

Westridge PTA Meeting Minutes – May 8, 2026

Attendees: Jennie Hogan, Jessica Olinger, Courtney Peterson, Anne Lind, Amanda Bjornson, Hallie Wemmie, Molly Daniel, Kelsi Salmon, Valerie Ridings, Scott Peshak, Nicole Campbell

Call to order: Meeting called to order by President Hallie Wemmie at 9:21am.

Treasurer's report: *Molly Daniel*

Current Account Balances:

Checking \$15,431.62 • Money Market \$57,885.37 for a total of \$73,316.99

Highlights:

- PTA fundraising allocations (\$315.27) to support the teacher experiences auction lunches/breakfasts with students
- \$200 towards supporting the district staff recognition event
- Additional student supplies/prizes: \$561.82 extra school supplies and \$61.68 towards special snacks during ISAP testing week
- 6th grade activities committee continues to raise additional funds through fee collection
- \$760 in extra parent donations for teacher appreciation week

Budget for 2026-2027 *Proposed budget passed around for review*

- The budget for next year is overall very similar to last year, which was a bit of a feat considering cost of supplies all around is increasing. We made a few minor increases and decreases based on looking at trends in spending and usage for those categories.
- One of the bigger changes is to allocation of funds for school supplies. We divided the category of school supply boxes to make a little clearer what that budget is being used for as it was a fairly large budget of \$3000 and to have more flexibility with the types of student supplies and needs. We divided this into three categories: student supply boxes, extra student supplies and Wayfair store prizes/snacks. Student supply boxes are for new students coming in who need all supplies and can be donated a full box from our order at the beginning of the year, extra student supplies are basic supplies that students may be in need of throughout the year and will continue to be located in a supply cupboard for teachers to access (will work on different communication about this to teachers) and Wayfair supplies and snacks to help supplement those in the office that they go through quite a bit of during the year and we have helped to supplement a bit so far this year.
- We also added PTA memberships as an expense to account for the IA PTA dues we pay after we collect memberships.
- We continue to think about how much we would like to keep in savings as a general goal, but would also like to have a more set plan for fundraising in place before doing so.

Principal's report: *Jody Kerchal and Tyson Heuton*

- There was no in-person principal's report this month due to interviews.

Hallie shared on behalf of Jody and Tyson –

8 open positions – way more qualified candidates than spots open

Teacher appreciation was very much appreciated.

Upcoming Field Day – Smile Orthodontics donating money to go to infkatable obstacle course

May 20 – Seniors come home

Testing has completed

Park days are coming up

Field trips have been fun

Staff recognition – Mr. Chapman, Mrs. Kaufman, and Beth retiring

Teacher's report: *Jillian Robbins*

- There was no teacher's report this month due to sickness.

Secretary's report: April minutes made available for review – approved without objection.

Current Business:

2026-27 Proposed budget vote.

Discussion was held around cleaning up line items based on historical spending – such as chess club, archery, book club, etc. Everyone agreed to take that into consideration in the future, but no changes were made to the proposed budget.

Moved to approve by Scott Peshak and seconded by Nicole Campbell. Hallie called for a voice vote. Approved without objection.

Kelsi Salmon – Shared about Indian Hills CPI and the opportunities for parents to get involved there.

Committee updates:

Amanda Bjornson - Restaurant Fundraiser - \$160 Totally Rolled – Spirit Nights raised around \$1500

Hallie Wemmie – Yearbooks are in and will be distributed next week

Anne Lind – Supply list changes are in and are being changed on the EPI list. Ordering options will be available next week.

Nicole Campbell – 6th grade activities – Track Meet and End of the Year Party coming up. Memory Books are being ordered this week. Gift to the kids will be blankets and the gift to the school, working with Jody and Sarah Miller on a track at Westridge.

Volunteer needs:

Fundraising – Nicole Campbell willing to step up for leading.

Lego Club

Student Enrichment Committee – previously arts or science

Important dates/upcoming events:

May 19 – 6th grade track meet

May 26 – Kindergarten park date

May 28 – field day (rain day May 29)

June 1 – Park trips for 1st, 3rd and 4th grades

June 2 – Park trips for 2nd, 5th and 6th grades

June 2 – last day of school

Meeting adjourned without objection at 10:15am.