



March 17, 2026

Attendees: Sarah Sirna, Kayla Lande, Stephanie Woodstrom, Jeff Gustafson, Tara Pitkin, Ashley Crist, Savanna Meza Maldonado, Claire Forbes

Absent Board Members: Laura Richardson, Kristen Coward, Katelyn Honstad, Kali Sundquist

Topic	Discussion Items, Notes and Action Items																																																																																																																																																																								
Call to order (Sarah)	<u>February meeting minutes</u> - Motion to approve seconded and carried - Steph to post to website																																																																																																																																																																								
President updates (Sarah, Laura)	Tonka Pride - Minnewashta pop-up sales have been very profitable this year due to better access to inventory when needed; we are outselling other schools - Volunteers are needed for the district sale in April; board is trying to recruit parents beyond the PTO board <table><tr><th></th><th colspan="2">Onsite School Sale: Open Houses</th><th colspan="2">Fall Sale @ DSC</th><th colspan="2">Onsite School Sale: Fall Onsite Sales</th><th colspan="2">Winter Sale @ DSC</th><th colspan="2">Spring Sale @ DSC</th><th colspan="2">Onsite School Sale: Spring Onsite Sales</th><th>Total Profit Distribution</th></tr><tr><td>Clear Springs</td><td>\$</td><td>903.60</td><td>\$</td><td>558.72</td><td>\$</td><td>598.64</td><td>\$</td><td>281.21</td><td>\$</td><td>273.63</td><td>\$</td><td>218.13</td><td>\$ 2,833.93</td></tr><tr><td>Deephaven</td><td>\$</td><td>837.11</td><td>\$</td><td>433.99</td><td>\$</td><td>220.76</td><td>\$</td><td>218.43</td><td>\$</td><td>212.54</td><td>\$</td><td>-</td><td>\$ 1,922.84</td></tr><tr><td>Excelsior</td><td>\$</td><td>-</td><td>\$</td><td>481.57</td><td>\$</td><td>-</td><td>\$</td><td>242.38</td><td>\$</td><td>235.85</td><td>\$</td><td>-</td><td>\$ 959.80</td></tr><tr><td>Groveland</td><td>\$</td><td>655.55</td><td>\$</td><td>568.37</td><td>\$</td><td>426.31</td><td>\$</td><td>286.07</td><td>\$</td><td>278.35</td><td>\$</td><td>764.13</td><td>\$ 2,978.78</td></tr><tr><td>Minnewashta</td><td>\$</td><td>642.89</td><td>\$</td><td>587.01</td><td>\$</td><td>1,896.80</td><td>\$</td><td>295.45</td><td>\$</td><td>287.49</td><td>\$</td><td>814.88</td><td>\$ 4,524.52</td></tr><tr><td>Scenic Heights</td><td>\$</td><td>-</td><td>\$</td><td>583.16</td><td>\$</td><td>292.37</td><td>\$</td><td>293.51</td><td>\$</td><td>285.60</td><td>\$</td><td>748.10</td><td>\$ 2,202.73</td></tr><tr><td>MME</td><td>\$</td><td>-</td><td>\$</td><td>830.69</td><td>\$</td><td>-</td><td>\$</td><td>418.10</td><td>\$</td><td>406.83</td><td>\$</td><td>-</td><td>\$ 1,655.61</td></tr><tr><td>MMW</td><td>\$</td><td>2,520.08</td><td>\$</td><td>819.76</td><td>\$</td><td>-</td><td>\$</td><td>412.60</td><td>\$</td><td>401.47</td><td>\$</td><td>-</td><td>\$ 4,153.91</td></tr><tr><td>MCEC</td><td>\$</td><td>-</td><td>\$</td><td>530.43</td><td>\$</td><td>140.57</td><td>\$</td><td>266.97</td><td>\$</td><td>259.78</td><td>\$</td><td>513.04</td><td>\$ 1,710.80</td></tr><tr><td>Tonka Online</td><td>\$</td><td>-</td><td>\$</td><td>-</td><td>\$</td><td>-</td><td>\$</td><td>-</td><td>\$</td><td>15.74</td><td>\$</td><td>-</td><td>\$ 15.74</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>\$</td><td>5,559.23</td><td>\$</td><td>5,393.71</td><td>\$</td><td>3,575.45</td><td>\$</td><td>2,714.72</td><td>\$</td><td>2,657.28</td><td>\$</td><td>3,058.27</td><td>\$ 22,958.66</td></tr></table>		Onsite School Sale: Open Houses		Fall Sale @ DSC		Onsite School Sale: Fall Onsite Sales		Winter Sale @ DSC		Spring Sale @ DSC		Onsite School Sale: Spring Onsite Sales		Total Profit Distribution	Clear Springs	\$	903.60	\$	558.72	\$	598.64	\$	281.21	\$	273.63	\$	218.13	\$ 2,833.93	Deephaven	\$	837.11	\$	433.99	\$	220.76	\$	218.43	\$	212.54	\$	-	\$ 1,922.84	Excelsior	\$	-	\$	481.57	\$	-	\$	242.38	\$	235.85	\$	-	\$ 959.80	Groveland	\$	655.55	\$	568.37	\$	426.31	\$	286.07	\$	278.35	\$	764.13	\$ 2,978.78	Minnewashta	\$	642.89	\$	587.01	\$	1,896.80	\$	295.45	\$	287.49	\$	814.88	\$ 4,524.52	Scenic Heights	\$	-	\$	583.16	\$	292.37	\$	293.51	\$	285.60	\$	748.10	\$ 2,202.73	MME	\$	-	\$	830.69	\$	-	\$	418.10	\$	406.83	\$	-	\$ 1,655.61	MMW	\$	2,520.08	\$	819.76	\$	-	\$	412.60	\$	401.47	\$	-	\$ 4,153.91	MCEC	\$	-	\$	530.43	\$	140.57	\$	266.97	\$	259.78	\$	513.04	\$ 1,710.80	Tonka Online	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	15.74	\$	-	\$ 15.74	Total	\$	5,559.23	\$	5,393.71	\$	3,575.45	\$	2,714.72	\$	2,657.28	\$	3,058.27	\$ 22,958.66
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VP update (Tara)	Yearbook - Fifth graders are working on their pages - Tara revamping the fifth grade survey to add new questions - Tara has begun reaching out to room parents to start working on their pages Scholastic - Spring book fair generated \$6,815 which is a little lower than our average due to low inventory; Tara has requested a new rep in hopes we can get better access to book titles - Scholastic dollar balance is currently \$12,722 - Books for Kindergarten roundup have been ordered - A new rug for Koltes' room has been ordered - <u>Character Strong book list</u>: Tara ordering what she can through Scholastic tonight which is the last day of our book fair. Then we will price out what the cost will be to order the rest of the books for the remaining themes this year:																																																																																																																																																																								

	Cooperation, Courage, Creativity, Kindness
Fundraising update (Kayla)	Yard signs - Kayla is in contact with a company that can produce fun yard signs for around \$25. She is coming back with design options for us review.
Enrichment update (Jeff)	Best Buddies Savannah Meza Maldonado, Claire Forbes - Minnewashta chapter just started this year; Staff sponsors (Savannah Meza Maldonado, Claire Forbes, Carly Brown and Kleman) expected interest from around 60 students but have had almost 140 sign up. They are not turning anyone away who is interested. - The group meets once a month (last Thursday) and learns about inclusion and disabilities, how to be a good friend and how to ask questions. The lessons come from Best Buddies curriculum - Next year, they are hoping to expand the program with leadership roles for 5th grade participants - Staff leads have used their own personal funds to learn the program curriculum, gather materials, and buy prizes for games played during the monthly sessions. - Inquiry for PTO support: Staff estimates that they need about \$200 per month for supplies and prizes. They also need a stockpile of games. - Ideas from PTO - Tara will donate posters from the Scholastic overstock, and will look at donating Scholastic dollars for prizes/trinkets - Ashley suggested exploring SHIP grants to get the program funded - Sarah will reach out to the Chick-fil-a community engagement directory to see if they are interested in donating something - Sarah/Laura will contact the JohnnyPops family to see if they might be willing to donate popsicles for end of year party - Tonka Serves might be a resource for support if the students have free periods when they could come volunteer - PTO will find out if they need other parent volunteers in the room - PTO will also consider if we can fund this MWA club in 26-27
	Young Authors Conference Busing - Anne McGinn had previously requested funds for busing to the Young Authors conference. We had approved funds for conference passes, but asked for clarification on how they would do it otherwise (they are sharing a bus with Excelsior students and will ask families to pay for the bus); PTO will use available funds that haven't been used by other grades for this year to make that happen. - Motion to approve seconded and carried
	<u>English Literacy</u> - Lisa McHugh requested \$662 supplies to create student work portfolios (binders, posterboards, etc), and some enrichment games - Motion to approve seconded and carried
	<u>5th Grade</u>

	- Stefanie Litfin requested ~\$395 for a new set of board games for indoor recess to be used by all fifth grade classes - Motion to approve seconded and carried
	<u>2nd Grade</u> - Zamilpa asked for \$360 for the shoulder bag from MN Historical Society to study Ojibwa history/culture - Motion to approve seconded and carried
	<u>Art</u> - Mozingo asked for \$926 for a broad range of supplies. Slightly over her budget of \$904 - Motion to approve seconded and carried
Event updates (Event chairs)	Carnival, May 30 - All on track
	Minnetonka United Game (family outing) - Kayla researching options; board agrees one sports/family outing per season or semester is enough
	Grandfriends Day, April 30 and May 1 - Ashley will set up an information table to help them learn about ways to get involved in school volunteering - Steph will create a handout for how to sign up for Membership Toolkit; will print have have ready for next meeting
	Kindergarten Roundup, May 7 - Board wants to use opportunity to recruit additional parent volunteers - Plan to create banners showing event photos so parents can better understand the events that require volunteers to keep going - Idea to create tshirts for kindergarteners that they can pick up
Topics for future meeting	Pantry - A food and supply pantry was set up by a group of parents to support families during ICE presence. We've since learned that the need is greater than originally thought, and we should explore ways to keep this going - SHIP grants could be an option for this.
	Enrichment - Need to discuss what this looks like next year and if there are other ways to structure it to better use the funds.
Commonly used documents	Event dates
	Board contacts
	Room parent contacts
	Event/facilities reservation checklist