. The totals came from Sam's prices.
    - Lenea can pick up the items.
    - Lenea made a motion to approve up to $200.00 for the buckets. Carolanna seconded.
- Claudia is asking for $550.00 to take the students to the Creede Repertory Company in Rocky Ford next week.
    - Carolanna made a motion to approve up to $550.00 to take the students to the Creede Repertory Company in Rocky Ford. Lenea seconded. They will send an invoice after the event, and we can pay.
- Carolanna is requesting books for staff called *The Illustrated Guide to Visible Learning: An Introduction to What Works Best in Schools*. She would like each staff member to have access to a book so we can address those things during PLC that relate to our Big Rocks. The books are $35.66 currently on Amazon. To purchase 16 books, it would cost approximately $570.56
- We are going to order a few extras for specials/intervention/admin
- Lenea made a motion to approve up to $1000.00 for as many books as they can get for that price. Linda seconded.
    - Claudia mentioned they could add that book to the end-of-year check-out form so they get turned in.
- Lenea is requesting one tablet per grade to help ELL Students with translation.
- Linda made a motion to approve up to $400.00 to order 2 tablets, 2 protective cases, and 2 three-year warranties. Carolanna seconded.

Next Meeting: 10/13/2026
Meeting Adjourned at: 6:14